



Sunday, August 27, 2017

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Ingrid Loepf Thiessen

Speaker: Jim Loepf Thiessen

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service.

Next Sunday, September 3 . . .

— **10 am, Join us for worship** as Pastor Jim concludes the series of Jonah: God's reluctant messenger! Part 4: arguing.

Church Life . . .

◆ **From Pastor Jim Loepf Thiessen**

I'll be in the area Sunday to Wednesday this coming week. You are welcome to email me at: jim@nlumc.com.

◆ **Hanan's Kitchen**

Order tasty Syrian/Lebanese inspired appetizers!

This week's orders will include:

— Hummus \$6, which serves approximately 4 people

— Falafel 6/\$5. Falafel are small chickpea "meatballs" served with a sauce.

Order from Shirley Driedger by **Tuesday, August 29** for pickup on **Friday, September 1** between 5-6:00 pm at Hanan's house, 40 Camelot, Leamington.

Remember that "end of summer" platter for your Labour Day entertaining!

◆ **Wednesday, August 30, Church Council meeting, 7 pm.**

◆ **Sunday, September 10, Education Sunday.** We will have a Congregational Meeting following the morning worship service to ratify delegates for the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly October 13-15 in Winnipeg.

◆ **Save the Date** — Please join us on the evening of **Friday, September 15** for another **Sunset Service** at the home of Bob and Lynda Thiessen. Please watch the bulletin and listen to upcoming announcements in church for more details.

◆ **The Blanket Exercise, Saturday, September 30, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 12016 County Road 34, Maidstone. Please join us for a more accurate historical account of the relationship between the Indigenous People in Canada and the European Settlers presented in a creative and interactive format. Space is limited, **please register by September 23** for this free event. To register contact Kolleen Fuerth, 519-563-9217 or kolleenfuerth@gmail.com .

◆ **Sound System Update - we've acquired \$72,905.** As you are aware, the church is hoping to install a new sound system this Fall. Church Council has received a quote of \$83,000 for a system that will provide quality sound and serve the updated needs of our congregation. In late spring, Council requested 'special donations' to the Sound Project in order to have the donations in-hand before moving forward. We are very pleased with the response thus far, and ask that people would consider donating over the next month so that we can move forward in September with this much needed update. Designated donations can be earmarked on offering envelopes "Sound Project." We thank those who have already contributed to the new sound system and we look forward to completing this project in the near future.

◆ **Youth Program Coordinator Position**

NLUMC is looking for a paid, part-time Youth Program Coordinator, starting this September through June 2018. For more information, please contact Jonathan Dick.

◆ **New volunteers are needed** to run our church sound system and powerpoint. Please contact Pastor Alicia if you would like to learn to run the system.

◆ **Photography and Media Policy and Consent Form**

NLUMC has approved a new Photography and Media Consent Policy (*see page 6 of bulletin for policy*). In compliance with this new policy, we require each person and a parent/guardian of minors to complete the Consent Form (see mailslot). Please return completed Consent Forms to the box provided in the church foyer by September 10, 2017. Thank you.

◆ **The Personnel Committee** is looking for someone to fill in for the church secretary's vacation September 12 – 15. If you are able to help out, please contact Jonathan Dick.

◆ Missions Committee Update

1. **Ethiopian Fundraiser.** GREAT food. Eating without utensils. Sharing our kitchen with an Ethiopian church. Raising \$2,694.80. *“Semen Meserete Kristos Church (meaning, North Christ the Foundation Church) is one of the near 500 Mennonite Affiliated Churches in Ethiopia. There are near 1000 memberships and 20 different ministries under our local church. Our adolescent and youth ministry is headed by a very talented and committed full time minister--Endalk. They provide holistic support to high school and college/university students--especially during their summer vacation. We're very much happy to share our experience. Your designated financial support will be used to establish the most needed computer unit in our local church. Currently, we have a small library with few old spiritual, academic and fiction books. Based on your support, we planned to arrange a wider room for library--fairly furnished, with eight computers (loaded with soft copy spiritual and academic materials such as E-books), print materials/books and other relevant/related materials. We also planned to avail internet service. We believe the funds you raised will suffice to visualize our computer lab dream. In two weeks' time following the fund transfer, we'll set up the computer lab and send you an audio-visual supported report.”* . . . Dr. Samson Hailegiorgis, chair of the Mennonite Church in Ethiopia
2. **Peace Pole Project and Peace Party, September 10** at Seacliff Park, 3 – 5 pm. With all the turmoil in the world we need to make a stand on this.
3. **Ukrainian Mennonite Church Support.** Give us your coins during the month of September and we will buy a weed wacker for the Mennonite Church that our church was built to duplicate (see pictures at the foyer.)
4. **September 30 morning - Blanket exercise.** If you can join the Catholic church in Maidstone and Shirley Johnson from the Caldwell nation, you won't be disappointed.
5. **The Bridge Youth Hub,** coming soon to Leamington. A place for homeless youth to gather. Billy Good and Chani Wiens are the NLUMC reps moving this forward
6. **Burkina Faso Fund Raiser.** We have committed to donating a month of fundraising to Burkina Faso. Watch for details.
7. **Northern Ontario Tour Learning Trip - Summer 2018.** Watch for details.

Please contact any member of the Missions Committee for more details:
Debbie Janzen, Ruth Warkentin, Tammy Warkentin, Alicia Good, Jim Loepf Thiessen. . . *Caroline Hamm, Chair, Missions Committee*

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Peace Party** at Seacliff Park, **Sunday, September 10**, 3-5 pm. There will be music, games for the kids, free halal hotdogs. Everyone from every ethnicity, language, religion and background is welcome. Let's build peace by having fun together.

◆ **Volunteers Needed! Mennonite Disaster Service Response Constance Bay (Ottawa), ON - Repairing from May Flooding.** MDS is starting to repair homes that were flooded this spring, assisting vulnerable families who need their basements or crawl spaces insulated and do not have insurance. Volunteers are needed in particular for insulating, some hanging and finishing of drywall, and carpentry. Related skills are desirable but not required. Accommodations will be available. Leadership and weekly volunteers are needed. The project will start the week of September 11 into October. **Please consider volunteering** by calling or emailing, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com

◆ **Heritage Choir is Beginning!** New members are welcome. Practices begin **Monday September 11**, at 2 pm at the Heritage Centre. Come join us as we sing songs of our Faith - English and German, old and new. Practices are only one hour every Monday. Help us give God glory with music! For further information, contact Martha Janzen.

◆ **Forest Church, Tuesday, September 12** at 6:30 pm. Meet at Point Pelee at the far east side of the parking lot by the Visitor Centre. Perfect for all ages. Led by Ruth Boehm and Lindsey Ecker. Dress to be outdoors. This is the fifth of a six month series on the second Tuesday of each month. Bring some friends.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **UMEI Lightning Bolt 5K/10K Run/5K Walk and Kid's Dash** – Join the UMEI Community on **Saturday, September 30** for this run/walk event and help raise funds for the UMEI Roof Project. Flyers and registration forms will be in your church mailbox next week so you can save by registering before the early bird deadline of September 16. More information can be found online at umei.ca or by calling the UMEI office at 519-326-7448.

▶ **Thank you** to all who attended or donated to the **6th annual Surf and Turf** event. Your generosity helped to make this fundraiser a huge success!

. . . *The UMEI Surf and Turf Committee*

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

Leamington Mennonite Home Gala – Saturday, October 21. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us at the Annual Home Gala at the Portuguese Club. The celebratory evening will include a Canadiana menu, signature appetizer table, and both live and silent auctions. It is going to be a memorable evening. Tickets, at \$150 each, are available at the Home office and Gala committee members. Please help us raise funds for the refurbishment of the Robert Schmidt: Long Term Care Home Renewal Project.

◆ Leamington MEDA Chapter News

► Thanks to all who attended the August 12 fundraising event held at Hugo & Linda Tiessen's home. Your continued support made this a very successful evening, moving closer to the \$100,000 goal that this Chapter and community have set. We have now raised over \$77,000 of our goal in support of the MEDA Myanmar Project.

► David & Andrew Dyck will represent the Leamington MEDA Chapter by participating in the *Myanmar On The Move* biking tour in November, helping us move even closer to our final fundraising goal. Keep your eyes open for further news. We sense a great deal of support for the work of MEDA in the Essex County area. Thank you for that energy and support. Leamington MEDA Chapter is on Facebook and on the MEDA.org website. You can donate and follow the fundraising progress there.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, August 10 update

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **The Shepherd's Guide**, 2017 edition
 - **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Summer 2017
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Youth

NOTE – NEW PLACE AND TIME!

Today, Sunday, August 27, 12-2 pm. Pool, Planning and Pizza Party at the home of Fred & Linda Driedger. Please bring \$2 for pizza. Parents, senior and junior youth are invited. We will be hanging out and planning for the coming year.

Photography and Media Policy

North Leamington United Mennonite Church (NLUMC) takes photographs/ videos of participants at various church services and events. NLUMC may use any photos/videos taken from any service and events for promoting, publicizing or explaining NLUMC and its activities in the form of print, broadcast, website and social media, or in any manner deemed appropriate without prior notification to the participants. Photos could be used in these public forums without consideration and/or compensation.

If church members/or participants consent to the use of their photo/or their child's photo to be included in any church broadcasts, they are asked to contact the church office and sign the appropriate Photography and Media Consent Form. The NLUMC Photography and Media Policy has been implemented to inform church participants that NLUMC is committed to a safe environment for all.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for St. Anthony's Parish (Maronite) and their pastor Charles Saad.

Please pray for *Peter Friesen*, a relative of Marg Friesen, who is currently in hospital and waiting for a bed in long term care.

Thank you to all who participated in the Peace Pies and Platz silent auction and for the additional donations to the peace party and pole project on August 20. \$977 were collected for the project.

*We invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation you might have by calling or emailing the church office,
519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com,
Tuesday, 9 am through Friday, 12 noon.
In case of emergency, contact Pastor Alicia at 519-819-3772.*

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Summer office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 12 noon