



Sunday, September 10, 2017

Education Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Worship Service

STJ #13, *My soul is filled with joy*, verses 1, 2, 5

Opening and call to worship

Hymns (teachers come forward)

This little light of mine (on screen)

Jesus loves me (on screen)

Blessing of the teachers

Sunday School

Sunday School Volunteers for 2017-2018

Nursery/JK/SK Jen Dick, Bonnie Jadischke, Judy Koop

Grades 1/2/3 Anna Coppola, Judy Cornies, Alexaundria DeVries

Grades 4/5/6 Al Lehn

Grades 7/8 Paul Cornies, Gerry Willms

Music Kim DiLaudo for the first two months

Superintendent..... June DeVries

Nursery class

Isla Cornies

Amelia Dick

Jacobi Driedger

Alexander Renwick

Lucy Srigley

Emmett Wiens

Grade 2

Owen Derksen

Kolin DeVries-Miller

Sawyer Ecker

Jordyn Fischer

Avalon Fleming

Nick Lasi

Noah Lasi

Nate Tiessen

Aidan Tiessen

Nicholas Tiessen

Hudson Williams

Grade 9

Serena DiLaudo

Tahlia DiLaudo

Alex Jadischke

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

Sunday School News

1. We are looking for teachers for our Grade 4/5/6 class.
2. We are looking for an individual or individuals who would be willing to lead music for our Sunday School children Grades 1 - 8.
3. We are also looking for an individual or individuals to lead and direct our Christmas Eve program.

If you are available for any of the above positions, please contact June DeVries.

Next Sunday, September 17 . . .

- **9 am, Safe Church Policy Workshop.** Sunday School teachers, parents, and interested others are invited and encouraged to attend this informative workshop. We will be preparing for the year ahead by reviewing NLUMC's Safe Church Policy and informing our church community about the *Circles of Grace* program that will be taught in Sunday School this year. *Circles of Grace* is a MCC sponsored curriculum being taught in MCEC churches to help reduce the risk of abuse by educating children about safety in fun, age appropriate ways. We will have the opportunity to discuss what this curriculum is and address questions. It will be taught about once a month on three Sundays during Fall 2017. Coffee will be served at 8:45 am.
 - **10 am, Join us for worship** with Pastor Alicia bringing the morning message; Outside the Garden.
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Church Life . . .

◆ From Pastor Jim Loepf Thiessen

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

◆ Photography and Media Policy and Consent Form

NLUMC has approved a new Photography and Media Consent Policy (*see page 7 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. Please return completed Consent Forms to the box provided in the church foyer by **today**.

◆ Wednesday, September 13, Worship Committee meeting, 7:30 pm.

◆ **Sunset Service: Join us Friday, September 15** any time after 5 pm at the woodlot between the homes of Bob & Lynda Tiessen and Mike & Bonnie Jadischke (1129 Mersea Road 8, Leamington.) Come for supper between 5 - 6:30 pm catered by Hanan, followed by the Sunset Service just after 7 pm where Alicia and Jim are speaking. Cost will be covered by donation with opportunities to donate towards Hanan and Ibrahim's travel debt.

Please rsvp by Tuesday, September 12 to Stephanie Driedger or Fred Driedger.

◆ **Sunday, September 24, Adult Education, Exploring LGBTQ Conversations in the Church**, 9 am. Coffee at 8:45 am.

Join our Fall Adult Education class as we begin to talk with one another about the LGBTQ community and its relationship with the Mennonite church. We will be watching several videos and engaging in discussion together as we begin to learn more about these conversations that are happening within our denomination. The goal of this six week Adult Education series is for us to begin talking together about our various perspectives on this topic.

◆ **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 Pastor Alicia or Kolleen Fuerth, 519-563-9217 or kolleenfuerth@gmail.com .

◆ **Sound System Update - we've acquired \$74,215.** 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.

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

◆ **Hanan's Kitchen...Order tasty Syrian/Mid Eastern foods!**

The Refugee Committee at NLUMC would like to thank our church participants for your past and continued support of *Hanan's Kitchen!*

New for the Fall season and going forward – please contact Hanan/daughter Rihab directly to place your orders! Phone or text.

Pick-up orders at Hanan's home.

- Hummus
- Tabbouli
- Stuffed grape leaves
- Spinach pies

Platters! Are you hosting a party! Order a platter \$40 - \$50 (depending what foods you order) to serve 8-10 people. Contact Hanan to place your order!

Cooking parties! We still encourage you to consider hosting 10 friends - with attendees paying \$40 each to Hanan! Your party will nibble on appetizers while watching/participating/interacting with Hanan as she demonstrates the art of her ethnic cooking. Then your party will sit together and enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

The church office is closed this week, September 12-15.

**In the event of an emergency,
please contact Pastor Alicia at 519-819-3772.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Peace Party** at Seacliff Park, **today**, 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **SHOP UMEI Update:** In the last two years, Shop UMEI has given UMEI \$83,320. Which other fundraiser gives so much for so little effort? There is so much potential with this fundraiser but slowly more and more families of students opt to not use this program, instead using their credit cards and getting the cash immediately. This program gives 5% back to UMEI, which is then divided in two if a student is supported by the family. I realize, that the families only benefit once a year in September, when the tuition credit is applied against their child's tuition but that is then a pleasant surprise!! A suggestion is to use the gift cards from UMEI for your groceries and use your credit card with all

other purchases and then use those points towards your groceries. You won't lose any money and UMEI will benefit to keep the school operating.

. . . *Just a thought, Elfrieda Brown*

▶ **Zwieback and raisin bread orders** are due in the office by noon **Monday, September 11** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, September 13.

▶ **Shop UMEI.** Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, September 18.** Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, September 22.

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office **Wednesday, September 20** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, September 28.

▶ Students are selling **home-made pies** to raise money for their school trips. Pies are \$12 each and come frozen with baking instructions, except for pumpkin which come ready to serve. Please contact any UMEI student or the school office to place an order. All orders are due by **Wed. September 20.**

▶ **Meet and Greet Evening.** The new school year at UMEI Christian High School has begun. To help us celebrate, please join us for our Meet and Greet evening on **Thursday, September 21** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This is an opportunity for you be introduced to staff, to congratulate our entrance scholarship recipients and to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. Come join us, all are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

▶ **Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch** - Sunday September 24, 11:30 am – 1 pm
We are excited to have another popular Fish Fry for our September fundraising meal. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

▶ **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.

◆ **Forest Church, Tuesday, September 12** at 6:30 pm. It's monarch migration season. Come to worship in the park. We will meet at Point Pelee National Park at the east side of the visitor's parking lot (far left at the back). Come dressed for the weather. What can we learn about God as we observe the beauty of the monarch? Led Lindsay Ecker and Ruth Boehm.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

▶ **Men's Retreat, September 22-24** at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. **ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT.** Join chef and wine sommelier Dave Lobe and resource person Chip Bender for a great weekend! Cost is \$195. Register online - www.slmc.ca/retreats or call the camp office 519-422-3200.

▶ Save the date for the **Fathers & Kids Retreat** from **January 12-14, 2018**

▶ Save the date for the **Women's Retreat** from **February 9-11, 2018**

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **German Calendars.** We invite orders for the 2018 Neukirchener Kalendar, German calendars with devotional, which make an ideal Christmas gift.

Neukirchener Abreiss – Kalendar . . . \$23

Neukirchener Buchausgabe . . . \$23

Neukirchener Grossdruck Buchausgabe . . . \$26

Please place your order with payment at the Leamington Mennonite Home no later than **Friday, September 29.**

▶ **Leamington Mennonite Home Gala – Saturday, October 21.** A fun filled evening is planned to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday. The evening includes a live and silent auction, amazing appetizers and Canadiana menu, as well as a grand prize in the amount of \$3,000. To purchase tickets please call 519-326-6109 or come to the Home's front desk.

◆ **Attention quilters and seamstresses!** If you have any new fabric that is suitable for knotted blankets and have no need of it, there is a group in Leamington that could really put it to good use. Please call Barry Bergen for details.

◆ **Saturday, October 14, Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Fall Meeting, *Celebrating a Century of Mennonite Sewing Circles in Ontario.*** Meeting at 2 pm, in the Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener (Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, 2nd floor). Come hear the history and personal reminiscences. A tour of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario's Material Resources operations will follow. For more information check our <http://www.mhso.org/content/celebrating-century-mennonite-sewing-circles-ontario> or contact Bethany Leis 519-568-8086.

◆ **Classical Concert**

Featuring duets and trios with Natalie Dorion and Jonathan Baylee on flutes, Helen Brown and Linda Regehr piano and organ including an abridged version of the "Mennonite Piano Concerto" **Sunday, October 1** at 3 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$15 advance, (see poster) and at the door.

◆ **MEDA Update.** As many of you are already aware, our Leamington MEDA Chapter has set a goal of raising \$100,000 for MEDA's project in Myanmar. To date, we have raised over \$70,000 towards this goal. The money we raise is multiplied on average by 7X through Global Affairs Canada. That means the impact of our community's gift will be approximately \$700,000 to help train and empower people in business and farming! We are helping lift 1,000+ families out of poverty through our efforts! David and Andrew Dyck are participating in the Myanmar *On the Move* biking tour in November. They

have set their own fundraising goal of \$20,000. You can use this link to help them achieve their goal: <http://www.meda.org/dyck>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Robert Konrad or Dean Shoemaker. Thanks for your ongoing support, financially and prayerfully!

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

▶ **Thrift on Mill** has a staff position available as a **Relief Manager**. Please visit: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/relief-manager-thrift-mill> for details. This posting closes September 24.

▶ **The Bridge Leamington Youth Resource Centre: Full Time Director of Operations**. We are seeking an individual with strong leadership skills and experience to oversee operations at The Bridge. See bulletin board for more information. Go to building.bridges.search@gmail.com to submit your resume and cover letter by September 11.

▶ **Leamington Mennonite Home, Part-time positions in the Housekeeping-Laundry and Dietary departments** will be opening in October. Applicants should enjoy working with seniors and be available for day and evening shifts. Contact Linda Tiessen or Marg Marcovecchio at 519-326-6109 or at lindatiessen@mennonitehome.ca or marg@mennonitehome.ca if interested.

Youth

Sunday School begins **today** in the Youth Room.

Youth are invited to the **Sunset Service, Friday September 15**. Please see page 3 for more details.

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.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, September 7 update
- **SECC volunteers needed**

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Summer 2017
- **The Marketplace**, MEDA, July/August 2017

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Wheatley Baptist Church and their interim pastor H. James Tiffin.

Abe & Helga Driedger want to thank you so much for the flowers, food, acts of kindness and your prayers. Helga is now home from the hospital and doing well. They are especially thankful for their church family at this time.

Please join us on Sunday, September 17, from 2-4 pm at the Heritage Centre on Pickwick Drive as we celebrate *Laurence Woelk's* 60th birthday with cake and coffee. Best wishes only. . . *The Woelk family*

Pray for those affected by the recent hurricanes.

*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, 3 pm.
In case of emergency, contact Pastor Alicia at 519-819-3772.*

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