



Sunday, September 3, 2017

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Brenda Fischer

Speaker: Jim Loepp Thiessen

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

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

Next Sunday, September 10 . . .

— **10 am, Join us** as we welcome the **children's and youth Sunday School** back to regular weekly classes. Also join us for **worship** with Pastor Alicia bringing the morning message; **We Don't Graduate from Faith**.

Church Life . . .

◆ **From Pastor Jim Loepp Thiessen**

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

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

◆ **Sunday, September 17, Safe Church Policy Workshop, 9 am.** 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.

◆ **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 \$73,345.** 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 if you are interested.

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

NLUMC has approved a new Photography and Media Consent Policy (*see page 5 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 September 10, 2017.

◆ **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.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017 (75% of year)** \$188,265 (52.3%) of our \$360,279 unified church budget has been donated to date. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

TARGET	2017	ACTUAL
Nov 30—\$360,279		
Nov 1—\$330,000		
Oct 1—\$300,000		
Sept 1—\$270,000		\$268,750
Aug 1—\$240,000		Budgeted church expenses
July 1—\$210,000		Shortfall—\$81,735
June 1—\$180,000		Sept 1—\$188,265
May 1—\$150,000		Aug 1—\$169,758
Apr 1—\$120,000		July 1—\$152,101
Mar 1—\$90,000		June 1—\$134,613
Feb 1—\$60,000		May 1—\$116,497
Jan 1—\$30,000		Apr 1—\$86,239
Dec 1—0		Mar 1—\$65,598
		Feb 1—\$45,738
		Jan 1—\$26,294
		Dec 1—0

◆ Donations to NLUMC

Setting up an automatic transfer is a convenient way to make regular donations to the church. If you would like to participate in this program, please stop in at the church office to complete the necessary paperwork and provide a void cheque. These donations will be processed on the 15th of each month. Please contact Susan Klassen at the church office if you have any questions.

**The church office is closed
Tuesday, September 5 for the Labour Day Holiday.
We will reopen on Wednesday, September 6
with regular hours, 9 am – 3 pm.**

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.

◆ **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**

▶ **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.

▶ **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. 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.

◆ **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.** 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.

▶ **Volunteer Drivers** for medical appointments in Leamington and Windsor are needed for mobile residents who can manage appointments together with the driver. Please contact Linda Tiessen or Judy Ferrari at 519-326-6109 if you are able to accompany and drive Long Term Care and Retirement residents to these various appointments.

◆ **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 at 519-819-0629.

◆ **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.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, August 10 update
- **SECC volunteers needed**

See brochure rack for the following . . .

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

Something Bigger, Something Better, Friday, September 8.

Meet in front of the Leamington library at 6:30 pm. If the weather gets bad please keep an eye on our Facebook page in case we need to make rain plans. This a really fun team game.

Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 10** in the Youth Room.

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 Knox Presbyterian Church and their pastor Thomas Kay.

Helga (Abe) Driedger is home, slowly recovering from a successful surgery in London University Hospital. The Driedger family is thankful for your acts of kindness and ask for your continued prayers for healing.

Our prayers go out to the family of *John Graham*, father of *Carol & Victor Martens*, who passed away on Thursday, August 31 at the Leamington Mennonite Home. Funeral details are incomplete 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*

Please pray for students, teachers and school support staff as the new school year begins.

Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance for our Personnel Committee as they seek a candidate for ministry at NLUMC.

Please pray for CMU students. Tomorrow and Tuesday hundreds of students from across Canada and around the world will descend onto the CMU campus to begin another term of academic studies. Pray that their learning and interaction will inspire and equip them for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

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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