



Sunday, November 19, 2017

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Ingrid Loepf Thiessen

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

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

Memorial Sunday, November 26 . . .

— **10 am, join us for worship** as we remember God's faithfulness in our times of grief.

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.

◆ **Children's Sunday School News**

▶ **We are looking for teachers for our Grade 4/5/6 class.** If you are available for the position, please contact June DeVries.

◆ **Wednesday, November 22**

▶ **Quilting**, 1-5 pm. All are welcome to join us for quilting blankets in the church basement.

▶ **Community Meal**, at St. John's Anglican Church, Leamington. Preparation begins at 1 pm, serving begins at 4 pm and we finish at approximately 6 pm. We are looking for volunteers for the day to prepare and serve the meal. Please contact Tammy Warkentin if you are able to help.

▶ **Ministry Team meeting**, 7 pm.

◆ **Senior's Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 28**, 2 pm at the Heritage Center, Pickwick Drive.

◆ **NLUMC Christmas Party, Wednesday, November 29**, 5 – 8 pm.

Spencer & Mandi Horne invite you to drop by their home for soup, zwiebach, platz and Christmas cookies. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Donations will also be received for the 2017 Church Budget.

◆ **NLUMC is going North!** Youth and adults are invited to take part in a Learning and Service Tour July 2018. We will be travelling to Timmins, Ontario where we will be hosted by MCC Ontario's Indigenous Neighbours Program. We will be learning about Indigenous culture and building a raised bed garden for a local health center. Please mark your calendars for a brief meeting after church on **Sunday, December 3** to discuss more details. Contact Pastor Alicia for more information.

◆ **Meals on Wheels.** We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate Meals on Wheels volunteers, through the South Essex Community Council, for the month of January. Please contact the church office, 519-326-7928, if you are interested. Thank you to Rosemarie Tiessen who co-ordinated these volunteers in the past. Rosemarie has now retired from that position.

◆ **Tutors Needed.** The committee working with our refugee family is looking for a few tutors who would be willing to work with Ibrahim and Hanan for an hour every other week. It would involve conversation and reinforcing the learning they are doing in their ESL classes. Materials and support would be provided. What a great way to connect with our new family and to help them in their transition to Canadian life. If you're interested, please call or text Helga Enns.

◆ **Hanan's Kitchen.** Remember Hanan's Kitchen this Holiday Season and order tasty Syrian/mid Eastern food trays for your family and friends' Christmas gatherings, for an open house, or as hostess gifts. Please contact Hanan/daughter Rihab directly to place your orders! Phone or text. Pick-up orders at Hanan's home - 40 Camelot Street, Leamington.

- Hummus, tabbouli, stuffed grape leaves, spinach pies, etc.
- Cookie trays

Contact Hanan today to place your order!

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2016 – November 16, 2017**

(95.9% of year) \$262,853.25 (73%) of our \$360,279 unified church budget has been donated to date. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **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 contact Susan 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.

◆ **NLUMC depends on your help to thrive.**

We are looking for the following volunteer positions:

Longer term commitment positions:

- Church Treasurer
- 2 Sunday School teachers for the grade 4-6 class
- 2 sound and AV operators (we will train you!)

One-time commitment positions:

- Youth Mall Hunt helpers (adults or families who can come to Devonshire Mall on Friday, November 24 from 7:15 to 8:30 pm while the youth search for you. Do your Christmas shopping and build relationships with our church's youth at the same time!)

Please contact Pastors Alicia or Jim if you would like more information about any of these positions.



— **Upcoming Event** —

Sunday, December 3 – First Advent & Communion

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Fall Concert by Soli Deo Gloria Singers: *To God Alone Be The Glory*, today at LUMC at 3 pm. Admission: \$15 adults, \$7 children.**

◆ **Heritage Choir practice, Monday, November 20, 2 pm at the Heritage Center.**

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **Auxiliary Meeting, Monday, November 20, 7 pm, in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship.**

▶ We invite the community to a **Sod Turning Ceremony** at the construction site of the new Pickwick Townhouses close to the adjoining Gardens Apartments. This project blessing will take place on **Tuesday, November 28**, at 10 am. Please dress warmly for this outdoor ceremony.

▶ **Oak Street Townhouse Available.** As we proceed with the construction of Townhouses, one of the Oak Street Townhouses has become available because of a resident owner's extenuating circumstances. This fully accessible, two bedroom two bathroom townhouse is now available for immediate sale. For further details, please contact Linda Tiessen at 519-326-6109.

▶ **Volunteer Drivers.** We invite those who would be interested in driving our seniors from the complex to medical appointments locally and possibly to Windsor or Chatham. This is an important part of the Complex Services which the Home offers to our elderly. Our Home has insurance coverage and drivers receive payment for their service. Please contact Linda Tiessen at lindatiessen@mennonitehome.ca or Judy Ferrari at judy@mennonitehome.ca.

▶ Our Home invites everyone to the **Annual Christmas Bake Sale, Saturday, December 2** from 8 am to ? at the Leamington United Mennonite Church. All proceeds support the work of the Home's Auxiliary and our ministry of eldercare. Donations of raisin bread, zwiebach, cookies and other pastries will be accepted on Friday, December 1 from 9 am to noon.

▶ Family and friends of the Home are invited to the annual **Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 3** from 2:30-3:30 pm at the Retirement Residence at 22 Garrison. The Heritage Choir will be singing and Santa promises to visit.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ By now you should have received our **Autumn Campaign** letter. Thank you to those who have already generously donated. To date we have received \$29,062 which brings us up to 38% of our total goal of \$76,000. Donations can be made online, by mail or dropped off at the school office.

▶ Ground beef orders are due in the office **Wednesday, November 22** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, November 30.

▶ Come see what UMEI Christian High School is all about at our **Open House, on Wednesday, November 29** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tour the facilities and meet students, current parents and faculty.

▶ **Grade 11 Drama Class presents: *The Lost Boy* - Friday, December 1** at 7 pm and **Sunday, December 3** at 2 pm. Join James M. Barrie as he returns to his hometown to confront his family's tragic past with the help of an unexpected friendship and his own gift for storytelling. This fictionalized account of the birth of Peter Pan will warm the hearts of audiences who remember the magic and mystery of *The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*. Tickets for the play are available at the door – Adults \$10; Students \$6; Children 5 years and under – Free.

▶ Before the play on **Sunday, December 3**, come out and enjoy a chili lunch in the auditorium at the students **Annual Chili Cookoff** from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Admission by donation.

▶ **Shop UMEI Vista Christmas Order**. Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 4**. Cards will be ready for pick up **Friday, December 8**. This will be the last order before Christmas.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

▶ The Fall 2017 issue of the **Historian** is available in the foyer.

▶ **Travelogue** — 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. Everyone welcome! Admission by donation.

1. Friday, November 24: Seeing Poland through Mennonite eyes
by Vic Winter.

◆ **Lights of Life.** For over 20 years the *Lights of Life* tree lighting program has paid tribute to those who have recently passed away. Hearing a loved one's name, and knowing that a light is burning in their memory, brings the true spirit of this season to life. We would like to invite you to be part of our tree lighting service on **Sunday, December 3** at 7 pm. The event will be located at 194 Talbot St., Leamington, just outside the main entrance doors, facing Fader Street. Since this is an outdoor event please dress for the weather. Forms are available from the ushers.

◆ **3rd Annual Hoopin' Around the Clock, January 12/13, 2018.** We are looking to enter at least one, maybe two teams from the North Church to play against another area church. Last year we played Meadow Brook to a fun game. This year monies raised are going to Neighborhood Charitable Alliance, St. Clair Saints Athlete Sponsorship Program, Windsor Pinoy Athletics, Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation, and The Bridge – Leamington Youth Resource Centre. If you are interested please Contact Greg Driedger or Mark Scherer.

◆ **The Meat Canner Committee** has set the date for their annual fundraiser for **Sunday, February 4, 2018** at UMEI from 11:30 am - 2 pm. Please mark your calendars. There will be take out available again with more information to follow. All proceeds go to the MCC Meat Canner, Leamington.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, November 16 update
 - **Canadian Foodgrains Bank Harvest Dinner**, November 20, Wallaceburg
 - **Surviving the Holidays**, Leamington Christian Centre, November 30
 - **St. John's Anglican Church Christmas Dinner**, December 25
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Youth . . .

Youth Sunday School in the youth room today.

Mall Hunt: Friday, November 24 at Devonshire Mall. Meet at NLUMC at 6:30 pm, pickup at NLUMC at 9:45 pm. Look out for people you know at Devonshire Mall but they might be in disguise. Bring money for a snack; drivers to Windsor are needed.

Christmas Party: Friday, December 8 from 6-9 pm. Hosted by the Hamm Driedger family.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Leamington United Church and their pastor Paul Rodey.

Our condolences go out to the family of *Norman Omstead*, father of *Audra & Matthew Derksen* and grandfather of *Tricia & Blake Fischer*, who passed away on November 10. The funeral was held on November 14 at Reid Funeral Home.

*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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