



Sunday, January 14, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Debbie Srigley

Speakers: Kendall & Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Hymn #46, *I sing the mighty power of God*

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Announcements

Welcoming the candidates

STJ #3, *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

Children's story

Scripture reading — John 1:43-51

Message by Kendall

STJ #81, *Take, O take me as I am* (x3)

Scripture reading — Psalm 139:1-18

Message by Charleen

Offering with hymn #395, *Here I am, Lord*

Offertory prayer

Sharing time

STJ #92, *Just as I am, without one plea*

Words of blessing

Today . . .

— 11:30 am, Everyone is invited to a church potluck lunch to meet Kendall and Charleen. Please bring a main dish or a salad or dessert to share.

Next Sunday, January 21

— 8:45, coffee time.

— 9 – 9:45 am, Brent Charette from MCEC (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada) will be sharing during adult education time. The topic is: What is MCEC and why is it important?

— 10 am, Join us for worship with guest speaker Brent Charette from MCEC speaking on: What Paul's Ministry in Athens Can Teach Us Today in Leamington.

— Following the morning worship service, there will be a **Congregational Meeting** with a secret ballot vote regarding the calling of Kendall and Charleen Jongejan Harder to pastoral ministry at NLUMC. Please plan to be present for this important decision. If you are unable to attend on January 14, we plan for an audio copy of the message from this morning to be online by noon on Tuesday, January 16. You can then listen to it and send in your vote to office@nlumc.com before 3 pm on Friday, January 19.

Church Life . . .

◆ From Pastor Jim Loepf Thiessen

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

◆ Quilting, Wednesday, January 17, 1-5 pm. All are welcome to join us for quilting in the church basement.

◆ 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.

▶ Children's offering collected from January and February will be going to "The Bridge" youth resource/drop in center in Leamington.

◆ Adult Education Classes beginning January 28

— 8:45 coffee time.

— 9 to 9:45 am, Come explore various ways of praying, and gain tools to help deepen your prayer life. Pastor Jim will be starting a five week adult Christian Education class called "Five ways to Pray."

◆ Music in Worship

We have a long standing tradition of singing beautiful hymns and anthems in our Mennonite church! Four-part harmony is near and dear to the hearts of many of us!

And yet, we know there are some who do not sing because they feel they cannot sing. Remember, that Psalm 98 verse 4 says: "Make a joyful noise unto

the Lord all the earth; make a loud noise, rejoice and sing praise!”

The Worship Committee have invited Ingrid Loepp Thiessen to lead us in a morning of song on **Sunday, January 28** during our regular worship service at 10 am. We will sing traditional, contemporary, old & new hymns, and we will learn a bit more about the history and inner workings of the hymns and how they possibly become favourite ‘heart songs’ for each one of us.

We know that the dedicated singers will find this special service to be very meaningful ... and we also want each of you to extend this invitation to those who may not regularly ‘sing out’ because they feel they do not know how to read music. NLUMC has a structurally high roof. Let’s plan on raising the roof ‘in song’ on January 28.

◆ **Faith Exploration Classes** will begin **Sunday, February 11, 8:45 am** in the youth room. Contact Pastor Alicia if you would like more information.

◆ **Northern Learning Tour**

NLUMC will be sending a group to Timmins, Ontario to participate in a program hosted by MCC Ontario’s Indigenous Neighbours Program. We will be meeting local Elders, learning about traditional medicines and building a raised bed garden in the community. This trip is open to people ages 14 and older. Please contact Pastor Alicia to register. The estimated cost is \$425 all inclusive, per person. Travel dates are July 16-20, 2018.

◆ **Lost & Found**

Following the funeral on January 6, a garage door opener was found in the church parking lot. Please contact the church office to identify and claim it.

◆ **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
- 1 sound and AV operator (we will train you!)

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



— **Upcoming Event** —

NLUMC Youth lunch and Annual General meeting – Sunday, March 4

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir practice, Monday, January 15, 2 pm** at the Heritage Centre, Leamington.

Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ **Auxiliary Meeting, this Monday, January 15, 7 pm** in the J.C. Neufeld Fellowship Room.

▶ **Flu Precautions.** With the significant incidence of flu in the community, the Home requests all visitors to delay visiting at our Home if a runny nose, cough, fever or other flu symptoms prevail. We have been fortunate to be outbreak free to date and hope to enjoy a flu less 2018.

▶ **Bus Trip to Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia – May 9, 2018.** Our Home is planning a senior friendly bus trip to the Victoria Playhouse on Wednesday, May 9 to see the production of “Good Ol’ Country Gospel.” The show contains many of our gospel favourites. The cost of the trip is \$110 per person including transportation, snack, tickets and dinner at Mama Maria’s in Chatham. Lunch reservations may be made through the Home. Please call Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 to register.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Lightning Live, Friday, January 19.** Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2018 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes. Lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the day runs from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. To pre-register email abbynd@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448. **NOTE:** New students who register for the 2018-2019 school year by February 28 will receive a \$200 tuition credit and a free t-shirt.

▶ **Association Meeting, Thursday, January 25.** UMEI Christian High School is pleased to announce that its new strategic plan is being supported by the MCEC (Mennonite Church Eastern Canada) family through a 3-year grant. This funding is being used specifically to support the advancement of the school, which includes developing and maintaining relationships with students, families, churches, businesses and other school supporters. The UMEI Board of Directors would like to extend an invitation to all members of the community to attend a special meeting on January 25 at 7 pm to hear more about the new strategic plan and how this generous support from MCEC will help UMEI realize its strategic priorities in the coming years.

▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch – Sunday, January 28, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** Come join us at our January fundraising meal for Mennonite sausage, meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, dessert. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

▶ **UMEI Autumn Campaign.** Thank you to those who have already generously donated. To date we have received \$56,220 which brings us up to

74% of our total goal of \$76,000. Donations can be made online, by mail or dropped off at the school office.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

1. **Friday, January 26: Danube Cruise** by Ken Enns

▶ **Super Soup Night** — **Saturday, January 20** at 6 pm at UMEI. All are welcome. Admission by donation.

▶ *The Long Road to Reformation & Beyond - Martin Luther to Menno Simons*, **Friday, February 9**, 7 pm at the Heritage Center. Guest speaker: Glenn Sellick.

◆ **Leamington MEDA Chapter Events**

▶ **Saturday, February 3**, 2 pm, at Klassen Greenhouse Farms, 63 County Road 29, Cottam. Join a panel discussion of MEDA supporters and discover their secrets to success. This is a great way to network with the community and gain access to developed professionals. RSVP to Praise Nugteren at 519-725-1633 or at pnugteren@meda.org by **January 28!** Free Admission. Anyone interested in a panel presentation about Faith & Works should find this event helpful and interesting. Refreshments and snacks sponsored by Kindred Credit Union!

▶ **Saturday, February 3**, 7 pm at LUMC, 78 Oak St. E., Leamington. Join us for an exciting presentation by Pastor David Dyck and son Andrew Dyck, as they reflect on their 10-day experience in Myanmar, participating in *MEDA Myanmar On the Move* biking tour. Their participation helped raise an additional \$25,000 that became part of the Leamington MEDA Chapter total goal of \$125,000! Free Admission. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

◆ **Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundraising Luncheon**

hosted by Leamington Meat Canner Committee on **Sunday, February 4** at UMEI, 11:30 am – 2 pm. Admission by donation. Menu includes chili, fleisch perishky, borscht, buns, dessert, coffee and tea. Take out available. For takeout call Robert & Barb Dick by Saturday, February 3. Plan to attend, and bring a friend!

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

▶ **Women's Retreat: February 9-11**. Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional foodthose are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women's Retreat. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

► Registration opens February 1 for Summer 2018 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 years including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Leadership Programs, Outtrips and much more. Space is limited so be sure to register early. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available.

► **Family Camp, May 18-20.** Join us for a great weekend of all-inclusive camping with special guests Brian and Julie Moyer Suderman. We provide the food and programming while you enjoy camp as a family! Cost ranges from \$325-\$375 per family.

For more information on family or summer camp, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401

◆ Employment Opportunities

► **UMEI Christian High School. Summer Camps Coordinator.** UMEI is looking for a university student to coordinate the school's summer day camps; specifically Camp Explore U for grades 3-6 students as well as Rockets and Robotics for grades 4-8 students. The successful candidate will be proactive in planning and developing the three week-long camp programs. The position runs from May 28 – August 3 and offers 30 hours/week. For more details contact Sonya Bedal at principal@umei.ca.

► **Leamington Mennonite Home. Emergency Response Program: PSW or DSW Responder.** We invite applications for the part-time position of emergency responder for the complex. A PSW or DSW certification is required. Please submit resumes to Jacquie at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca by January 17.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 4 update
- **Teens Teaching Tech**, South Essex Community Council

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Historian**, Volume 43, No. 4, December 2017
 - **Christian Peacemaker Teams**, Team reports, Oct – Dec 2017
 - **A Common Place**, MCC, Winter 2018
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Youth . . .

For future Youth Sunday School — if we have three participants or less, we will go to Tim Horton's. Let your student know if you want them to bring something back for you.

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6-8 pm, at the home of Dennis & Helga Enns for a pre-exam stress reliever. Come for dinner and some relaxing activities.

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Prayer List . . .

● **Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for Faith Everlasting Congregational Church and their pastor Larry Brush.

● Thank you for all the kind words of support and condolence during our Mom's declining health and passing. Special thanks to Ruth Warkentin for working together with the Olinda Ruthven United Church to provide the luncheon at NLUMC. The flowers, cards and food are also greatly appreciated.

. . . *Joanne and Dave Brown and the family of Mary Jane Clifford*

● Our prayers go out to the family of *Antonia Lehn Krahn (Toni)*, 93 years, who passed away January 8, 2018 in Saskatoon. Toni is the sister of *Jake Lehn (Elizabeth)* and *Peter Lehn (Lydia)*.

● Prayer items from Ouaga Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso:

Hello friends from Springridge, Foothills and Leamington. Here are the prayer requests from Ouaga for this month.

— We are very thankful to the Lord who allowed us to celebrate (Christmas) in peace, joy and especially in community with the brothers and sisters of our church.

— We ask for your prayers for the school year which is set back due to a series of teacher strikes since the beginning of the month of December.

— Engagements and weddings in the months of January and February. May our

Lord Jesus Christ continue to solidify your faith. Also, may He be the source of your strength and your support in all things. *Cordially, Lassina Traore*

- Pray for *Pastor Jim Loepp Thiessen* as he candidates at Floradale Mennonite Church, Floradale, Ontario, this weekend.
- Pray for discernment and God's leading as NLUMC hosts pastoral candidates *Kendall and Charleen Jongejan Harder* this weekend.

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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