



Sunday, January 21, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Alicia Good

Speaker: Brent Charette

Worship Music: The Heritage Choir

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Call to worship and opening prayer

Announcements

HWB #6, *Here in this place*

Children's story

Children go down to Sunday School

Offering with worship music

Offertory prayer

Scripture readings — Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 17:22-34

STS #39, *Will you come and follow me*, verses 1-3

Message — What Paul's Ministry in Athens Can Teach Us Today in
Leamington

HWB #398, *I love to tell the story*

Worship music

Congregational sharing and prayer

STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*, sing 2x

Benediction

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

Today . . .

— 8:45 am, 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?

— 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. Kendall and Charleen would share one pastoral full-time position.

Next Sunday, January 28

— 8:45 coffee time.

— 9 to 9:45 am, Join us for “Five ways to Pray” with Pastor Jim. This five week class will be a chance to hear and experiment with creative ways of praying. We will talk about what prayer is, and explore various types of prayer, along with some creative experimentation in prayer.

— 10 am, Join us for worship with Pastor Jim bringing the message: Lost in wonder.

— 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 during our regular worship service. 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.’

Church Life . . .

◆ From Pastor Jim Loepp Thiessen

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

◆ Wednesday, January 24

▶ **Quilting**, 1-5 pm. All are welcome to join us for quilting 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.

▶ **Worship Committee meeting**, 7:30 pm.

◆ 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.

◆ NLUMC depends on your help to thrive.

We are looking for the following volunteer positions:

Longer term commitment positions:

- Church Treasurer
- 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 22, 2 pm** at the Heritage Centre, Leamington.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **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 \$57,700 which brings us up to 76% 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. **Friday, January 26: Danube Cruise** by Ken Enns

◆ **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 by **January 28!** Free Admission. Anyone interested in a panel presentation about Faith & Works should find this event helpful and interesting. Refreshments 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!

Leamington Mennonite Home News

► **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.** 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.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

► 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 Opportunity**

► **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.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 18 update
- **Teens Teaching Tech**, South Essex Community Council

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **A Common Place**, MCC, Winter 2018
- **The Marketplace**, MEDA, Jan-Feb 2018

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Youth . . .

No Youth Sunday School this morning because of exams.

Note for future Youth Sunday School – if we have three participants or less, we will go to Tim Hortons. Let your student know if you want them to bring something back for you.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Deer Run Church and their pastors; Ike Unger, Quentin Unger and Peter Klassen.

Marianne Driedger passed away January 1, 2018. The celebration of her life was held at NLUMC January 6, 2018. The family would like to thank everyone for their care and support.

Pray for discernment and God’s leading as NLUMC votes today on the calling of pastoral candidates *Kendall and Charleen Jongejan Harder* to pastoral ministry.

Pray for *Brenda Friesen* who will be undergoing surgery on February 15.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Helen Neufeld*, (93) mother of *Arlene (Ben) Konrad*, who passed away Friday, January 14 at Heritage Place in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The funeral was held on Friday, January 19 at Cornerstone Community Church in Virgil, Ontario.

Pastor Alicia will be attending the Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council meetings January 26-30.

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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