



Sunday, February 11, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sonya Bedal

Speaker: Chani Wiens

We welcome UMEI to our service this morning.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening prayer

HWB #6, *Here in this place*

Congregational sharing time and prayer

STJ #94, *Blest are they*

Children's feature

HWB #397, *God loves all his many people*

Scripture reading — Romans 14:5-13,

Offertory music — We are the Light of the World

STS #115, *Beauty for brokenness*

Message

HWB #407, *We are people of God's peace*

Benediction

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

Today . . .

— 8:45 am, Faith Exploration class.

— 8:45 am, coffee time.

— 9 to 9:45 am, Adult Education in week three of "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.

First Sunday of Lent, February 18

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— 10 am, Join us on the First Sunday of Lent as Pastor Jim brings the message: Four Faith Seasons.

Church Life . . .

◆ From Pastor Jim Loepf Thiessen

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

◆ Worship Committee meeting, Tuesday, February 13 at 7 pm.

◆ Quilting, Wednesday, February 14, 1-5 pm. All are welcome to join us for quilting in the church basement.

◆ Missions Committee meeting, Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 pm.

◆ NLUMC Charter and By-Laws

Following countless hours by many volunteers and staff, the new NLUMC Charter and By-Laws are ready to present to the membership. These two documents will replace the previous Constitution (2001). The Charter and By-Laws will be emailed out on Friday, February 16 and available in hard copy on Sunday, February 18, ready for presentation at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 4, 2018.

◆ NLUMC Annual General Meeting

The Jr. and Sr. Youth of NLUMC wish to invite our congregation to join us for **lunch** prior to the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, March 4**. Donations will be received to help subsidize our church's youth events in 2018. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry! Report booklets for the Annual meeting will be emailed out on Friday, February 16 and available in hard copy on Sunday, February 18.

◆ Missions Committee News

Fundraiser for Ukrainian Mennonite Church: “Feed the Animals.” The Ukrainian Mennonite Church needs a Weed Wacker – they use it to ‘mow’

their lawn because it is cheaper to hire someone than pay for a real lawn mower. In the church foyer, place your coins in the dog's bowls, or coax the panda out of his hiding! We currently have \$177 with a goal of \$500 before spring!

◆ **Interested in Church Membership?**

If you are an adult who would like to find out how to become a member of NLUMC please contact Pastor Alicia.

◆ ***Shipwrecked* Vacation Bible School** will be hosted at LUMC from **July 9 - 13, 2018. This is a new location for our annual VBS.** NLUMC, LUMC and Faith Mennonite will be partnering together in this project. At *Shipwrecked*, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats. Kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life. More information to follow.

◆ **Medicine Bundle Learning Tour**

The Northern Learning Tour has a fun new name!

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. **Please register by April 1.**

◆ **NLUMC is hosting the WMCEC Spring Enrichment**

weekend, Friday evening April 20, and Saturday April 21. Respected Mennonite pastor and author April Yamasaki will be leading a retreat-style weekend called "Living Creatively: Making space to meet God and find inspiration for creative living." Women from Mennonite churches across MCEC are invited to attend this special weekend. Registration for Leamington women is \$40. Contact Pastor Alicia to register. On Sunday, April 22, Pastor April will lead our Adult Education time and share a message with our church during worship.

◆ **Lost & Found**

A car key was found in the church parking lot. Please contact the church office to claim your key.

◆ **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** —

Easter Sunday – April 1

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir practice, Monday, February 12, 2 pm** at the Heritage Center.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

1. **Friday, February 16** — The Azores (Portugal) by Peter Andrew

▶ EKMHA is seeking **nominations for Board Members**. We are looking for three to four adult members, as well as up to two youth members. Meetings are held once a month at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre at 31 Pickwick Dr., usually on a Tuesday evening. The Board does not usually meet in the summer. We are also seeking volunteers to join our social media team and to assist with photographing our collection. Nominations are accepted at info@ekmha.ca .

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Early Registration for 2018/2019**. We are now accepting registrations for the 2018/2019 school year. Registration packages can be downloaded from umei.ca or picked up in the office. Get your Grade 9 Application forms in by February 28 and receive a \$200 tuition credit and a UMEI T-shirt!

▶ **Ground beef** orders are due in the office **Wednesday, February 14** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, February 22.

▶ **Student Soup Lunch & Silent Auction** – Sunday, February 25, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come out and enjoy a soup lunch in the auditorium prepared by the students – admission by donation. Students will also provide items/services to be auctioned off. Funds raised go toward school trips.

▶ **UMEI Autumn Campaign**. We are so thankful for the support we have received to date for our Autumn Campaign! However, we are at a standstill of 76% of our \$76,000 goal. We would love to reach 100% of our goal by February 28. Please consider donating to help with this final push. Donations can be made online, by mail, or dropped off at the school office.

Leamington Mennonite Home News

► **The Corporate Members Meeting** is on **Tuesday, March 6** at 7 pm in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship: Retirement Residence. The Home reports will be placed in the church mailboxes of Corporate Members on Sunday, February 25. Corporate Members should notify the Home 519-326-6109 if they are unable to attend.

► **Hairdressing Volunteers.** Our Home is inviting volunteers to assist in the Hair Salon on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for 2.5 hours as volunteer availability permits. Please contact Judy Ferrari at 519-326-6109 if interested in this volunteer opportunity.

◆ **Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter** is offering a weekend on **March 23-25** at Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls. (Application deadline is March 12, 2018.) For more information check out <http://www.marriageencounterrec.com/>

◆ **Employment Opportunities**

► **UMEI Christian High School**

1. **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.

► **The Leamington Mennonite Home**

1. **With the retirement of the current Administrator, Linda Tiessen,** from our Home in 2018, the Home is inviting applications for the position of **Administrator.** Qualifications include a post secondary degree, preferably a masters degree in health, social sciences or administrative services. Eight to ten years of senior management and leadership experience in a union setting is required, together with excellent verbal and written communication skills. An understanding of the not for profit and health care sectors is an asset. The ability to multi-task is central to the position. A passion for our ministry of eldercare should be evident in relationships with supporting churches, government and community. A search committee, consisting of Henry Hildebrandt, John Knelsen, and Helga Enns, has been created to lead the search process for a new administrator. Linda Tiessen and Irene Collard will serve in an advisory role. For a complete job description contact Henry Hildebrandt, Chair at LMHBoardofDirectors@gmail.com. Applications should be submitted before April 6.

2. Our Home invites applications for the position of **summer nursing student.** This student will be working as a Personal Support Worker,

caring for the residents in the Long Term Care Home. A passion for seniors and the frail elderly is required. Those with an interest in this summer job opportunity, please send a resume to Jacquie Turnbull at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca by February 19.

Youth . . .

Youth are invited to remain upstairs this morning for worship.

Note for 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.

Leamington Flyers Game, Thursday, February 22. Meet at the Sherk Complex ticket area at 6:30 pm, the game starts at 7. Tickets are FREE for Jr. and Sr. youth and parents. Please contact Pastor Alicia if you plan to attend.

Youth Lunch Fundraiser, Sunday, March 4. All Jr. and Sr. youth and families are asked to help with this event, our major fundraiser for the year. Please contact Pastor Alicia about how you can help.

Adventure Bay Waterpark, Thursday, March 8. Cost is \$8.50 per person. Volunteer drivers are needed. Please contact Pastor Alicia by Tuesday, March 6 if you need a ride to Windsor. Meet at 5:30 pm at NLUMC or 6:30 pm at the waterpark.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 1 update
 - **Teens Teaching Tech**, South Essex Community Council
 - **Women's Circle**, 3rd Wednesday of each month, Caldwell Community Hall
 - **World Day of Prayer**, March 2, St. Michael's Church, Leamington
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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 Meadow Brook Church and their pastors; Chris Walker, Mesh Hit, Xavier Avila and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

Pray for *Rudy & Delores Klassen* as they transfer their membership to LUMC effective March 11, 2018.

The NLUMC Missions Committee has developed a prayer partnership with Ouaga, a Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso which has connections with the Warkentin family at NLUMC. We will be holding each other in prayer on a monthly basis.

This month the prayer requests from Ouaga Church in Burkina Faso are:
1. For God's wisdom for the newly elected leadership committee of the church.
2. For God's blessing on the wedding of church members Samuel and Fidelite.

This month Ouaga is holding in prayer the Derksen family, Audra, Nicole, Jacob, Joshua and Cameron as they grieve their husband and Dad, Matthew.

Dear friends, a special thank you to the many volunteers who made our Meat Canner Luncheon fundraiser at UMEI such a success. To everyone who prepared the meal, helped set up, serve and clean up, to those who greeted and those who invited, thank you. A great lunch and wonderful fellowship was had by all. *To everyone who attended this luncheon, thank you.* Your generosity and support helped raise \$13,696.72 for the 2018 Meat Canner Leamington project.

*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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