



**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Debbie Srigley

Speaker: Jim Loepp Thiessen

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

## Order of Worship



**between ME & You**



**... Me & You & the Creatures too**

*Lent 2018*

Hymn #6, *Here in this place*

Welcome

Call to worship — *on screen*

Hymn #43, *Christ is our cornerstone*

Children's story

Time of confession — *on screen*

Words of assurance

Offering with STJ #27, *God of the Bible*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Mark 1:9-15

Message — Four Faith Seasons

STS #36, *Jesus, tempted in the desert*

Sharing time

Hymn #444, *Lord, I want to be a Christian*

Words of blessing

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

## ***Today . . .***

— 8:45 am, coffee time.

— 9 to 9:45 am, Adult Education in week four 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.

— Children’s Sunday School is cancelled today because of the Family Day long weekend.

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## ***Second Sunday of Lent, February 25***

— 10 am, Join us for worship on the second Sunday of Lent. Pastor Alicia will bring the message.

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ From Pastor Jim Loepp Thiessen**

I’ll be in the area Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week. You are welcome to email me at: [jim@nlumc.com](mailto:jim@nlumc.com).

**◆ Quilting, Wednesday, February 21, 1-5 pm.** All are welcome to join us for quilting in the church basement.

**◆ Community Meal, Wednesday, February 28** 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 as well as volunteers to bake cookies for our dessert. Please contact Debbie Janzen if you are able to bring baked goods.

### **◆ 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 were emailed out on Friday, February 16 and available in hard copy today, 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 (11:15 am)** prior to the **Annual Meeting (12:15 pm)** 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 today. Financial reports should be available Sunday, February 25.

### ◆ **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.

► We are looking for volunteers for DVBS. Please contact June DeVries if you are able to help.

### ◆ **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.

◆ **The Personnel Committee** would like to report that Kendall and Charleen Jongejan Harder have accepted a single pastoral position with our church and Leadership Team is currently working on the memo of understanding with them. Expected start date is mid May 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.*



**The church balcony is  
closed  
until renovations are complete.**

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**The church office will be closed  
Tuesday, February 20 for the Family Day holiday.  
We will reopen on Wednesday, February 21 at 9 am.**

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— **Upcoming Events** —

**Good Friday — March 30**

**Easter Sunday — April 1**

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **Heritage Choir practice, Monday, February 19, 2 pm** at the Heritage Center.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **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.

▶ **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!

► **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.

### ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

► 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](mailto:info@ekmha.ca).

► **Travelogue: *Cruising from Hamburg to Lisbon*** by Hugo Tiessen, **Saturday, March 3** at the Heritage Centre, 7 pm. Admission by donation, everyone welcome.

### **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.

► The Home invites all seniors to the following **information sessions** held at 9:30 am in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship —

- 1. Wednesday, March 14, *What You Should Know About***  
Mariel Konrad, RN, Director of Community Services & Accommodations
- 2. Wednesday, March 21, *Creating a POA***  
Linda Tiessen, Administrator
- 3. Wednesday, April 4, *Supplies for an Independent Living***  
Laurie Adams, In Home Services - Thomson Guardian Drugs
- 4. Wednesday, April 11, *New Medication Information***  
Mark Vickers, Pharmacist - Thomson Guardian Drugs

◆ **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.marriageencounterec.com/>

## ◆ **Employment Opportunities**

### ▶ **The Leamington Mennonite Home**

1. 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.
  2. **Permanent Part Time Dietary Aide**. This position assists the cook in meal and snack preparations. A Food Handlers Certificate from the Windsor-Essex Public Health Unit is required, as is ongoing education for a Food Service Worker. Please submit resumes to Jacquie Turnbull at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca by February 26.
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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.

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 15 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
- **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**
- **Peace Camp**, July 30 – August 3
- **Camp Micah**, August 19-24

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Winter 2018
- **Fraser Lake Camp**
- **Hidden Acres**, Summer Camp 2018
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp**

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# Youth . . .

Youth Sunday School in the Youth Room today.

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.

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# Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

*Ben Woelk* fell off a ladder this past Friday in Florida, and broke seven ribs, and had a punctured and collapsed lung. Ben & Janet welcome prayers for his healing.

Please pray for *Brenda Friesen* who is recovering from surgery.

*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 Jim.*

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