



**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

## Order of Worship



**between ME & You**



... Me & You & the Generations after You

Lent 2018

Hymn #1, *What is this place*

Call to worship (*on screen*)

Hymn #20, *Come and see*

Children's feature

Worship music — O the blood

Time of confession (*on screen*)

Words of assurance

Offering with hymn #327, *Great is thy faithfulness*

Offertory prayer

Worship music — I know that my Redeemer lives

Scripture reading — Mark 8:31-38

Message — Being Weird for God

STJ #44, *The love of God*

Sharing time

STJ #29, *You are all we have*

Words of blessing

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

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## ***Third Sunday of Lent, March 4***

— 8:45 am, coffee time.

— 9 to 9:45 am, **Adult Education** — “Five ways to Pray” with Pastor Jim. We will talk about what prayer is and explore various types of prayer along with some creative experimentation in prayer. This is the final week of this series. We will meet in the Choir Room.

— 10 am, **Join us for worship** on the Third Sunday of Lent. Pastor Alicia will bring the message: Letter of the Law? Spirit of the Law?

— 11:15 am, The Jr. and Sr. Youth of NLUMC invite you to join us for a **chili lunch**. Donations will be received to help subsidize our church's youth events in 2018. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry!

— 12:15 pm, **Annual General meeting**. Report booklets for the Annual meeting were emailed out on Friday, February 16 and available in hard copy today. Financial reports should be available Sunday, February 25. 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 Annual General Meeting.

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ From Pastor Jim Loepf Thiessen**

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

**◆ Quilting, Wednesday, February 28, 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.

### **◆ 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.

### ◆ **Welcome to Canada Skating Party, Sunday, March 25**

NLUMC youth invites our church and our newcomer friends to a free skating party! Join us at the Sherk Complex from 2:45 to 4 pm. Remember to bring your skates and helmets. This event is for people of all ages, so invite your friends!

### ◆ **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.

◆ **Canadian Mennonite subscriptions.** All who attend NLUMC may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Brenda Klassen, before March 11.

◆ **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.

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

*Longer term commitment position:*

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

*Please contact Pastors Alicia or Jim if you would like more information about this position.*



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

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— **Upcoming Events** —

**Palm Sunday — March 25**

**Good Friday — March 30**

**Easter Sunday — April 1**

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

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

► **Student Soup Lunch & Silent Auction, today, 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](http://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!

► **Shop UMEI Vista Order.** Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, March 5.** Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, March 9.

► **Pie Fundraiser.** Students are selling home-made pies to raise money for their school trips. Pies come frozen with baking instructions. Please contact any UMEI student or the school office to place an order. All orders are due by noon **Thursday, March 8.** Pie orders will arrive in time for Easter.

► **UMEI Family Night.** Whether you are registered for the 2018/2019 UMEI school year or are thinking about joining our UMEI family, we invite you and your family to join us for our Annual Family Night. This is an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment on **Wednesday, March 21** at 6:30 pm. RSVP to

the UMEI office at office@umei.ca or 519-326-7448 by Monday, March 19. We hope to see you here!

► **Thank You to our Supporters!** We are so grateful for the support we continue to receive from all of you. Your gifts have made a huge difference to us. They help us to build the academics, programs, and activities that makes UMEI a special place. We are behind on our Autumn Campaign and would be thankful for any future donations - big or small. Donations can be made online, by mail, or dropped off at the school office.

◆ **Heritage Choir practice, Monday, February 26, 2:30 pm** at the Leamington Mennonite Home.

◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Camp for Grownups!** March 2-4, at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Do you secretly wish you could still go to camp? This choose-your-own-adventure weekend is perfect for those looking to get out of the city for a few days and reconnect with nature and friends. Skate on the lake, cross-country ski, walk or snowshoe through the forest, race a canoe through the field or join a team for tug-of-war! Sliding scale registration fee. This retreat is intended for young adults ages 20-39...ish! For more information and to register visit [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call 519-422-3200.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

► **Travelogue: *Cruising from Hamburg to Lisbon*** by Hugo & Linda 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 today. 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

◆ **March Break Open House, Saturday, March 10**, 10 am-5 pm. If you know a student who has applied to the University of Waterloo, encourage them to visit Conrad Grebel University College. Take a tour of the building, check out our new and totally customizable residence furniture, feel the community atmosphere, and taste a home-cooked meal!

[www.grebel.ca/futurestudents](http://www.grebel.ca/futurestudents)

◆ **MEDA Event on Sunday, March 18**. The Leamington MEDA Chapter has invited Chom Bagu, MEDA's Nigeria Field Project Manager, to come and report on MEDA's work in Nigeria. Please join us at Faith Mennonite Church (269 Sherk St., Leamington) for a 10:30 Sunday morning worship service. Lunch will be served at 12:15 pm and you are invited to stay for a 2 pm presentation. Come to one or all parts of this event.

◆ **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/>

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners** wishes to extend our sincere thanks for NLUMC's continued support through your service, donations and prayers. We would also like to welcome everyone to our Annual Meeting on **Saturday, March 24** at 2 pm at 40 Industrial, Leamington.

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington, April 30 – May 3**. Calling all canners - first timers and veterans! We are canning at Southwestern Ontario Gleaners located at 40 Industrial Road in Leamington. Please pray for the canning project as preparations continue. Available shifts will be as follows:

**Monday, April 30** — evening, 5 - 10 pm

**Tuesday, May 1** — morning, 7 am – 12 pm      afternoon, 12 - 5 pm  
   evening, 5 - 10 pm

**Wednesday, May 2** — morning, 7 am – 12 pm      afternoon, 12 - 5 pm  
   evening, 5 - 10 pm

**Thursday, May 3** — morning, 7 am – 12 pm

Volunteer Coordinator - Peter Fiss

First Aid Coordinator - Agnes Langeman

Security Coordinator - Art Warkentin

Thank you for your continued support. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Together We Can. Donations can be made through designated giving at participating churches and the Meat Canner Leamington Fund at Kindred Credit Union.

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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.

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## Youth . . .

- ▶ No Youth Sunday School today.
  - ▶ **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.** Meet at NLUMC at 5:30 pm (or at the waterpark in Windsor at 6:30 pm). Contact Pastor Alicia by Tuesday, March 6 if you need a ride to Windsor. Cost is \$8.50 per person. This event is for both Jr. and Sr. youth, and friends are welcome!
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*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

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

*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
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## **Prayer List . . .**

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for Calvary/St. Mary's Churches on Pelee Island and their pastor Ed Healey.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Paul Krueger*, husband of *Mary*, who passed away Thursday, February 22. Visitation will be at Reid Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 28. The funeral service will be held at NLUMC on Thursday, March 1. Details are incomplete at the time of printing. Go to [reidfuneralhome.ca](http://reidfuneralhome.ca) for more information.

Thank you for your words of encouragement, prayers and all the acts of kindness shown to our family in the past weeks. They are greatly appreciated.

*. . . Mary Krueger and family*

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

Continue to pray for *Brenda Friesen* as she recovers from a recent 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](mailto: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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