



Sunday, March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011



***between* ME & You**



... Me & You & Darkness in View

Lent 2018

Order of Worship

Hymn #167, *For God so loved us*

Welcome

Call to worship (on screen)

Hymn #102, *To God be the glory*

Children's feature

Time of confession (on screen)

Words of assurance

Offering with hymn #570, *We walk by faith*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Numbers 21:4-9

Message — Imperfect People with a Perfect God

STJ #54, *Longing for light*

Sharing time

Hymn #163, *Obey my voice*

Words of blessing

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18

— 10 am, **Join us for worship** on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Pastor Jim will bring the message: “If you were asked”

Church Life . . .

- ◆ **From Pastor Jim** — I’ll be in the area Wednesday to Friday, Sunday this coming week. You are welcome to email me at: jim@nlumc.com.

- ◆ **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 by today.

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

- ◆ **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 \$310 with a goal of \$500 before spring!

- ◆ **Welcome to Canada Skating Party, Sunday, March 25.** The youth invite 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.** 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.

◆ ***Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School* will be hosted at LUMC from July 9 - 13, 2018. This is a new location for our annual VBS.**

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

◆ **Being a Faithful Church**

At the Annual Meeting it was requested that the church publish the video link to the resource we watched in our Adult Ed session, "Exploring LGBTQ Conversations in the Church." This link is listeningchurch.ca, you can also find it on our church Facebook page.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017–February 28, 2018** (25% of year) \$67,414.60 (22.5%) of our \$299,700 unified church budget has been donated to date. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

— **Upcoming Events** —

Palm Sunday — March 25

Good Friday — March 30

Easter Sunday — April 1

Community/Conference Events . . .

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

◆ **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.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office **Wednesday, March 21** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, March 29.

► **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.

► **Zwieback and raisin bread** orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, March 26** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, March 28.

► **Save the Date – Friday, April 20.** Hello! Kamusta! Hola! The UMEI Hospitality & Tourism class would like to invite you and your ENTIRE family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and fifteenth cousins, twice removed, to join us for a little “Taste of the World!” We will be hosting our 4th annual food and cultural festival, where you can try an assortment of foods from all around the world, provided by the Hospitality & Tourism class! Tickets (\$10/adult and \$6/student) are available only in advance through Hospitality & Tourism students and from the office, 519-326-7448.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► 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 21, *What You Should Know About the Flu***
Mariel Konrad, RN, Director of Community Services & Accommodations

2. **Wednesday, April 4, *Creating a POA***
Linda Tiessen, Administrator

► **Annual Meeting.** We invite everyone to a time of information sharing, discussion and planning followed by a coffee hour on **Tuesday, March 27** in the J.C. Neufeld of Fellowship at 7 pm. Annual Reports will be in church mailboxes on Sunday, March 18.

◆ **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.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Annual Spring Dinner on **Saturday, April 14** at 6 pm at UMEI with speaker: Dr. Natasha G. Wiebe “What I Learned About Being Mennonite From Opa.” Dr. Wiebe is the daughter of Gerhard Wiebe and is a professor at the University of Windsor. Tickets are \$25 and available from Board Members or call 519-322-0456 mornings for more info.

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington, April 30 – May 3.** Seven weeks until canning! 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

Our 2018 fundraising goal is \$80,000. Stay tuned for further updates. Thank you for your continued support. Together We Can. Donations can be made through designated giving at participating churches and the Meat Canner Leamington Fund at Kindred Credit Union.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service Update on the Grand River and Thames River Flooding.** At this point MDS ON offers for flood relief assistance have been declined by the municipalities affected, including Brantford and Chatham-Kent. The MDS Unit will continue to monitor the recovery progress.

Youth . . .

▶ No Youth Sunday School today.

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▶ **Sunday, April 1, Sunrise Service.**

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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**, March 1 update
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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for St. Anthony's Parish, Maronite Rite.

- Congratulations to *Taylor Hamm & Anthony Youssef* on their marriage March 10, 2018.
- Congratulations to *Maggie DeVries & Adam Wilkins* on the birth of their daughter, *Natalya Willow Lee Wilkins*, born Saturday, March 3, 2018.
- Thank you to our church family for all the kindnesses and words of encouragement during my breast cancer journey. I have just finished my radiation treatments this week. I am grateful that the side effects have been minimal. Would ask you to continue to pray for a good recovery.
. . . Arlene & Ben Konrad
- Thank you for your prayers, love and support during Paul's four year journey with prostate cancer. We are humbled by the stories you shared of how Paul touched your lives. We have truly felt God's presence. We ask for your continued prayers as we navigate through our grief.
. . . Mary Krueger & family
- Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Chili Lunch. We received \$1,535.75 that will go towards subsidizing our events.
- *Pastor Alicia* will be on vacation March 18 – March 26.

*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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