



Sunday, September 16, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Joel Epp

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

STS #1, *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

Invitation to worship and opening prayer

HWB #176, *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Offering with hymn #389, *Take my life*

Offertory prayer

Children's feature

Confession/Assurance

Scripture reading — Mark 1:1-15

Message — The Beginning of the Good News

HWB #226, *You are salt for the earth*

Sharing time/community prayers

HWB #420, *Heart with loving heart united*

Benediction

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

Next Sunday, September 23 —

► **Adult Education - coffee at 8:45 am, class at 9 am, *Wrestling with The Word*.** The Bible is both an inspired model for our spiritual journeys and a book that raises some controversial questions for us. On September 23, 30, and October 14, Pastor Kendall will be leading us in adult education as we talk about what the Bible is and isn't and what to do with difficult questions such as why is there so much violence in the Old Testament? A source will be the book *The Bible Tells Me So...* by Peter Enns.

► 10 am — Join us for worship as Pastor Alicia continues the sermon series on the Gospel of Mark with the message — Break through the Roof!

Church Life . . .

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, September 19, 7 pm.**

◆ **Friday Fellowship at the Roma Club.** People of all ages who are part of NLUMC (and friends) are invited to the Roma Club, 19 Seacliff Drive, East, Leamington, to purchase your own pizza and have a chance to connect with your friends the fourth Friday of the month, from June through September, continuing **Friday, September 28**, at 6 pm. No RSVP is needed, just show up!

◆ **Voices Together.** On **Saturday, October 13**, join members of the *Voices Together* team to sing and learn more about the new Mennonite Song Collection/Hymnal coming out in 2020. This is a resource day for worship and congregational song from 9 am to 4 pm at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. There is also an Intercultural Worship and International meal event at 5 pm at First Mennonite Church in Kitchener and a Sunday hymn sing at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church on **Sunday, October 14** at 3 pm. **To register** and for more information, go to <https://mcec.ca/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=358> .

◆ **Sound Equipment.** NLUMC has some used sound equipment available. Please contact Justin Neufeld for a complete list or to purchase an item(s). A complete list is also on the bulletin board in the foyer. If there is no interest, we will advertise to the community.

◆ Save the Dates ◆

Music Workshop, *Voices Together* – October 13 & 14 – Kitchener/Waterloo

School for Laypeople doing Spiritual Care – November 3 – NLUMC

Theatre of the Beat, *#ChurchToo* – November 13 – NLUMC

Looking Forward – Appreciating where we have come...

This fall, we will be taking a look as a community at where God is calling us and how we are prepared to enter into that future together. It is also a time to review how Pastor Alicia's ministry can grow and be instrumental in that. There are reasons to join these two conversations while recognizing that they are both important topics on their own. Your participation is very important for us to discern God's call for our community. You are also the community that receives Pastor Alicia's ministry, so your feedback will help to shape and guide her work and development as a pastor going forward. Thank you for your investment in our shared experience! Please see your mailslots for the handout with all the information.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch/Entrance Scholarship Presentation/Open House – today, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** The new school year at UMEI Christian

High School has begun. To help us celebrate, please join us for another popular Fish Fry at our September fundraising meal which will also include the presentation of the Entrance Scholarships and an Open House to see the renovated classrooms. There will be activities for children available. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

► **Shop UMEI Vista Orders.** Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, September 17.** Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, September 21.

► **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 **Wednesday, September 19.** Pie orders will arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

► **Register now for the UMEI Lightning Bolt.** On **Saturday, September 22** at 9 am, UMEI will host the second annual 5/10 K Run, 5 K walk and 1 K Kid's Dash at Point Pelee National Park. Your registration includes a chip-timed event by WRACE, post-race refreshments including sausage on a bun, fruit, veggies, and drinks. Awards and door prizes to follow. Registration online at raceroster.com. Individuals who would like to support the race can do so by pledging a participant online or in the office.

► **Save the Date - Physics Rocket Launch.** Join us on **Sunday, October 14** for an outdoor BBQ followed by the rocket launch put on by our grade 11 physics class! There will also be a robotics demonstration.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► **The Auxiliary** will meet for dinner and meeting **Monday, September 17,** at 6 pm, in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship.

► **A Moonlight River Cruise, Saturday, October 20.** Tickets for this exquisite evening are being sold by the Gala Committee members and the front office of the Home. This moonlight river cruise adventure will feature some new experiences and fun while raising funds for needed resident care equipment. Tickets are available for this unforgettable cruise at a cost of \$150 with a donation receipt of \$100. Please consider supporting our ministry of eldercare through this event.

► **German Calendars.** Our Home invites orders for the 2019 Neukirchener Kalendar (German Calendars with devotional) an ideal German Christmas gift.

Neukirchener Abreiss – Kalendar \$24

Neukirchener Buchausgabe \$24

Neukirchener Grossdruck Buchausgabe \$26

Please place your order with payment at the Leamington Mennonite Home no later than **Monday, October 1.**

► **Used Sewing Machine.** Our Home is selling a Sun Star high speed, one needle lock stitch sewing machine. The machine is in good working order and has served the Home's laundry for 25 years. For more information, please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-6109.

◆ **Attend MCC Ontario's Annual General Meeting, Monday, September 24** at 6 pm, MCC's Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener. The Annual General Meeting is our opportunity to share MCC Ontario's financial outcomes and a snapshot of our strategic plan progress. We encourage you to join us in person for a light supper leading into a time of sharing and attending to the annual business requirements for our organization. The AGM will also be available to view online but voting privileges do not extend to delegates viewing online. View the AGM business package and **register today** at mcco.ca/agm.

◆ **Ride for Refuge.** On **Saturday, September 29**, Kendall, Charleen, Tobias & Mattea Jongejan Harder are riding their bikes in the Annual **Ride for Refuge**. They will be riding to raise money for the programming of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario (MCCO) and they invite you to join them! If you enjoy riding a bike or want to help raise funds for the hope giving work of MCCO, this is your opportunity. MCCO invests the proceeds from the Ride into their Ontario programming which has significant impact with vulnerable communities that they serve right here in our own backyard. **To register**, go to: <https://rideforrefuge.org/register> and join the MCC Leamington team.

◆ **Easy Listening Classical Concert**, Sunday afternoon at 3 pm on **September 30** at Knox Presbyterian Church. Leamington born Ben Broll will accompany the Soli Deo Gloria Singers on his soprano sax for two of their numbers. He will also play two solos on his alto sax. The choir will again be singing the popular Swahili (African) adaptation of "The Lord's Prayer." Michael Oddy, pianist for the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus will accompany his wife, Joanna Angel, whose name fits her voice! Baritone Mischa Aravena from Burlington, who has sung and acted in Stratford will delight with "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, and "It all Fades Away", Bridges of Madison County. Tickets for this benefit concert for The Bank Theatre are \$15 and are available from Barbara Martens and Helen Brown and at the door.

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

The Leamington Mennonite Home invites applications for the position of a **Full-Time Social Worker**. Interested applicants should possess a Bachelor of Social Work with certification in Gerontology. Please submit resumes to Jacquie Turnbull at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca by October 5.

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Summer 2018
- **The Marketplace**, MEDA, September October 2018

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, September 12 update
 - **Ride for Refuge**, MCC, September 29
 - **A Night at the Bridge**, September 29
 - **Empowered Women Preach Conference**, October 19&20, Kitchener
 - **Living History, Indigenous and Mennonite Stories of Encounter**, October 27, Waterloo
 - **Fall Open House, Conrad Grebel University College**, November 3
 - **MEDAx, MEDA**, November 9&10, Indianapolis
 - **Peace Conference**, MCC, November 10
 - **Aging as a Natural Monastery: Spirituality in Later Life**, November 15, Baden
 - **Spirituality, Aging & Narrative: The Sacred Art of Story Listening**, November 16, Waterloo
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Youth . . .

Sunday, September 23, "Basketballs and Board Games" Junior and Senior Youth, 3 - 5 pm at UMEI. Contact Pastor Alicia if you are planning to attend. Friends are welcome to join us for an afternoon of games.

Tuesday, October 16, "Visit to The Bridge" Junior and Senior Youth, 6 - 9 pm. We will share dinner, play some games and learn about homeless Youth in our community.

Wednesday, October 24, "Thiessen Orchards" Junior and Senior Youth, 4-6 pm.

Sunday, November 4, Junior Youth "Make a Difference Day" in Kitchener.

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Prayer List . . .

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

Here are the prayer requests that our Pastor put together for our two sister churches in Canada.

- 1) We thank God for allowing the vacations of the school and university students to go well until now. Pray for the orientation of the new first-year university students.
- 2) We celebrated a wedding last Saturday and all went well, by the grace of God. Pray for the new couple so that God may be the center of their marriage. Also, we are preparing for the wedding of Paulin and Rhoda (daughter of our Pastor Bananzaro). Pray that God may go before all of these preparations.
- 3) God has blessed our community with two newborn babies. One of the women who had a baby, has serious health problems to the point that she was resuscitated. God's healing hand was extended and her health is much better now. We ask for your prayers for two other women who expect babies soon.
- 4) Finally, we ask you to continue to pray for the preparations for the 40th Anniversary of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina (at the end of November).

Our sincere greetings to you all.

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 through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. In case of emergency, contact Pastor Alicia, 519-819-3772 or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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