



Sunday, September 30, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Chani Wiens

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Announcements

HWB #6, *Here in this place*

Call to worship

Prayer from STJ #145

Offering with STJ #54, *Longing for light*

Prayer for offering

Children's time

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

Scripture reading — Mark 4:1-20

Message — Success? Or Faithfulness???

HWB #454, *Seed, scattered and sown*

Sharing time and prayer

STJ #97, *The Lord is my light*

Benediction

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

Today —

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 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.

Thanksgiving Sunday, October 7 —

▶ 9 am — Choir practice for the morning choir.

▶ Adult Education will resume October 14.

▶ 10 am — Join us for worship as we give thanks to God for our many blessings and celebrate Communion. We invite you to bring your gifts of

produce, baking or financial contributions for the Thanksgiving tables. All proceeds from the Thanksgiving tables will go towards The Bridge — Leamington Youth Resource Center. The children will join in the morning worship service.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Thanksgiving Choir.** You are invited to join a volunteer choir for Thanksgiving **Sunday, October 7**. Choir practice will be on **Thursday, October 4** at 7:30 pm and **Sunday, October 7** at 9 am.

◆ **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.

◆ **Rocks.** If you brought a rock to church for Education Sunday, please pick it up after church today. The rocks are in the hallway, outside the pastors' offices.

◆ **School for Laypeople: Doing Spiritual Care**

How can people in our church provide quality spiritual care and support for each other, when we aren't all trained to be pastors? This workshop, on **Saturday, November 3** at NLUMC, 9 am - 4 pm, will include interactive teaching, tools for spiritual formation, and resources to help us provide meaningful spiritual care for one another... no theology degree required! Contact Pastor Alicia to register or for more information. Cost is \$40, bursaries are available.

◆ **Theatre of the Beat** is a Canadian touring theatre company commissioned by Mennonite Church Eastern Canada to create this play and take on tour to Mennonite churches! The play, *#ChurchToo*, will take place **Tuesday, November 13** at 7 pm at North Leamington United Mennonite Church, 625 Mersea Road 6, Leamington. Admission: freewill offering. Artfully depicted through a variety of scenes and relationships, *#ChurchToo*

explores the struggle of wading into the realities of sexual assault and examines the difficulties of speaking out in a community where the topic of sex is often considered taboo. The play will be followed by a half hour of question and answer led by Theatre of the Beat. These social justice issues and how they intersect with our lives and our beliefs are very important conversations to have in safe surroundings. We feel very fortunate to host this professional touring group and we invite everyone to mark their calendar now to attend on **November 13** and to invite others from our 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 take 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 . . .

◆ **Easy Listening Classical Concert**, today at 3 pm 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.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Zwieback** orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, October 1** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, October 3.

► **Physics Rocket Launch.** Join us on **Sunday, October 14** for an outdoor BBQ from 11:30 am - 1 pm. The rocket launch put on by our grade 11 physics class will begin at 12:30 pm! There will also be a robotics demonstration. Admission by donation.

► **Thank you** all, once again, for your continued support of UMEI Christian High School. Thanks to your generosity, the fish fry raised \$10,537. These generous donations allow us to continue to help our students reach their full potential, so they are empowered to make a difference through a life rooted in faith.

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice.** Let's sing again this coming **Monday, October 1.** Meet in the J C Neufeld Place of Fellowship at 2:30 pm. Bring your singing voices, but no music. New singers welcome. Regular practices will begin on **Monday, October 15** at 2 pm at the Heritage Centre and continue **October 22,** 2 pm at the Heritage Centre and **October 29** at 2:30 pm at the Leamington Mennonite Home. Any questions? Please contact Martha Janzen.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► **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.**

► **A Moonlight River Cruise, Saturday, October 20.** Come cruise with us for an evening of captain's table delights, silent auction treasures, raffles, and delectable appetizer table and menu. Tickets are being sold quickly with some availability left. Please call the Home office at 519-326-6109 to purchase your tickets or table.

► The Leamington Mennonite Home is sponsoring an **Artisan Market Sale** on **Saturday, November 3,** from 9 am to 4 pm at 31 Pickwick Drive (Heritage Centre). An invitation is extended to artisans and makers of crafts to sell their creative products. The cost of an individual booth is \$50 and the admission for those who attend is free. For more information, contact Barb Founk. The proceeds of this sale support the work of the Home's Auxiliary.

◆ **Hey Jingle!** A Christmas Musical written by Janice Founk. This musical is being presented by The Bank Theatre and Faith Mennonite Church. Children, grades 1-8, are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at Faith Mennonite Church, beginning November 1, 6:30-7:30 pm. Two performances on December 7 & 8 at The Bank Theatre. For more information or to register contact Janice Founk.

◆ **From the Leamington MEDA Chapter**

Thank you to all who attended and supported the fundraising event on September 15 at the Leamington Marina Pavilion. A total of \$51,000+ was raised for the MEDA Project in Myanmar. Speaker Helen Loftin explained the benefits of working in countries under stress, as the project empowers 25,000 women to raise their families out of a state of poverty. Your support is matched 7:1 by Global Affairs Canada for a total of \$350,000 for a very significant impact on Myanmar. Thank you.

◆ **Voices Together Hymnal.** MennoMedia needs your help to make the new *Voices Together* hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee US have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org. Every voice matters. Every dollar counts.

◆ **Canadian Mennonite News**

► **Risk of a Postal Strike** – If there is a postal strike after September 26, delivery of *Canadian Mennonite* magazine may be delayed. Subscribers are welcome to add email delivery to a print subscription. The PDF is emailed to you on the day the magazine gets printed. To add digital delivery, please email office@canadianmennonite.org and include your name, address and subscription number (see your mailing label; it begins with an A).

► **CM Now** – Stay up to date with Mennonites in Canada and beyond by signing up for *CM Now*, a free newsletter that comes directly to your email inbox every two weeks. You'll find quick links to recent *Canadian Mennonite* web stories, plus items for you and your church to pray about. Go to <http://www.canadianmennonite.org/subscribe/cmnow>.

◆ **Canadian Mennonite University News.** In spring of 2019 CMU is offering **Tour of Israel / Palestine: A Holy Land for Jews, Christians and Muslims**. Led by Dr. Gerald Gerbrandt, this tour will open the Biblical text in new ways, explore important archeological and pilgrimage sites, and engage with representatives of the three major religions in the land. You will never read the Bible, or hear the News, in the same way again! For more information check out cmu.ca/met/

◆ **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
- **Mennonite Historian**, Volume 44, No. 3

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, September 26 update
 - **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 . . .

Tuesday, October 16, "Visit to The Bridge" Junior and Senior Youth, 6 - 8 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. This is a joint event with LUMC and Faith Mennonite Churches. Please bring money for snacks.

Sunday, November 4, Junior Youth "Make a Difference Day" in Kitchener. Register by October 24.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ **Please contact Pastor Alicia to RSVP on the North Leamington Youth Facebook page or by email, alicia@nlumc.com for events.** ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for St. Anthony’s Parish, Maronite Rite and their pastor Fr. Namatallah Eid.

Please pray for the *Windsor Downtown Mission* which has been damaged by flooding.

Pray for *Mennonite Church Canada* as they begin interviewing candidates for the Executive Director position the first week of October.

Our prayers go out to the family of *William Dick*, brother of John & Helen Dick, who passed away Sunday, September 23. The funeral was held at LUMC on Wednesday, September 26.

Congratulations to *Greg Neufeld & Bailey Westgate* who were married yesterday, Saturday, September 29.

Congratulations to *Josh Willms & Emma Postma* who were married yesterday, Saturday, September 29.

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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