



Sunday, September 9, 2018

Education Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome and announcements

STJ #19, *I will call upon the Lord* (2 times)

Call to worship

Safe Church Pledge

Building

Children's feature

Learning

Sunday School presentation

Hymn #304, *There are many gifts*

children and teachers dismissed at end of song

Giving

Offering with hymn #362, *Help us to help each other*

Listening

Scripture reading — Joshua 4:1-24

Message — What do these stones mean?

Hymn #526, *In the rifted Rock I'm resting*

Sharing

Sharing time and pastoral prayer

STJ #53, *O God in heaven*

Sending

Benediction

Hymn #429, *Go now in peace* (2 times)

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

Wee Ones

Ryan Bailey

Everly Fischer

Matteo Coppola

Nathan Horne

Alivia Neufeld

Grade Two Bible Presentation

Jonah Cornies
Chloe Driedger
Chloe Srigley
Evelynn Schmidt
Quintin Schmidt

Grade Nine Bible Presentation

Blake Derksen
Joshua Derksen
Meagan Derksen
Bryson Driedger
Lucas Pearson
Ella Williams

Sunday School Staff List

Wee Ones/JKJen Dick, Debbie Srigley, Maida Tiessen
SK/Grade 1 Lindsey Ecker, Heather Fleming, Bonnie Jadischke, Judy Koop
Grades 2-4 Anna Coppola, Judy Cornies, Marla Dault, Stephanie Driedger
Grades 5-8Paul Cornies, Joel Epp, Al Lehn,
..... Mandi Scherer-Horne, Gerry Willms
Singing Teachers.....Danielle Barnewall, Kim DiLaudo, Kim Williams
Supply TeachersCindy Lasi, Chani Wiens
Members on the Education Team Paul Cornies, Fred Driedger,
.....Lindsey Ecker, Bonnie Jadischke, Mandi Scherer-Horne, Pastor Charleen

Safe Church Pledge

With God's help and in the light of God's grace,
We pledge ourselves to form spaces of grace at
North Leamington United Mennonite Church.
We acknowledge that even in the community of the church,
we are each vulnerable to the impulses of sin.
We commit ourselves to the safety of our children, youth and vulnerable adults.
We commit ourselves to preventing abuse of any kind.
We commit ourselves to responding to any signs of abuse,
seeking always the path of healing and hope.
In our relationships, words and actions we will seek to be worthy of trust.
We will abide by our Safe Church Policy.
We will seek healing and wholeness in all that we say, think and do,
With God's help and by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Today — 3-5 pm, NLUMC is invited to join the second annual **Leamington Peace Party** at Seacliff Park. We will share free halal hotdogs and popcorn, enjoy kids' games and live music. This event began last year as a way of building positive relationships between people of different backgrounds by having fun enjoying a beautiful afternoon in the park together. Plan to come out and enjoy this event and be a witness for peace in our community!

Next Sunday, September 16 —

► **Adult Education - coffee at 8:45 am, class at 9 am.** The Bible is both an inspired model for our spiritual journeys and a book that raises some controversial questions for us. On September 16, 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 — The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. On September 16 we begin a series on the Gospel of Mark as Pastor Kendall explores Jesus as Good News for us now, as well as the apparent link between good news and repentance.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 pm.**

◆ **Missions & Service Team meeting, Thursday, September 13, 7 pm at the church.**

◆ **Sunset Service, Saturday, September 15, 5 pm** at the home of Ken & Shelley Krueger. Come and enjoy the fellowship, a pulled pork sandwich and dessert, and the service led by Pastor Charleen. Everyone is welcome! Bring some friends! Following the Sunset Service, Junior and Senior Youth are invited to “Kampfire with Kendall.” Join us for smores and a sing-along as we kick off the new Youth year. **Please contact the church office, 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, by Tuesday, September 11, to register for the event.**

◆ **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!

◆ **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** ◆

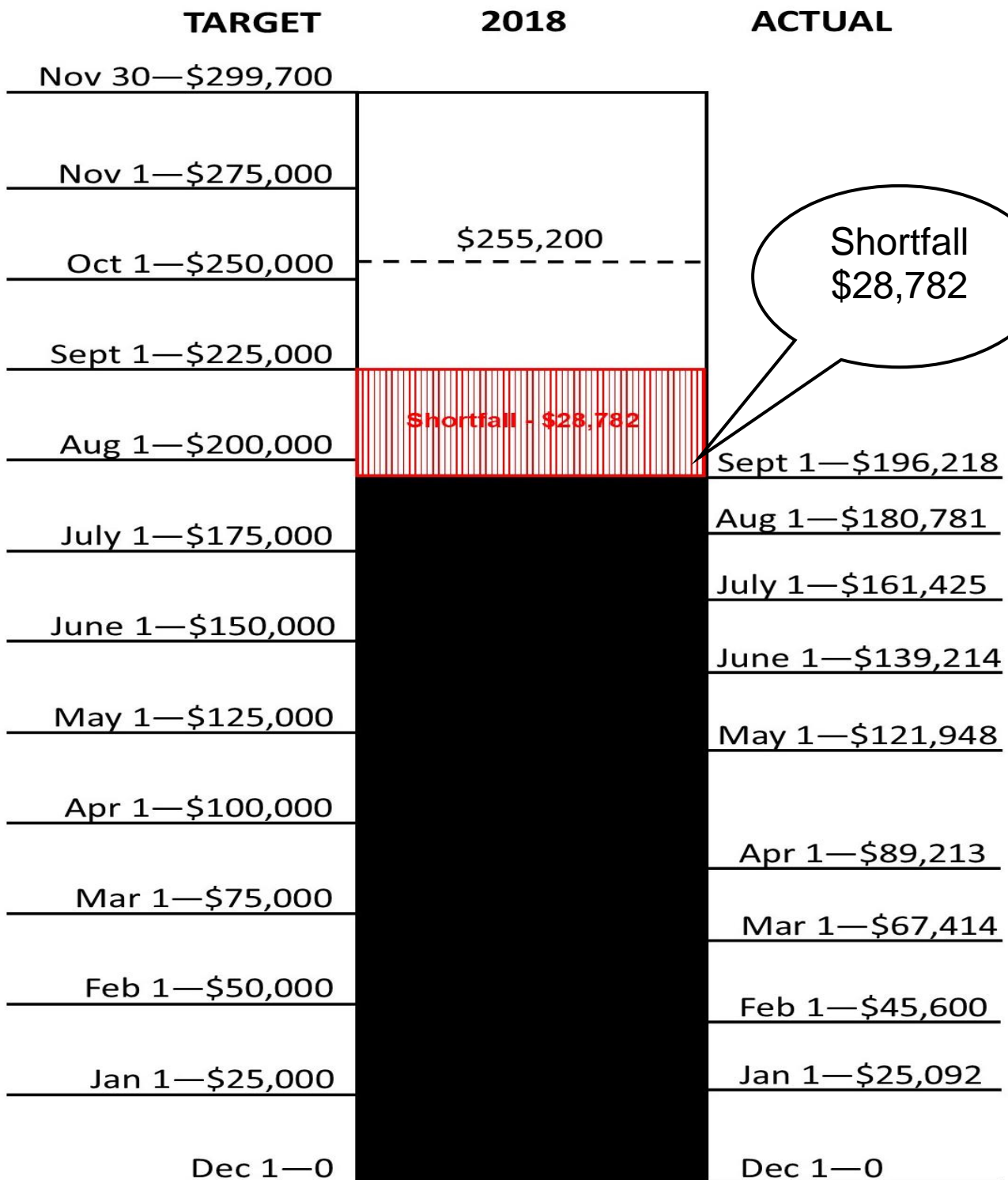
Adult Education begins, *The Bible Tells Me So* – September 16 – NLUMC
 Music Workshop, *Voices Together* – October 13 & 14 – Kitchener/Waterloo
 School for Laypeople doing Spiritual Care – November 3 – NLUMC
 Theatre of the Beat, *#ChurchToo* – November 13 – NLUMC

◆ **Local Phone Numbers for —**

Charleen Jongejan Harder
Kendall Jongejan Harder

The pastors' old phone numbers are no longer in service.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018** (75% of year)
 \$196,218 (65.5%) of our \$299,700 unified church budget has been donated to date. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.



◆ **Donations to NLUMC.** Setting up an automatic transfer is a convenient way to make regular donations to the church. If you would like to participate in this program, please stop in at the church office to complete the necessary paperwork and provide a void cheque. These donations will be processed on the 15th of each month. Please contact Susan Klassen at the church office or the treasurer, Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumnc.com, if you have any questions.

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!

Process:

The primary method for hearing the input from you as a congregation will be through focus groups. You are invited to participate in a guided discussion that will seek to hear your input around a set of questions we have developed. The questions are designed to hear you speak to that which you find most beneficial and valuable as a member of the community of faith. This method of asking questions is sometimes referred to as appreciative inquiry. The evaluation of your responses provides very constructive feedback both for the community and the individual pastor. While the questions are positively framed, the generated outcome is a constructive set of responses that invite reflection, growth and focused effort. It shares items that are seen very positively currently and invites questions as to why other aspects of ministry are not mentioned in this way and how strengths can be leveraged for future growth.

Some of you may not be able to attend the focus group event. You may submit your responses individually to Joanne Brown, Chair of the Personnel Team preferably via email and with your signature. We are having a conversation together and so we want to talk for ourselves and the focus groups are optimum for also allowing us to hear how others are thinking too. But, each voice is important so creating this opportunity for participation is one way to make sure your input is gathered.

The work of the review team will be to evaluate what is gathered through this process and report first to the pastor and then council who will share the results with you as a congregation.

Preparation:

We invite you to prepare for the focus group and/or the responding to the questions by prayerfully inviting God to help you listen and speak well into this important exercise. (Your prayers for the leaders of the process are much appreciated too.) We invite you to also read Pastor Alicia's job description, coming September 16, so that you know how she is currently working in our congregation. This will help you to see and evaluate where contributions she is making benefit your sense of what the congregation is doing and being.

While this is a process of hearing your voice, it is also a process for us to listen:

- to hear what others value,
- to hear how God is working through us that is responding to needs within our setting, and
- to hear how being part of this community is a way that we are participating in God's work of saving a world in need of love, healing and peace.

A date for the focus group event has not been set. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions regarding the process, please contact:

Joanne Brown, Chair of Personnel Team

Maida Tiessen, Chair of Ministry Team

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **Register now for the UMEI Lightning Bolt.** We have extended our early bird discount until **tonight at midnight**. Register today to receive \$5 off registration and a free lightweight hoodie. On Saturday, September 22nd 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.

► **Zwieback & raisin bread** orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, September 10** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, September 12.

NOTE: Raisin bread will not be available in October, only zwieback, so if you require any for Thanksgiving, please place your order in September.

► **Ground beef** orders are due in the office **Wednesday, September 12** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, September 20.

► **Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch/Entrance Scholarship Presentation/Open House – Sunday, September 16, 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.

◆ **Leamington MEDA Chapter Fundraising event, Saturday, September 15** at 5:30 pm. The Leamington MEDA Chapter invites you to join us at the Leamington Marina Pavilion for our annual fundraiser. Learn more about our current project in Myanmar and other MEDA work around the globe. Tickets are \$75/person and can be purchased on-line at www.meda.org/leamington or by contacting any of the following Leamington MEDA Chapter members; Robert & Lois Konrad, Abe & Lisa Fehr, Charlene Epp, Harry & Joan Enns, Roger & Laura Tiessen, Bill Wiebe, Dennis & Vicki Dick. Donations for this project can also be made on this website.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **Gala 2018: Saturday, October 20.** Ticket sales are now occurring for the 2018 Gala: A Moonlight River Cruise. This moonlit evening will be full of surprises and fun while raising funds for resident care equipment. Tickets are available for this unforgettable cruise from Gala Committee members or the front office at a cost of \$150 with a donation receipt of \$100.

▶ Sharon Dass, MCC Worker, has arrived in Leamington and is working at our Home. She is from India and is working with speech therapy and other conditions with our staff. She is staying with Alicia Good, Pastor of the North Leamington United Mennonite Church, and her family. She would enjoy invitations from families for visiting and activity. Please call Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 if you are able to invite this international worker.

◆ **Heritage Choir practice** will be starting at a later date.

. . . *Martha Janzen*

◆ **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/

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Summer 2018
- **The Marketplace**, MEDA July/August 2018

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, August 29 update
- **Peace Party**, today, Seacliff Park
- **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**
 - **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 . . .

Saturday, September 15, Join us at dusk following the Sunset Service, when Junior and Senior Youth are invited to "Kampfire with Kendall." Come for smores and a sing-a-long as we kick off the new Youth year. Location is at the home of Ken & Shelley Krueger.

Sunday, September 23, "Basketballs and Board Games" 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.

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Prayer List . . .

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

Please pray for *Walter Janzen*, cousin of Harold & Susan Klassen, who has been diagnosed with recurring cancer.

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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