



**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

*Growing relationships, in Christ.*

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

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## **Order of Worship**

### **We Gather**

Words of welcome

Announcements

HWB #16, *God is here among us*

### **We Confess our Faith and Frailty**

Confession of faith / assurance of pardon

STJ #105, *Don't be afraid*

Children's time and change offering

Offering with HWB #506, *I sought the Lord*

Offertory prayer

### **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture reading — Mark 6:45-52

Message — Imperfect Discipleship

### **We Respond**

HWB #570, *We walk by faith*

Congregational sharing and prayer

STS #40, *We will follow*

Benediction

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

### **Today —**

► 8 am — Breakfast for the ushers, sound people and video people in the church basement.

► **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. Pastor Kendall will lead us in

adult education as we talk about what the Bible is and isn't and what to do with difficult questions. Today is the final session in this series.

► **ReLearning Community.** If you are interested in learning more about an initiative that has been gaining ground in Europe, Canada and around the world - getting people to think about discipleship and meaningful living in a new way, Pastor Charleen invites you to a “Learn About It” event at church today at 1:30 pm (after the UMEI BBQ and Rocket Launch!) Norm Dyck from MCEC will be there to present more information about the initiative; Kendall and Charleen will share their experience with the program. There will be an invitation to consider representing NLUMC at a ReLearning Community learning weekend in Cambridge November 16-18. Questions? Can't come, but want to know more? Talk to Pastor Charleen.

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*Next Sunday, October 21 —*

► **Mindful Movement for Mental Health - Intergenerational class. Begins Sunday, October 21 with coffee at 8:45, class at 9 am.** Learn to be fully present in God's presence by experiencing mindfulness (mindful awareness) through the five senses of taste, touch, smell, sound and sight. Each week we will look at one of the senses and how we connect to God and our emotions in a balanced way. We will enter into the mindfulness time each week beginning with breathing, gentle movements, balancing and prayer. We will end each week with a prayer and an activity to complete individually or as a family. This is suited to everyone ages 8-108 (or maturity level that can participate in these types of activities.) We will have classes on October 21, 28, November 4, 18 & 25. Let Lindsey Ecker know if you have questions or would like to participate so she knows how many materials to bring each week.

► 10 am — **Mark 7:24-30** is a challenging story where Jesus does not come off looking nice. As he encounters a foreign woman, she challenges his cultural bias with the phrase “even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” Come explore with Pastor Charleen this encounter with Jesus - quite possibly a grumpy, irritable, very human Jesus who needed to have his sense of mission challenged and expanded. Sermon Title: Challenge and Change: a lesson from the Crumbs.

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Missions and Service Team News — Socktober & Undie Sunday.** We are collecting new men's and ladies' dark warm socks (no short sport socks) and underwear in the church foyer during the month of October. Items collected will be distributed to The Bridge and the Windsor Mission.

### ◆ **Calling All Young and Youngish Adults!**

After our last meeting at the Barnewall's in summer, we discussed trying to get together on a regular basis. Two upcoming events:

1. **Pizza Open House: 4:30 – 7 pm, Friday, October 26.** Pizza at the home of Alex and Chani Wiens, 26 Mulberry Crescent, Kingsville. Come hang out and connect with others in our church community. Adults and children are welcome! Please bring your own refreshments and some money to cover the cost of pizza. **Please RSVP** to Maida Tiessen.
2. **Continuing the Conversation: Sunday, November 11.** Visioning and Pastoral Review at NLUMC. Stay for a potluck lunch after church and more conversations on the future of our church. We value and appreciate your input! This will be a great time to share again. Please let Maida Tiessen know if you can attend the afternoon visioning and pastoral review session. In preparation for the day, please review the material shared in mailboxes earlier in September.

### ◆ **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! Register online at [uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/school-laypeople-doing-spiritual-care-november-3-2018](http://uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/school-laypeople-doing-spiritual-care-november-3-2018) or contact Pastor Alicia. Cost is \$40, bursaries are available.

◆ **Potluck Lunch, Sunday, November 11** following the morning worship service. All are invited to bring their favourite dish to share with all at a potluck lunch in the church basement. Following the meal you are invited to stay and join the visioning and pastoral review focus groups (see next item.)

### ◆ **Visioning and Pastoral Review Focus Groups**

All are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 11** to add your voice to this important conversation. After worship we'll share a potluck lunch and then have an opportunity for you to provide feedback on the direction of our church. After a break, you will be invited to share your experiences of Pastor Alicia's ministry to contribute to her review. In preparation for the day, please review the material shared in mailboxes earlier in September. Please let Maida Tiessen or Joanne Brown know of your interest in participating in the afternoon sessions so that they know how many focus groups to prepare.

◆ **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 NLUMC. 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.

◆ **Leamington Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 24.**

NLUMC is preparing a float for the annual parade. More information to follow.

◆ **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.

◆ **New Addresses and Phone Numbers for —**

**Paul & Ruth Warkentin**

**Robert & Louise Cornies**

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017 – October 8, 2018** (86.5% of year) \$227,190.80 (75.8%) of our \$299,700 unified church budget has been donated to date. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **Save the Dates** ◆

School for Laypeople: Doing Spiritual Care – November 3 – NLUMC

Potluck Lunch and Visioning & Pastoral Review Focus Groups – November 11 - NLUMC

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

Christmas Parade – November 24

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

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Physics Rocket Launch, today**, (weather permitting.) Join us for an outdoor BBQ lunch from 11:30 am - 1 pm followed by our robotics in action with several interactive displays, followed by our Grade 11 Physics rocket launch which will prove to be our best yet! 16 different rockets will be launched, each with their own features and design. Invite your friends!

▶ **Ground beef** orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, October 17** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, October 25.

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice.** New singers welcome. Regular practices will begin on **Monday, October 15** at 2 pm at the Heritage Centre.

### ◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ Our Home is pleased to have completed its Administrator Search process with the appointment of **Jeff Konrad as the next Administrator.** Jeff will begin his new role on December 3, working together with Linda Tiessen through a time of transition and mentoring. Our Home appreciates the continued prayerful support of our member congregations for Jeff and Linda as they work together through a time of change. Jeff is a member of the North Leamington United Mennonite Church and has been involved with the Home in the past through special projects and Corporate Membership.

▶ **Auxiliary meeting, Monday, October 15** at 7 pm in the JC Neufeld Place of Fellowship.

▶ **A Moonlight River Cruise, Saturday, October 20.** We thank the community for its strong support of the 2018 Gala fundraiser. Some tickets remain available for this moonlight river cruise. Please call the front 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.

### ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

1. **Friday, November 9:** *The Road Less Traveled – Poland & Germany*  
by Glen Sellick

2. **Friday, November 30:** *Ukraine Cruise* by David Dyck

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers, Fall Concert, *To Everything there is a Season*** on **Saturday, November 24** at UMEI at 7:30 pm and **Sunday, November 25** at LUMC at 3 pm. Admission: adults \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance, students \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance, available from Kindred Credit Union or choir members. Call UMEI, 519-326-7448 for more information.

### ◆ **Employment Opportunity**

**Administrative Assistant - The Leamington Mennonite Home** invites applications for a position working with databases, problem solving and reception duties. The position also includes assistance with special projects with the future possibility of full-time work. Please contact Jacquie Turnbull at

519-326-6109 or jacquie@mennonitehome.ca for more information or the submission of a resume by October 17.

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, October 10 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

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **The Marketplace**, MEDA, September October 2018
  - **Mennonite Historian**, Volume 44, No. 3
  - **A Common Place**, MCC, Fall 2018
  - **25 Ways to Give**, MCC Christmas Giving Guide 2018
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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](mailto:alicia@nlumc.com) ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for Wheatley Baptist Church.

Please pray for *Irma (& Henry) Janzen* who continues her recovery in Leamington.

Congratulations to *Jeff Konrad & Stacey Ford* who were married yesterday, October 13.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Rev. Henry P. Epp*, who passed away Wednesday, October 3. Visitation is at Reid Funeral Home, Sunday, October 14, 4-7 pm. The funeral will take place at LUMC on Monday, October 15 at 1 pm

*Pastor Alicia* is at the French River officiating the Konrad/Ford wedding.

*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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