

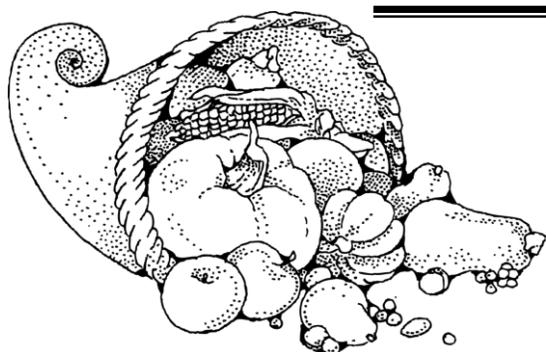


Sunday, October 7, 2018
Thanksgiving Service
World Communion Sunday
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Brenda Fischer
Speakers: Kendall Jongejan Harder,
Charleen Jongejan Harder, Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011



Order of Worship

Choir — children bring forward the offerings of produce, preserves, baked goods, etc.

Call to worship

Thanksgiving prayer

Hymn #94, *Come, ye thankful people, come* (on screen)

Hymn #89, *For the beauty of the earth* (on screen)

Children's feature

Worship music — Holy God we praise thy name / Grosser Gott

Sharing time & community prayer

Message — The Gospel of Mark in eight minutes

STJ #61, *How can we be silent*

Offering with hymn #391, *God, whose farm is all creation*

Communion

Sharing the Bread

Worship music —

Our Father who art in Heaven

Sharing the Cup

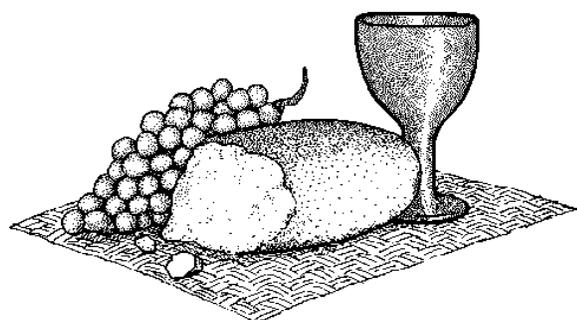
Worship music —

In the bulb there is a flower

Shout out

Sending prayer

Hymn #118, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*



After the worship service, you are invited to take items from the Thanksgiving tables for a freewill offering.

All proceeds from the Thanksgiving tables will go towards The Bridge — Leamington Youth Resource Center.

Today . . .

— 9 am, Choir practice for the morning choir.

Next Sunday, October 14 —

▶ 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.

▶ 10 am — Join us for worship as Pastor Kendall continues with the Gospel of Mark sermon 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 would love to invite you to a "Learn About it" event at church on Sunday, October 14 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 16-8. Questions? Can't come, but want to know more? Talk to Charleen.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, October 10** at 7:30 pm.

◆ **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> .

◆ **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, hearing 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.) Let Lindsey Ecker know if you have questions or would like to participate so she knows how many materials to bring each week.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Children's Sunday School News**

Goats for Kids! We have reached five goats for MCC!

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

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

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018** (83.3% of year) \$220,700.80 (73.6%) 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.

◆ **Save the Dates** ◆

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

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

Christmas Parade — November 24

**The church office will be closed
Tuesday, October 9 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
We will reopen at 9 am on Wednesday morning.**

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 . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Physics Rocket Launch.** Join us on **Sunday, October 14** 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.

▶ **Lightning Bolt.** A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or donated to the 2nd Annual Lightning Bolt! It was a huge success and we raised over \$19,000 for a new driveway! Save the date for next year's Lightning Bolt on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

◆ **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

▶ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service Update on the September Ottawa Area Tornado Response.** On Friday, September 21, three tornados touched down in the northwest part of Ottawa and Gatineau, the strongest of these (an EF-3 up to 265 km/hr winds) hitting the Kinburn and Dunrobin communities of greater Ottawa. In Dunrobin alone 30 homes need to be rebuilt and another 20 are in critical condition. MDS ON local CCP, Osiah Horst, was on site the next morning investigating. MDS ON has responded in the week following the tornado with local volunteers and called in volunteers with chainsaw certification. The first week 36 volunteers, putting in 50 volunteer days, cleared fallen and damaged trees around homes, cleaned up debris, and repaired farm fences. Further work is planned as MDS moves out into the more rural areas. *With limited accommodations only skilled day volunteers are requested.* Please send any inquiries to ON Unit Secretary, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or email hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com.

◆ **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, 2018.

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

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 for events.** ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Knox Presbyterian Church.

Please pray for *Erica (& Jake) Hamm* as Erica recovers from pneumonia.

Please pray for *Jeff Konrad & Stacey Ford* as they prepare for their upcoming marriage on Saturday, October 13.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Margaret Koop*, mother of *Randy & Judy Koop*, who passed away Wednesday, October 3. The funeral was held on Saturday, October 6 at Faith Mennonite Church.

Congratulations to *Jake & Martha Janzen* who celebrated 50 years of marriage on Friday, October 5. They are thankful for all of the many prayers and love and rides to Windsor shown to us during Jake's hospitalization. He is now recovering in the Leamington Mennonite Home. Thanks be to God.

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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