



Sunday, November 11, 2018

Peace Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Warkentin

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Worship Music: Natalie Dorion, Jonathan Bayley,

Tobias Jongejan Harder, Barbara Martens,

Jim Wiebe, Linda Regehr

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Prelude — excerpts from Beethoven & Bayley

Announcements

Opening hymns — STJ #54, *Longing for light*

HWB #110, *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*

Call to worship

Worship music — King of Love

Children's time

Offering with worship music — I Have a Dream, written by Florant-Meline

Offertory prayer

HWB #495, *O let all who thirst*

Scripture text — Mark 15:6-39

Message — A Pathway to Peace

Worship music — Sanctus

A moment of silence

Sharing time

HWB #505, *I am thine, O Lord*

Benediction

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

Today —

► **Potluck Lunch has been cancelled.**

► **The Visioning and Pastor Review Focus Group meeting in the afternoon has been cancelled.** Pastor Alicia's review will proceed in the form of an on-line (or paper) survey. Paper surveys will be placed in church mail boxes.

Next Sunday, November 18 —

► **Mindful Movement for Mental Health - Intergenerational class. 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. 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, 519-322-8340 or lindseyecker@hotmail.com.

► **10 am — Join us for worship** as Pastor Alicia continues in the Gospel of Mark series with the sermon — Back From the Dead.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Peace buttons** are for sale in the foyer for \$2 each.

◆ **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.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 pm.**

◆ **NLUMC Float for Leamington Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 24.** This year we will be featuring our Sunday School and are inviting interested Sunday School students to ride on our float, *The Star of Wonder!* Judy Koop will welcome you with a “glow” necklace to shine on board. Caroline Hamm will be leading the singing and activities. Lindsey Ecker will provide the nutritional snacks. Meet at the Highbury grading station on Sherk Street at 5:45 pm. The parade starts at 6 pm and finishes at the Leamington Fairgrounds. Parents reserve your child’s spot by calling or emailing Susan Klassen, 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com.

◆ **Caregiving Committee meeting, Tuesday, December 4 at 10 am.**

◆ **Blue Christmas.** Perhaps you're feeling blue this Christmas season. It might be because of a loss of a loved one, a broken dream, or a significant disappointment. Maybe you are far away from family and friends or are struggling with your mental or physical health. NLUMC pastors invite you to bring whatever might be heavy on your heart to our Blue Christmas Service on **Thursday, December 13** from 7-8 pm. This is an opportunity for simple prayer and reflection in a contemplative style that's set apart from the usual festivities of the Christmas season.

◆ **Goats for Kids!** Our herd of goats continues to grow! For every \$60 that we collect from our Sunday School collections, MCC can provide a goat to a struggling community to aid in improving the livelihood of the local people. **We now have funds to provide 10 goats.** Thanks for being generous! This project will continue until December 31. Goat trivia...Goats are herbivores with four stomachs to digest their grassy, leafy food. They burp a lot!

◆ **Cookies & Coffee – Calling all bakers!** During the Advent season we would like to add cookies to our coffee time after church. We need about 10 dozen cookies for each Sunday during Advent – December 2, 9, 16 and 23. If you can provide some or all of the cookies needed for a particular Sunday, please sign up with Debbie Srigley. Cookies can be dropped off in the kitchen before worship. Looking forward to tasting everyone's delicious baking!

◆ **Sunday School Christmas Eve** concert rehearsals are now in full swing and regular attendance of the Sunday School students would be appreciated for our performance to run smoothly. Parents are invited to enjoy a coffee after Sunday morning services in order to give enough time for concert rehearsal and lessons. **We will be having our dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 23 right after the church service.** A pizza lunch will be provided. Thank you for your help! We look forward to Christmas Eve.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017 – November 7, 2018** (93.7% of year) \$257,313.05 (85.8%) of our \$299,700 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ Save the Dates ◆

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

Christmas Parade – November 24

Memorial Sunday – November 25

Senior's Christmas Social – November 27

First Advent and Communion – December 2

Blue Christmas – December 13

All Youth Christmas Party – December 16

◆ **New Email Address for —**
Marge Friesen

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, November 12** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **UMEI Autumn Campaign.** Over the next weeks, you may receive UMEI Autumn Campaign materials in your church mailboxes or by mail. We thank you, the members of our supporting churches, for the many ways that you help contribute to our school. Your generous contributions help to make it possible for families of our community to access a quality Christian Education. Thank you in advance for considering participation in this year's campaign.

▶ **Zwieback** orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, November 12** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, November 14.

▶ **Annual Members Meeting, Wednesday, November 14.** This meeting is open to anyone interested. The meeting will be in the Chapel at 7 pm. Copies of the report are available from the church foyer or by contacting UMEI.

▶ **Discovery Day.** Don't spend your PA Day at home! Grades 4 to 6 are invited to see what UMEI Christian High School is all about at Discovery Day. Enjoy a day of fun, games, music and lunch. Join us **Friday, November 16** from 10 am - 1 pm. To register, contact Abby Neufeld Dick by email at abbynd@umei.ca or call the UMEI office at 519-326-7448. Doors for Discovery Day open at 9:30 am.

▶ **Save the Date - Grade 11 Drama Class presents: *A Christmas Carol*** on **Friday, November 30** at 7 pm and **Sunday, December 2** at 2 pm. Tickets for the play are available at the door – adults \$10; students \$6; children 5 years and under – free. Before the play on Sunday, come out and enjoy a chili lunch in the auditorium at the students *Annual Chili Cookoff* from 12-1:30 pm – admission by donation.

◆ **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.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

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

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bake Sale.** Our Home invites everyone to the Annual Christmas Bake Sale, **Saturday, December 1** from 8 am to ? at the Leamington United Mennonite Church. All proceeds support the work of the Home's Auxiliary and our ministry of eldercare. Donations of raisin bread, zwiebach, cookies and other pastries will be accepted on Friday, November 30 from 9 am to noon.

▶ **Annual Leamington Mennonite Home Open House.** Family and friends of the Home are invited to the annual Christmas Open House on **Sunday, December 2** from 2:30-3:30 pm. The Heritage Choir will sing and Santa promises to visit.

Youth . . .

▶ **Theatre of the Beat** presents *#ChurchToo* on **Tuesday, November 13**, 7 pm at NLUMC. Senior Youth (grades 9-12) are encouraged to attend.

▶ **Thursday, November 15**, 7-8:30 pm at NLUMC, Senior Youth round table conversation on *#ChurchToo*.

▶ **Leamington Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 24**, Junior & Senior Youth are needed to help with our church float!

▶ **Friday, November 30**, 7 pm. Junior & Senior Youth are attending the UMEI Grade 11 play.

▶ **Hosts are needed** for the all Youth Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 16**.

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

▶ **Attention Students** — It's never too early to plan for your further education in September of 2019. Do you know that both Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford and Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg offer full tuition assistance? Check out the **Sheep & Goats MDS Service Scholarship/Bursary** at each of the schools' Financial Aid page.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, November 7 update
- **Southwestern Ontario Harvest Dinner & Presentation**, November 26
- **Lights of Life**, Erie Shores Healthcare, Leamington, December 2

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda and their new minister Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel.

Please pray for *Astrid (& Walt) Koop* who is in hospital in Windsor.

Please pray for *Erica (& Jake) Hamm* as she continues to recover from pneumonia.

Thank you to our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those whose love, kindness and prayers have comforted and supported us through the past months. Your cards, messages, prayers and giving have been greatly appreciated. God bless you all!

. . . *Michelle & Dave Boulton, Tori and Kyra Brown*

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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