

## Sunday, November 18, 2018

Worship Service – 10 am

Worship Leader: Lorna Wiebe Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ. NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

#### **Order of Worship**

Welcome Hymn #269, *Thine is the glory* Song — *The Mountain of God* (on screen) Announcements Children's feature Offering with STS #123, *Let us talents and tongues employ* Offertory prayer Scripture reading — Mark 16:1-8 Message — Back From the Dead! STS #124, *My soul cries out* Sharing and prayer Hymn #273, *Low in the Grave* Benediction

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

Today -

► Mindful Movement for Mental Health - Intergenerational class will resume on Sunday, November 25.

## Memorial Sunday, November 25 —

▶ 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. The final class, in this series, will be held Sunday, December 2.

▶ 10 am — Join us for worship on Memorial Sunday as Pastor Alicia brings the message, *Now but not yet: living with grief and hope*. We will be lighting candles for members of NLUMC who passed away in the last year. People who have experienced other griefs or losses will also be invited to light a candle.

## Church Life . . .

♦ NLUMC Float for Learnington 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.

♦ Senior's Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 27, 2 pm at the Heritage Center, Pickwick Drive, Leamington.

### ◆ 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.

♦ 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 16, 2018 (96.2% of year) \$276,656.55 (92.3%) of our \$299,700 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

#### Save the Dates ♦

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

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

### UMEI Christian High School News

► Community Fundraising Lunch, today - 11:30 am - 1 pm. Come join us for cabbage rolls, roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert at our November fundraising meal. Admission by donation. Take out is also available. ► Ground Beef orders are due in the office by noon Wednesday, November 21 and will be ready to pick up Thursday, November 29. ▶ 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, November 28. Pie orders will arrive in time for Christmas. ► 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.

#### ♦ Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, November 19 at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

## Learnington Mennonite Home News

► Auxiliary meeting, Monday, November 19 at 7 pm in the JC Neufeld Place of Fellowship.

► 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.

♦ 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.

#### Sesses Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Travelogue at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm on **Friday, November 30**: *Ukraine Cruise* by David Dyck. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

♦ Hey Jingle, A kids' Christmas musical will be at the Bank Theatre, 10 Erie St. S., Learnington on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person.

#### ♦ MCEC Event: Caregiving in a #ChurchToo World,

**January 19, 2019**. **Time-sensitive event information:** If you are interested in more education around #ChurchToo, you are encouraged to consider attending a special seminar on Saturday, January 19 at Steinmann Mennonite Church, Baden, Ontario, on the theme of "Caregiving in a #ChurchToo World" with prominent keynote speaker Marie Fortune. This event is open to interested MCEC congregants. Space is limited so make sure people from your church register ASAP at https://uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/pccl2019.

#### Employment Opportunities

► Canadian Mennonite is hiring an Online Media Manager, a full-time position that can be worked remotely. Multi-media journalists with a passion for the Mennonite church are welcome to apply. Go to canadianmennonite.org/employment.

► MCC Ontario is looking for a Director of Social Enterprise. The Director of Social Enterprise provides leadership to all thrift and social enterprise operations within MCC Ontario. A key element is relationship building with staff, councils and volunteers. For more info and to apply, go to mcco.ca/serve.

#### See brochure rack for the following ....

- Breaking Bread, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Fall 2018
- The Marketplace, MEDA, November/December 2018

#### 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, Learnington, December 2

# Youth . .

 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.

Sunday, December 2, Junior Youth Virtual Reality Escape Room,
3-7 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Pastor Alicia before
November 25 to sign up.

Tuesday, December 18, Senior Youth Virtual Reality Escape Room, 4-9 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Pastor Alicia before December 11 to sign up.

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

► 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.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for Leamington Evangelical Mennonite Church and their pastors; Jacob Enns and Lowell Froese.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for East Zorra Mennonite Church near Tavistock Ontario.

Please pray for Astrid (& Walt) Koop who is hospice in Leamington.

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

Please pray for people struggling with mental health concerns.

Congratulations to *Karlee Driedger*, daughter of *Dennis & Karen Driedger*, and *Bryan Boersma*, son of Mark & Wilma Boersma, on the occasion of their engagement. A summer 2019 wedding is being planned.

Please pray for *Philip Friesen* and his place of work as his co-worker passed away suddenly Sunday, November 11.

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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