



North
Leamington
United
Mennonite
Church

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Memorial Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Debbie Srigley

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening prayer

Worship music — Thy will

Children's feature

Offering with hymn #377, *Healer of our every ill*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Revelation 21:1-7

Message — The Kingdom of God: Now but Not Yet.

STJ #27, *God of the Bible*

Memorial service and candle lighting

Margaret Braun (91), passed away December 5, 2017

Matthew Derksen (45), passed away December 26, 2017

Marianne Driedger (95), passed away January 1, 2018

Paul Krueger (70), passed away February 22, 2018

Anita Lehn (77), passed away April 11, 2018

Richard Hamm (62), passed away June 15, 2018

John W. Dick (77), passed away June 26, 2018

Worship music — Don't worry about me

Sharing time

Pastoral prayer

Worship music — Here I am Lord

Words of blessing

Hymn #430, *God be with you*

*This morning the flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by the
Leamington Mennonite Home in memory
of those residents, volunteers and supporters*

*who were members of the NLUMC congregation and passed away this year
and by the family of Astrid Koop who passed away this week.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends
who have experienced loss and bereavement.*

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

Today —

► **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.

First Advent Sunday, December 2 —

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► **10 am — Sunday, December 2 is Advent 1.** Jeremiah 33:14-16 provides the theme motto for our Advent worship theme: "The Lord is our Righteousness - What does Good look like?" The prophet Isaiah claimed this as the official motto for the new Jerusalem; what would it mean to have God's justice and goodness as our motto to live by? This service will include communion and an opportunity for prayer and with anointing with oil will follow the worship service. If you wish to receive prayer and anointing you are invited to remain in the sanctuary after the benediction.

Church Life . . .

♦ **Senior's Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 27,** 2 pm at the Heritage Center, Pickwick Drive, Leamington. If you have a loved one at the Mennonite Home or apartments please bring them to this Christmas Party if they need assistance.

♦ **Community Meal, Wednesday, November 28** at St. John's Anglican Church, Leamington. Preparation begins at 1 pm, serving begins at 4 pm and we finish at approximately 6 pm. We are looking for volunteers for the day to prepare and serve the meal. Please contact Tammy Warkentin if you can help.

♦ **Pastoral Survey.** In September 2018, NLUMC members were invited to participate in a focus group session scheduled for Sunday November 11, 2018. To date, interest in participating in focus groups has been low and so Personnel Team, in consultation with Pastor Alicia, has decided to go forward with a review through an online and paper survey.

Your participation is very important for us to discern Pastor Alicia's ministry. Your feedback will help to shape and guide her work and development as a pastor going forward.

Paper surveys are in your church mailslot. Please return paper surveys to the box in the church foyer by **November 30, 2018**.

For your convenience you can also go to
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLUMC_Pastoral_term_review_2018
to complete the survey online. Again, please complete the survey by
November 30, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the survey, please contact Joanne Brown. Thank you for your investment in our shared experience!

♦ **Caregiving Committee meeting, Tuesday, December 4 at 9:30 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.

♦ **Hospitality Committee** requests that you check the church kitchen for any dishes that you may have left there.

♦ **New Email Address for —**

John & Marion Driedger

♦ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017 – November 22, 2018** (98.1% of year) \$293,793 (98%) of our \$299,700 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

♦ **Save the Dates** ♦

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 . . .

♦ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers, Fall Concert, *To Everything there is a Season*** today at LUMC at 3 pm. Admission: adults \$15 at the door, students \$7 at the door.

♦ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, November 26** at 2:30 pm at the Heritage Center.

♦ **Essex 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.

♦ **UMEI Christian High School News**

► **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.

► **Shop UMEI Vista Christmas Order.** Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 3**. Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, December 7. This will be the last order before Christmas.

► **Save the date – Lightning Live: Friday, December 14.** Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2018 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes. Lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the day runs from 10 am - 2:30 pm. To pre-register email abbynd@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448. **NOTE:** New students who register for the 2019-2020 school year by February 28 will receive a \$200 tuition credit and a free t-shirt.

► **Save the date – Christmas Concert.** UMEI's annual Christmas Concert will take place **Friday, December 14** at 7 pm in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome.

► **Autumn Campaign.** Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's Annual Autumn Campaign. To date, we have received \$20,300. This is about 26% of our final goal of \$77,000. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to UMEI's Autumn Campaign. Your generous contributions help to make it possible for families of our community to access a quality Christian Education.

♦ **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.

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

♦ **Heritage Choir Christmas program, Saturday, December 15,** 7 pm at the Heritage Centre, Pickwick Drive.

♦ **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/pcc12019>.

♦ 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 21 update
 - **Southwestern Ontario Harvest Dinner & Presentation**, November 26
 - **Lights of Life**, Erie Shores Healthcare, Leamington, December 2
 - **Christmas greetings from MCC Ontario**
 - **Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Giving Guide 2018**
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Youth . . .

- **Friday, November 30**, 7 pm. Junior & Senior Youth are invited to attend the UMEI Grade 11 play. **Contact Pastor Alicia for tickets.**
- **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**.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for St. John's Anglican Church and their pastor Andrew Wilson.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Église Évangélique Mennonite de Joliette, Joliette, Quebec.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Astrid Koop*, wife of Walter and mother of Jamie & Carol Koop, Andrea & Jim Yantzi and Anne-Marie & John Kap, who passed away Monday, November 19. The funeral was held at NLUMC on Thursday, November 22.

Please pray for people struggling with mental health concerns.

*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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