



Sunday, November 4, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Gerry Willms
Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder
Worship Music: Joan Willms

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome and announcements
STJ #9, *Come, now is the time to worship*
Worship music — Open thou mine eyes
Call to worship
STS #116, *I saw a tree by the riverside*
Children's feature – Quiltmaker's Gift
Offering with STJ #44, *The love of God*
Offertory prayer

Listening

Scripture reading — Mark 10:17-31
Prayer of Confession and Dedication
Message — Let it Go!
HWB #389, *Take my life*

Sharing

Sharing time and pastoral prayer
STS #49, *I will come to you in the silence*

Sending

Worship music — Lord, I want to be a Christian
Benediction

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.

Peace Sunday, November 11 —

▶ The intergenerational education class, Mindful Movement for Mental Health, will resume on Sunday, November 18.

▶ 9:45 am — We welcome musicians Natalie Dorion and Jonathan Bayley to our service this morning. Come early and listen to the musical prelude as well as the worship music during the service as they are joined by Tobias Jongejan Harder, Jim Wiebe, Barbara Martens and Linda Regehr.

▶ **10 am** — **Join us for worship** on Peace Sunday with Pastor Kendall continuing in the series of Mark with his message based on Mark 15:16-39.

▶ **Potluck Lunch**, following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to bring their favourite side dish or dessert to share with all at a potluck lunch in the church basement. Colasanti's chicken and buns/butter will be supplied. A freewill offering basket will be set up to cover the cost of the chicken.

Following the meal you are invited to stay and join the visioning and pastoral review focus groups.

▶ **Visioning and Pastoral Review Focus Groups.** All are invited to join us to add your voice to this important conversation. After worship we will 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.**

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. We invite everyone to mark their calendar now to attend on **November 13** and to invite others from our community.

◆ **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. 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.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018** (91.8% of year) \$252,983.05 (84.4%) 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 ◆

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

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, November 5** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ 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

◆ MCC Peace Conference

Saturday, November 10, 9 am - 4 pm at Forward Church, 55 Franklin Ave, Cambridge. MCC's Peace Conference will inspire and inform through general sessions, workshops and conversations with hundreds of like-minded messengers of peace. Bring the kids along (ages 4-10) to become Junior Peacebuilders! Spaces are limited, and preregistration is required (\$10/child and \$25/adult). Call 519-745-8458 or go to mcco.ca/peace-conference to learn more and to register.

◆ 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.

◆ Employment Opportunity

The Canadian Mennonite is seeking a full-time social media coordinator with the possibility of working remotely. For more information please contact Tobi Thiessen, Publisher, publisher@canadianmennonite.org, 1-800-378-2524, ext. 228, or Virginia A. Hostetler, Executive editor, 1-800-378-2524, ext. 225, editor@canadianmennonite.org

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, October 25 update

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Christian Peacemaker teams**, Team reports, July – September 2018
- **Courier**, Mennonite World Conference, October 2018

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.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Wheatley Evangel Tabernacle and their pastor Dorman Pollet.

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

I am home again after my second hospital stay for pneumonia. Hopefully this new treatment will be successful. Thank you to all who prayed, sent cards, visited and brought over food. Your love is appreciated. . . *Erica Hamm*

Our prayers go out to the family of *John Driedger*, husband of Linda, brother of Paul & Shirley Driedger, Dave & Mary Lou Driedger and Bill & Julie Driedger, who passed away Saturday, October 27. The funeral was held at NLUMC on Tuesday, October 30.

MCEC is inviting all congregations to join in a nationwide call to prayer for comfort and strength for our Jewish faith communities, particularly those here in Canada and the USA. In the wake of the Pittsburgh massacre of Jewish worshippers this week, all congregations in MC Canada are being asked to pray this Sunday for Jewish faith communities that have been impacted by this act of violence. Please join your sister congregations in lamenting all forms of violence against those who are different from us. Pray that those who grieve may be enfolded in God's comforting embrace and that God's healing power might restore shalom in communities whose peace has been shattered by violence. May our prayers stand in solidarity with all who call on God in this time of sorrow and grief.

Wow! You knocked our socks off! We delivered 196 pairs of socks and 74 undies to The Bridge through our Socktober and Undie Sunday campaign. Many thanks from *The Bridge and from the Missions Committee*

Pastor Alicia is with a group of Junior Youth at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener today attending MCEC's Junior Youth Make a Difference Day. This year's theme is *worship in the church*.

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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