



Sunday, December 30, 2018

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Hymn #206, *Infant holy, infant lowly*

Hymn #210, *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

Opening

Call to worship — on screen

Worship music — In the garden

Children's feature

Hymn and offering #190, *'Twas in the moon of wintertime*

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral prayer

Worship music — Be thou my vision

Scripture reading — Psalm 148

Message — Let Everything that has Breath (or not) Praise the Lord!

Hymn #209, *Oh, how joyfully* (v 1 German, v 2 and 3 English)

Benediction

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

Next Sunday, January 6

10 am — Join us for our first worship service in 2019 as Pastor Alicia brings the message: Following the Star. Children's Sunday School will resume classes.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration Classes** begin **Sunday, February 3** at 8:45 am. If you are interested in participating, please contact pastor Alicia.

◆ **Campers** — If you are interested in camping next summer with fellow NLUMC members, there are plans underfoot to camp together at Wheatley Provincial Park the weekend after DVBS, **from July 12-14**. If you want to

support these plans or give feedback. If you want to support these plans or give feedback, contact Lindsey and Jason Ecker or Pastor Charleen.

The church office will be closed

Tuesday, January 1.

We will reopen with regular hours on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Emergency Refugee Housing Needed.** Matthew House is a Christian Ministry that supports refugees and newcomers to Canada in Windsor. Right now the City of Windsor is experiencing a crisis in lack of emergency housing and shelter space. Matthew House is looking for volunteers who are able to provide emergency housing for newly arrived refugee claimants when all other shelters in Windsor are full. Volunteers are asked to provide 1-2 weeks of emergency housing until other housing becomes available. Volunteers will be matched by Matthew House according to how many people they are able to accommodate (singles, couples, or families.) Volunteers will need to provide food and possibly assist with some transportation during that period of time. No financial compensation is available for volunteers. If you are able to provide 1-2 weeks of emergency housing to a refugee family, or if you have questions, please contact Matthew House at 519-945-7627 or email Mike at executivedirector@matthewhouse.windsor.org

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's Annual **Autumn Campaign**. To date, we have received \$44,000. This is about 57% 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. Making your donation today ensures that you receive a tax-deductible receipt that can be applied to your 2018 tax returns.

◆ **2019 MCC Calendars** are available in the church foyer.

◆ **EKMHA News**

▶ **Travelogues** at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

Friday, January 11: *Camping through Iceland* by
Larry and Nancy Burgess

Friday, February 1: *China* by Ed and Helen Brown

▶ **Saturday, January 19: Super Soup Night**, 6 pm at UMEI.

Admission to all events by donation. All are welcome!

◆ **Mennonite Burial Society.** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at 2 pm in the Pleasant Manor Oakview Chapel on 15 Elden Street in Virgil. Discussions to include levy rates and sustainability of society, revisions to constitution (for Jan 2020 AGM vote) regarding dissolution processes (society is not dissolving, however members may vote on this at a future AGM) and expanded eligibility of new members, etc. Board and committee positions are available. For further information please contact Barry Boese, 905-228-1850, info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

◆ **Employment Opportunities**

▶ **Summer Camps Coordinator.** UMEI Christian High School is looking for a university student to coordinate the school's summer day camps; specifically Camp Explore U for grades 3-6 students as well as Rockets and Robotics for grades 4-8 students. The successful candidate will be proactive in planning and developing the three week-long camp programs. The position runs from May 27 – August 2 and offers 30 hours/week. For more details contact Sonya Bedal at principal@umei.ca.

▶ **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre – Executive Director.** Hidden Acres is a long-established, year-round Christian ministry in Perth County, Ontario. We are seeking an Executive Director to guide development of the overall ministry of the camp and oversee program, personnel, facility, public relations, fundraising, and administration. Deadline is February 6. For more information, visit the opportunities page on our website www.hiddenacres.ca.

Youth . . .

▶ **Sunday, January 6,** after worship, "**Cooking with Omas and Opas.**" Junior & Senior Youth are invited to join the older generation to make and eat a tasty lunch together. You do not actually have to be an Oma or Opa to attend! Contact Pastor Alicia by January 3 to register for this event.

▶ **Winter Retreat.** LUMC has invited our senior youth to join them for their winter retreat at Hidden Acres **February 15-18.** Cost is approximately \$120 per person. Transportation will be by bus from Leamington. Contact Pastor Alicia by January 9 to register.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service, December 19 update**

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Fall 2018

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Leamington Church (Seventh Day Adventist) and their pastor Dirk Zinner.

Marge Friesen is grateful for the prayers and support she has received after the passing of her brother-in-law Abe Giesbrecht.

Michelle (& Dave) Boulton are grateful for all the support Michelle has received in cards, visits, meals and prayers following her surgery. Please continue to pray for Michelle as she recovers.

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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