



**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Joel Epp

Speaker: Alicia Good

*Growing relationships, in Christ.*

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

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## **Order of Worship**

### **Epiphany: Light of a Star**

Welcome and announcements

Hymn #46, *I sing the mighty power of God*

Song, *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (on screen)

Call to worship & prayer

Offering with song, *We three kings* (on screen)

Offertory prayer

Children's story

Epiphany litany (on screen)

Hymn #215, *What child is this*

Scripture reading — Matthew 2:1-15

Message — Following the Star

STS #26, *Helpless and hungry*

Sharing time and prayer

Hymn #218, *As with gladness men of old*

Benediction

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

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**Epiphany: The Light of a Star first guided the Wise Ones on their journey to find the infant King, the Light of the World!** In 2019, wherever we are; whether walking in our neighbourhood, sailing on a cruise ship, or flying from one part of the world to another, the Stars in the night sky are the same for all of us - a piece of home in a new place; as ever-present as God's love for those who are on the move! Global migration is higher than it has ever been. Conflict, income inequality, and climate change continue to increase the number of people crossing borders in search of employment, human rights, and security from injustice! ..... **In our journey, are we a just and hospitable community to everyone seeking the Light of a Star!**

## *Next Sunday, January 13*

10 am – Join us for worship as Pastor Alicia brings the message: Outsiders are Welcome Here!

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, January 9, 7 pm.**

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

◆ **Do you Love Exploring the World?** This February, visitors from around the world are coming to us! On February 5-12 the Leamington area Mennonite Churches will be hosting the MCC International Visitor Exchange Program (IVEP) mid-term conference at NLUMC. This is the program that Sharon Dass is participating in. It is an exciting opportunity to have 60 young people from around the world here in our building. Some ways you can be involved:

- Billet two or more IVEPers in your home for the week. If you have a spare bed or two and are interested in this opportunity to interact with some of these amazing young people, please talk with Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder, 519-329-1514.
- Attend the International Worship Festival on Sunday evening February 10 as IVEP participants present worship with a worldwide flavour.
- Assist the Hospitality Committee as they provide some meals during the week.

◆ **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.

### — **Upcoming Event** —

**NLUMC Annual General meeting – February 10**

Junior and Senior Youth will be hosting a fundraising pasta lunch prior to the Annual Meeting.

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## **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 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, please contact Matthew House at 519-945-7627 or email Mike at [executivedirector@matthewhouse.windsor.org](mailto:executivedirector@matthewhouse.windsor.org)

### ◆ **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** 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](mailto:info@mennoniteburialsociety.com) .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice will resume on Monday, January 14.

### ◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

Our Home extends wishes for a healthy, joyous and blessed 2019 to our supporting Mennonite Churches. There are many opportunities to visit and help bring joy to our community of care. Please consider the following invitations to serve —

1. **Hair Salon.** Volunteers are needed to assist in our Hair Salon with portering residents. Volunteers are needed Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 am.
2. **Meals on Wheels.** Volunteers are invited to deliver hot meals to residents in the Complex and surrounding area on Fridays beginning at 11:30 am for twenty minutes.

Please contact Terri Epp at [terri@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:terri@mennonitehome.ca) or 519-326-6109 if you can assist with either of these opportunities.

## ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **Autumn Campaign.** 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.

► **UMEI Open House.** Come see what UMEI Christian High School is all about at our Open House, on **Wednesday, January 30** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tour the facilities and meet students, current parents and faculty.

## ◆ Employment Opportunity

► **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](mailto:principal@umei.ca).

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## Youth . . .

► **Today,** 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.

► **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.

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*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 2 update

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **Christian Peacemaker Teams**, Oct – Dec 2018
  - **Mennonite Historian**, December 2018
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## **Prayer List . . .**

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for South Mersea (Hillman) United Church.

Pray for *Kimberly Jongejan* of Denver, Charleen's sister-in-law, who is undergoing a series of surgeries to deal with complex kidney stones.

Continue to pray for *Michelle (& Dave) Boulton* who had a second surgery this week. The family is grateful for the prayers they have received.

*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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