



Sunday, January 13, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Paul Cornies

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Light of a Star

Welcome and announcements

Hymn #6, *Here in this place*

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

Call to worship

Children's story

Offering with hymn #46, *I sing the mighty power of God*

Offertory prayer

Responsive reading (on screen)

STJ #54, *Longing for Light*

Scripture readings — Acts 8:4-8; 14-17

Message — Outsiders are Welcome Here!

Hymn #322, *For we are strangers no more*

Sharing time and prayer

Hymn #545, *Be thou my vision*

Benediction

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

Join us in our eight-week series: Light of a Star. 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 20

10 am – By the Light of the Star, Justice on the Journey: Migration and the Anabaptist-Mennonite Story (Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday)

On the move. Migration has always been an element of the Anabaptist-Mennonite experience, from the 1500's to today. In celebration and solidarity with our global sisters and brothers of Mennonite World Conference, we worship and reflect on God's call to welcome the migrant, and the alien in our midst. Texts: Leviticus 19:33-34, Luke 4:18-21; I Peter 2:11-12.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, January 16, 7:30 pm.**

◆ **Community Meal.** Our first community meal for 2019 is **Wednesday, January 23** 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 to help out with the meal prep, serving and cleanup. We are also looking for volunteers to make the "Puff Pastry Dessert." There are packages in the foyer which contain the recipe and ingredients. If you take one of these packages, please pick up a tub of coolwhip from the freezer here at NLUMC to complete the ingredient list. Please deliver your completed dessert to St. John's Anglican Church by 2 pm on January 23. Please contact Tammy Warkentin if you can help or need assistance with delivery of dessert.

◆ **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 at NLUMC at 7:30 pm as IVEP participants present worship with a worldwide flavour.
- Assist the Hospitality Committee as they provide some meals during the week. Please contact Karen Driedger if you can help.

◆ **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 – Sunday, February 10

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

The Youth will be fundraising for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

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 info@matthewhousewindsor.org

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, January 14** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center. New singers are welcome.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **NEW to ShopUMEI for 2019.** As always, our ShopUMEI cards (Superstore, Tim Horton's, and FreshCo) can be purchased during business hours at UMEI and Sawatzky Balzer & Wiens LLP. New this year will be evening pick-ups once a month at LUMC. January orders must be placed with the UMEI office at 519-326-7448 by **Wednesday, January 16 at noon**. Orders will be available for pick up at LUMC on Wednesday, January 30 from 7-7:30 pm.

▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, January 27, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** Come join us at our January fundraising meal. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

▶ **UMEI Open House.** With the increasing choices for high schools, like the IB program, it is important for families to explore the options to see which the

best fit is for their student. A great deal has changed over the years, so come out and get a feel for what is happening currently at UMEI. Experience the difference a Christian education can make for your student! Join us on **Wednesday, January 30** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at UMEI Christian High School.

► **Early Registration for 2019/2020.** We are now accepting registrations for the 2019/2020 school year. Registration packages can be downloaded from umei.ca or picked up in the office. Get your Grade 9 Application forms in by **February 28** and receive a \$200 tuition credit and a UMEI T-shirt!

► **Autumn Campaign.** Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's Annual Autumn Campaign. To date, we have received \$53,000. This is about 68% 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.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

Admission to all events by donation. All are welcome!

► **Travelogue** at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

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

◆ **The Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundraising**

Luncheon hosted by Leamington Meat Canner Committee on **Sunday, February 3**, 11:30 am – 2 pm at UMEI. Admission by Donation. Menu includes chili, fleisch perishky, borscht, buns, dessert, coffee and tea. Take out is available by calling Robert & Barb Dick by Saturday, February 2. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

◆ **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.
3. **Visiting and Reading.** There is a unique and growing opportunity to visit with, and read to, residents with vision impairment. This volunteer time would be appreciated by many of our residents in the Long Term Care Home who are experiencing vision challenges.

Please contact Terri Epp at terri@mennonitehome.ca or 519-326-6109 if you can assist with any of these opportunities.

◆ **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.

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Youth . . .

Sunday, February 10. Junior and Senior Youth will be hosting a pasta lunch prior to the Annual Meeting. Please plan to help out. The Youth will be fundraising for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Contact Pastor Alicia for details.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 2 update
- **MCC**, 2018 Year at a Glance in Ontario
- **The Giving Spoon**, The Bridge Fundraiser, February 9 & 10
- **Explore Grebel**, Open House, March 9

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Christian Peacemaker Teams**, Oct – Dec 2018
- **Mennonite Historian**, December 2018

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Faith Mennonite Church and their pastor Ruth Boehm.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Faith Mennonite Church, Leamington, Ontario.

Congratulations to *Amanda Friesen & Anthony Pizzano* on the birth of their son, *Dante Isaac Pizzano*, born Monday, January 7, 2019. Thankful grandparents are Marge Friesen and Aaron Friesen.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Helen Woelk*, mother of *Ben & Janet Woelk*, who passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The funeral was held on Saturday, January 12 at LUMC.

Continue to pray for *Michelle (& Dave) Boulton* who experienced some setbacks this week. Pray for a smooth road of healing.

Lief Founk Bartel, grandson of *Jim & Janice Founk*, born January 1, 2019 is in ICU at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Please pray for healing for the baby and strength for the family.

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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