



Sunday, January 20, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Lindsey Ecker

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Light of a Star

Announcements

Words of welcome

Hymn #327, *Great is thy faithfulness*

Hymn #119, *Praise God from whom*

Gathering/opening

Responsive prayer (on screen)

Song, *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Children's story

Offering with song, *Siyahamba Ekukanyen Kwenkos*

(We are marching in the light of God)

Scripture reading — Leviticus 19:33-34, 1 Peter 2:11-12

Message — Justice on the Journey

Hymn #397, *God loves all his many people*

Sharing & prayer

STJ #78, *We will walk with God*

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 27

10 am – **Join us for worship** as Pastor Kendall brings the message: Diverse yet one. How does diversity within our church and community strengthen us? What centers us as a congregation? Corinth was a diverse community that had conflict over who was in and who was out and who was most important in the community. On January 27 we will be looking at 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and exploring how we navigate difference as we celebrate each person's role in the community.

Church Life . . .

◆ **From the Education Team:** There will be a one hour **Sunday school teachers' meeting on Tuesday January 22**, at 7 pm at the church. Enjoy some hot chocolate... while participating in planning for the next half of our year.

◆ **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.

◆ **Missions & Service Team meeting, Thursday, January 24**, 7 pm.

◆ **Adult Education.** How has your faith shifted and changed through your life? Are there faith stages that people typically go through as they move from young adulthood, through middle age to their more mature years? What questions are significant at different times of life? On **Sunday, February 3** we will be exploring some of these questions around the journey of faith during our adult education time. Come for coffee at 8:45 and discussion at 9 am.

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

◆ **The World is coming to Leamington!** On **February 5-12** the Leamington area Mennonite Churches will be hosting the MCC International Visitor Exchange Program (IVEP) mid-term conference at NLUMC. Participants in the IVEP program are young adults from 28 countries who live and volunteer in Canadian and US communities for 11 months. This is the program that Sharon Dass is participating in. Some ways you can be involved:

- Billet two or more IVEPers in your home for five nights. They will need breakfast daily, supper on Friday night, as well as transportation to and from NLUMC. If you have a spare bed or two and are interested in this opportunity to interact with some of these amazing people, please contact Kendall Jongejan Harder at kendall@nlumc.com or 519-329-1514.
- Attend the International Worship Festival on **Sunday evening, February 10** at 7:30 pm at NLUMC. This will be an evening of celebration with songs, music, cultural dance and worship.
- Assist the Hospitality Team as they provide some meals during the week. Please contact Karen Driedger, 519-816-4375, if you can help.

◆ **Sunday, February 10**

▶ **10 am, worship.**

▶ **11:30 am, pasta lunch** hosted by the Jr. & Sr. Youth. The Youth will be fundraising for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

▶ **12:15 pm, Annual General meeting.** The report booklets will be available on Sunday, January 27. For your convenience, the report booklet will also be emailed out with the weekly email on Friday, January 25. If you require a hard copy, please pick up a two-sided copy at church.

◆ **Sunday School News**

Our Sunday School is designating the collections until the end of March to MCC's 'Buckets for Relief' project. Every \$50 fills a bucket with necessary supplies for people whose lives have been disrupted by war, violence, floods or drought. It's a compassionate way for us to show the love of Christ with those who are suffering. 2019 needs lots of **Bucket Fillers!**

◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2019: Sunday, March 10 – Sunday, April 21**

(Easter) An opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. This year's theme invites you to consider how God is present in the gritty or difficult places in life in order to find the grace and hope. Engage scripture readings on your own, then share from your experience in a weekly small group. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder.

◆ **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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, January 21** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center. New singers are welcome.

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ **Auxiliary Meeting, Monday, January 21**, at a new time, 3:15 pm, in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship.

▶ During this winter season when residents are unable to go out of doors, we invite family and friends to come indoors to visit, play board games, cards and listen to music or watch television together. Please remember that flu and colds surround us.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **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 \$54,000. This is about 70% 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.

◆ **MCC Meat Canner Committee.** We need volunteers to help the MCC Meat Canner Committee make fleisch perishky, on **Monday, January 28** at 8:30 am at the UMEI kitchen. Whatever amount of time you can help out would be greatly appreciated. We will be finished by noon. The perishky will be served at the annual fundraising lunch for the MCC Meat Canner **Sunday, February 3**. Please call Barb Fischer if you have any questions, 519-329-4256.

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Travelogues at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. Admission by donation, all are welcome.

1. **Friday, February 1:** *China* by Ed & Helen Brown

2. **Friday, February 15:** *Mediterranean Cruise* by Ken & Rita Enns

3. **Friday, March 1:** *Planning for Europe, Berlin – Milan*
by Vic & Marilyn Winter

◆ **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 at 519-733-3248 by Saturday, February 2. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

► **Summer Camp Registration** opens **February 1 at 7 am** for Summer 2019 with programming for campers ages 5-16 including Day Camp, Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Hike & Canoe Trips, Rhythm & Singing, Boating (canoe/ kayak), Food & Garden, Drama, Rock Climbing, Swimming, on-site overnight camps and Leadership Programs. See slmc.ca/camp for more info. Space is limited so register early. Campership funds are available. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office, fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

► **Family Camp at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:** Registration is now open for Family Camp from May 17-19. Bring a tent/trailer or plan to stay in one of our new cabins and let us handle the programming and food so you can enjoy camp together as a family. To register or for more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office, fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

► **Volunteering at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Sauble Beach.** Each week of the summer at Silver Lake, volunteers help staff with preparing meals, leading sessions, driving vehicles and keeping the property and facilities in top notch condition. Lots of great things are happening at Silver Lake so please consider experiencing the magic of camp first-hand this summer as a volunteer. Call 519-422-1401 for more information or visit slmc.ca/camp/volunteers/ to register.

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Youth . . .

► **Sunday, February 10.** Junior and Senior Youth will be hosting a

pasta lunch prior to the Annual Meeting. Please post on the Youth facebook page to indicate how you can help. The Youth will be fundraising for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

► Do you know youth with gifts for leadership and ministry?

The **!Explore** program at AMBS provides students in grades 10-12 with a summer experience designed to expose them to the world of theological ideas, encourage growth in spiritual practices and biblical engagement and foster in them a call to vocation in the church. The program includes a 100-hour congregational internship and a Group Experience (July 9-25, 2019). Up to 15 participants will be selected. For more information contact explore@ambs.edu , 574-296-6225.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 16 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 . . .

- **A Common Place**, MCC, Winter 2019
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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for First Baptist Church and their pastors; Mike Sealy and Jason Peasley.

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

Continue to pray for *Michelle Boulton* for a smooth road of healing.

Leif Founk Bartel remains at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto but has been transferred out of ICU and is now on the road to full recovery. We expect he will be released from hospital soon. We express sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and prayers and the many gestures of support on his behalf.

. . . Karen & Jon Bartel and Janice & Jim Founk

*If you are aware of any needs within our congregation,
please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Committee*

can offer our support. We are glad to be able to help!

We also 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 Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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