



Sunday, January 27, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Keith Klassen

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Light of a Star

Announcements

Words of welcome

Gathering — HWB #185, *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

— HWB #367, *For the healing of the nations*

Call to worship with opening prayer

Song — *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Children's story

Offering with STJ #72, *One is the body*

Scripture reading — 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Message — *Diverse yet One*

Response hymn — HWB #304, *There are many gifts*

Sharing time and congregational prayer

Closing hymn — HWB #322, *For we are strangers no more*

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, February 3

▶ 8:45 am – **Faith Exploration Classes** begin.

▶ 8:45 am – **coffee time.**

► 9 am – **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? 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.

► 10 am – **Join us for worship** as Pastor Charleen brings the message: **Love is bigger than romance.** We are heading towards Valentine's Day, and there are hearts, chocolates and flowers everywhere. Love is in the air. But do we know what love is? Do the movies and stories we read give us a clear image? What about love beyond romance - in our churches, and communities?!? What kind of love does God call us to? I Corinthians 13 ("The Love Chapter") is a favourite wedding text, but Paul originally wrote it to a church community that was struggling to get along. Does this text continue to speak to the whole church in a variety of ways? On February 3 we will ponder how we are called to love. Text: I Corinthians 13:1-13

Church Life . . .

- ◆ **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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

► **Community Fundraising Lunch, today, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** Come join us for Mennonite sausage, meatballs, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert at our January fundraising meal. **NEW** this month – a children's menu featuring chicken nuggets and activities in the gym. 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!

◆ **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.

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, January 28** at 2:30 pm at the Leamington Mennonite Home. New singers are welcome.

◆ **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 by Saturday, February 2. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► 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.

► Our Home invites volunteers for **Meals on Wheels** delivery on Fridays. Consider bringing a meal and joy to a senior through this very meaningful program. The delivery begins at 11:30 am and takes approximately 20 minutes.

► **Hair Salon volunteers** for Wednesdays and Thursdays are needed for portering from 8:30 -11:30 am. The conversation, visits and smiles bring a huge gratification to our volunteers.

Please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-4710 or terri@mennonitehome.ca for more information about these important volunteer opportunities.

◆ **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.

► **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.

► **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. For more information, please visit www.slmc.ca or contact the camp office, fun@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

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Youth . . .

► **Sunday, February 10.** Junior and Senior Youth are 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
- **The Giving Spoon**, The Bridge Fundraiser, February 9 & 10
- **Explore Grebel**, Open House, March 9
- **Canadian Mennonite**, 2018 report to the churches

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **A Common Place**, MCC, Winter 2019

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for LakePoint Family Church and their pastors; Nathan Albrecht, Drew Mercer, Maureen Carder, Michael Bessette and Ethan Stein.

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

Carol Santos is expecting surgery within the next week on her heart, and requests prayers for a positive outcome.

Michelle Boulton expresses continued thanks for the caring of this congregation and for her ongoing healing. She appreciates ongoing prayer for healing.

John Dick continues to recuperate in Windsor hospital from a broken hip and hopes to be transferred back to Leamington. Pray for ongoing recovery.

Please pray for *Marion Wiebe* who is in respite care in the Mennonite Home as she recovers from fractures in her back.

Pray for *Kevin & Evelyn Greenwood* as they transfer their membership to LUMC effective February 27, 2019.

Thank you for all the kind words, thoughts, prayers, and cards regarding the recent passing of our mother, Helen Woelk. . . *Janet & Ben and the Woelk Family*

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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