



Sunday, February 10, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Ann Coppola

Speaker: Alicia Good, Sharon Dass

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Gathering — Hymn #420, *Heart with loving heart united*

— Hymn #229, *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Song — I am the church (on screen)

Children's feature

Offering with hymn #307, *Will you let me be your servant*

Scripture reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

Message — Celebrating our Global Church

Hymn #395, *Here I am, Lord*

Sharing time and prayer

Hymn #76, *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

Benediction and table grace

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

Today . . .

▶ **8:45 am – Faith Exploration Class.**

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

▶ **Hey Kids!** You are invited to make valentines and do other fun activities after the youth's spaghetti dinner. While you are making valentines, you can send your parents up to the Annual General Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

▶ **12:15 pm, Annual General meeting.** For your convenience, the report booklet was 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. Please bring your report with you to the meeting.

▶ **7:30 pm, International Worship Festival.** This is an evening of celebration with songs, music, cultural dance and worship.

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, 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! 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 17

► **10 am, worship.** Join us for worship with Pastor Alicia bringing the message: Blessings and Warnings. Jesus notices that some people seem to prosper while others suffer. In Luke 6 he blesses people who are experiencing hard times, but he gives a warning to those who feel like they've got it all together.

Church Life . . .

◆ Voices Together — New Mennonite Hymnal

Workshop – Saturday, March 2 at Faith Mennonite Church, 1:30–4:30 pm.

This workshop is for everyone! Not just people who are musically inclined. As Mennonites, we have a strong choral music tradition, so everyone is invited to learn about the process of how the new hymnal is being compiled. See how traditional, classic, contemporary, and heart songs are chosen to be included in this new volume. MennoMedia resource spokesperson Sarah Kathleen Johnson will guide us with stories and songs, through worship resources and intercultural music selections. She will answer pertinent questions: Why a new Hymnal? And she will give a solid introduction to contemporary music in the church moving forward! We will be introduced to the winter Leader sampler including songs for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. A free will offering will be taken. *Any interested musicians and song leaders are encouraged to take part. For more information regarding leading songs or playing your instrument contact Pastor Ruth at Faith 519-326-6391; or Pastor Kendall at NLUMC 519-326-7928. There will be a short practice together with Sarah just prior to the workshop 12 – 1:15 pm on March 2 at Faith Church.*

All workshop participants are asked to register in advance by contacting either: Faith Church - officefaithmc@gmail.com ; or NLUMC - office@nlumc.com so that we can prepare the song packets and the break time snack! However, if people are available to come last minute they are encouraged to do so!

Sarah Kathleen Johnson will be sharing and leading the morning worship service on **Sunday, March 3** at NLUMC in conjunction with the annual UMEI Choir visit.

◆ **Ash Wednesday Taize Service, Wednesday, March 6** marks the beginning of Lent and the journey towards the cross and resurrection. At 6 pm that evening we will be having a Taize music and prayer time at NLUMC. Taize worship is centered on prayerful music and scripture with the opportunity to place your prayers before the cross. I invite you to this worship experience to begin Lent.

◆ **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.

◆ **Vacation Bible School – July 8-12 at LUMC**

Hosted by NLUMC, Faith and LUMC. For children moving into grades JK – 6. This year's theme is "Roar." Children will discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, awe-inspiring worship music, teamwork-building games, imaginative craft activities, and an amazing Hungry Herd snack center.

◆ **Campers** — If you are interested in camping this 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, February 11** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center. New singers are welcome.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **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!

▶ **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. Orders must be placed with the UMEI office at 519-326-7448 by **Wednesday, February 13** at noon. Orders for February can be picked up at LUMC on Wednesday, February 27 from 7-7:30 pm.

▶ **Ground beef** orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, February 13** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, February 21.

▶ **Student Soup Lunch & Silent Auction – Sunday, February 24**, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come out and enjoy a soup lunch in the auditorium prepared by the students – admission by donation. Students will also provide items / services to be auctioned off. Funds raised go toward school trips.

▶ Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's **Annual Autumn Campaign**. To date, we have received \$66,000. This is about 85% of our final goal of \$77,000. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to UMEI's Autumn Campaign and help us raise the final \$11,000 to reach our goal. Your generous contributions help to make it possible for families of our community to access a quality Christian Education.

▶ **Save the Date - UMEI Watermelon Open Golf Tournament, Saturday, May 25** at 8 am at Erie Shores Golf Club. Come out for a day of golf for all skill levels, contests, and prizes. More details to come.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

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

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

◆ **Winter Camp for Grownups, March 1-3 at Silver Lake Mennonite**

Camp. This camp is for 20 and 30 somethings who wish they could do camp again! This “choose your own adventure” weekend is a collaborative project between *Silver Lake Mennonite Camp* and *Pastors in Exile*. For more information and to register go to www.pastorsinexile.org/winter-camp-for-grownups/

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

As we continue to move through these winter months our Home remains very fortunate to not have any significant illness or sickness. However, please continue to be mindful of flus and colds that surround us as you come to visit your loved ones.

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

THRIFT ON MILL has a full-time job opening - **Thrift Team Associate**. It is for a number of all-around tasks at the store. All applying is all done online at mcccanada.ca . Please consider working for your local MCC store or tapping the shoulder of a good candidate. Applications must be in by February 24.
<https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/thrift-team-associate>

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See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 31 update
- **The Giving Spoon**, The Bridge Fundraiser, February 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

Youth . . .

► **Sunday, February 10.** Join our Junior and Senior Youth who are hosting a pasta lunch prior to the Annual Meeting. The Youth will be fundraising for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

► **Friday, March 8, Games in the Dark.** Jr. and Sr. Youth from North Church and LUMC will gather together to play Gorgon and Sardines! 6:30 to 9 pm at North Church. Friends are always welcome!

► Jr. and Sr. Youth are invited to **Skyzone Trampoline Park** in Windsor, **Friday March 22.** We leave from the church at 5:15 pm to be at the park by 6:15. We'll jump from 6:30 to 8, then have pizza, home about 9:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per person, contact Pastor Alicia to register or if you need a ride to Windsor. Register by March 18. Friends are always welcome, and bursaries are available if needed.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for new churches in Leamington.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Freedom Gospel Ethiopian Church, Toronto, Ontario.

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 Leamington hospital from a broken hip. Pray for ongoing recovery.

Please pray for the loved ones of *Brian Chamney*, a friend of Philip Friesen and a staff person at the Windsor Downtown Mission. Brian passed away unexpectedly this week.

Dear friends, a special *thank you* to the many volunteers who made our Meat Canner Luncheon fundraiser at UMEI such a success. To everyone who prepared the meal, helped set up, serve and clean up, to those who greeted and those who invited, thank you. A great lunch and wonderful fellowship were had by all. *To everyone who attended this luncheon, thank you.* Your generosity and support helped raise \$13,920.22 for the 2019 Meat Canner Leamington project.

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 Alicia, 519-819-3772 or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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