



Sunday, February 17, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Lorna Wiebe

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Light of a Star

Welcome

Hymn #37, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn #121, *Holy God we praise thy name*

Responsive reading STJ #134

Announcements

Children's feature

I am the Church

Offering with hymn #69, *The Lord is King*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Luke 6:17-26

Message — Blessings and Warnings

STJ #94, *Blest are they*

Sharing and prayer

STJ #87, *Put peace into each other's hands* (verses 1,2,3 and 5)

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, 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 24

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

▶ **10 am, worship.** Join us for worship with Pastor Charleen bringing the message: Seeds of New Life. Many in our culture fear death. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, using farming images of sowing seeds and harvest time, to put flesh on our very real hope of resurrection. Our hope in resurrection is at the core of our gospel - how does it empower our daily living?
I Corinthians 15.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Community Meal.** Our next meal is **Wednesday, February 27** 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. Please contact Tammy Warkentin if you can help.

◆ **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.

**The church office will be closed
Tuesday, February 19 for the Family Day holiday.
We will reopen Wednesday, February 20 at 9 am.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **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!

▶ **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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **Volunteer Luncheon.** The Home invites all interested new volunteers to a Volunteer Luncheon on **February 28** at noon in the Berg Lounge. Volunteer opportunities and possibilities will be explored at this luncheon. Please RSVP your attendance by calling Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 or emailing at terri@mennonitehome.ca.

▶ The **Corporate Members Meeting** is on **Tuesday, March 5** at 7 pm in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship: Retirement Residence. The Home reports will be placed in the church mailboxes of corporate members on Sunday, February 24. Corporate Members should notify the Home 519-326-6109 if they are unable to attend.

▶ **Annual Meeting.** We invite everyone to a time of information sharing, discussion and planning followed by a coffee hour on **Tuesday, March 26** in the J.C. Neufeld of Fellowship at 7 pm. Annual reports will be in church mailboxes on Sunday, March 17.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

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

◆ **Women of MCEC Spring Enrichment Day — 2019**

Saturday, April 13 at Floradale Mennonite Church. Our resource person, Marilyn Rudy-Froese, will help us reflect on the theme, Travelling Companions: staying centred and attuned to God's voice through the uncertainties of life. This theme will also guide our discussion of the future of WMCEC. Contact Pastor Alicia if you are interested in registering.

◆ **Employment Opportunities**

▶ 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> .

▶ **Summer Nursing Student.** The Leamington Mennonite Home invites applications from nursing students to serve as summer PSW's. Interested applicants should have completed the first year of a RN/RPN program. To

apply or for more information, contact Jacquie Turnbull at 519-326-6109 or emailing at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 13 update
- **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 . . .

► **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.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for United Pentecostal Church and their pastor Andrew Sich.

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

Thank you for all the prayers and support shown to us during the past few difficult months. . . *Marge Friesen and family*

Pray for *Jenny Enns and Camryn Enns* as they transfer their membership to LUMC effective February 24, 2019.

Pray for *Jonathan (Sandra) Dick* as he transfers his membership to LUMC effective February 24, 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Fundraiser for the Salvation Army Food Bank on Sunday, February 10. We raised \$1279.75.

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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