



Sunday, February 24, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Gerry Willms

Worship Music: Joan Willms

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Light of a Star

Welcome and announcements

Gathering – hymn #269, *Thine is the glory*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Litany for the commissioning of volunteers

Hymn #614, *In the bulb*

Children's feature — Water Bugs and Dragonflies

Planting of seeds

Offering with hymn #275, *Lift your glad voices*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — I Corinthians 15:35-49

Worship music — I Know My Redeemer

Message — Seeds of New Life

Hymn #299, *New earth, heavens new*

Sharing time and prayer

Worship music — O The Blood

Benediction — hymn #118, *Praise God from whom*

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

Next Sunday, March 3

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

▶ **8:45 am – Coffee time.**

▶ **9 am – Adult Sunday School.** Does gender affect the spiritual journey?

How might men and women experience God differently?

▶ **10 am, worship.** Sarah Kathleen Johnson, MennoMedia resource spokesperson, will be sharing and leading the morning worship service in conjunction with the annual UMEI Choir visit.

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!

◆ **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.

◆ **Hard copies of the minutes** of the February 10, 2019 NLUMC Annual General Meeting are available in the foyer.

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 – today, 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.

▶ **Zwieback & raisin bread** orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, March 4** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, March 6.

▶ **ShopUMEI** (Superstore, Freshco, Tim Hortons) monthly order is due with the UMEI office by noon **Wednesday, March 6** and will be available for **pick up at LUMC on Wednesday, March 27 from 7 to 7:30 pm.**

▶ **Pie Fundraiser** - Students are selling home-made pies to raise money for their school trips. Pies come frozen with baking instructions. Please contact any UMEI student or the school office to place an order. All orders are due by **Wednesday, March 20.** Pie orders will arrive in time for Easter.

▶ We are so appreciative of those who have contributed to our Autumn Campaign. So far, we have raised \$68,000 of our total goal of \$77,000. We would ask that you prayerfully consider donating to UMEI so we can continue to help our students to reach their full potential through a life rooted in faith.

▶ **Save the Dates**

1. **5th Annual Taste of the World Festival.** The UMEI Hospitality & Tourism class is happy to announce that they will be hosting another Taste of the World Festival on **Friday, May 3** from 12 - 1 pm, inside our school's auditorium.
2. **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.

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, February 25** at 2:30 pm at the Leamington Mennonite Home. New singers are welcome.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **Volunteer Luncheon.** The Home invites all interested new volunteers to a Volunteer Luncheon on **Thursday, 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

2. **Friday, March 15:** *Retracing Family Footsteps*

by Vic & Marilyn Winter

3. **Friday, March 22:** *Ukraine Heritage Cruise*

by David & Nancy Dyck

▶ **Save the date — Saturday, May 11: Annual Spring Dinner**, guest speaker, Ken Neufeld, former ambassador to Afghanistan.

◆ **MEDA Leamington: Sunday, March 10.** MEDA's Ukrainian Field Project Manager, Dmitriy Nikolaiev, will join us at Leamington United Mennonite Church (78 Oak St. East, Leamington), for a Witness Stand in the Worship Service. Dimitriy will also speak during the **Adult Education time - 11 to 11:45 am**. Lunch will be provided immediately following. Please join us for this informative update on MEDA's important work in the Ukraine.

◆ **Grandparent & Grandchild Day** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on **March 11 or 12**. Bring your grandchildren in grades 1-6 for an awesome day of learning and celebrating indigenous culture through playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. Doug Dolittle will be joining us as our resource person. For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call 519-625-8602.

◆ **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 centered 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 by Thursday, February 28.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 13 update
- **South Essex Community Council**, Chilifest, February 27
- **Explore Grebel**, Open House, March 9

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **A Common Place**, MCC, Winter 2019
- **Wood Box**, Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, 2019 Summer schedule
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp**, August 11-23
- **Hidden Acres**, Summer Camp 2019
- **Fraser Lake Camp**

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 Faith Everlasting Congregational Church and their pastor Larry Brush.

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

John Dick continues to recuperate in the Leamington Mennonite Home. Pray for ongoing recovery.

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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