



Sunday, February 3, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Debbie Janzen

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship Light of a Star

Welcome and announcements

Gathering — HWB #71, *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

— HWB #544, *When we walk with the Lord*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Song — *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Sunday School choir — I am the church

Children's feature

Offering with hymn, *There is beauty all around*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message — Love is Bigger than Romance

HWB #592, *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Sharing time and prayer

STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*

Benediction

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

Today . . .

▶ 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.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019** (16.7% of year)
\$44,322.75 has been donated to the church budget. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

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 10

- ▶ **8:45 am – Faith Exploration Class.**
 - ▶ **10 am, worship.** Did you know that the Mennonite church has been active in India for over 100 years? Pastor Alicia will interview her host “daughter”, Sharon Dass, a volunteer through MCC’s International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) about how the Mennonite church worships in Bhilai, India and what it’s like spending a year living and working in another country.
 - ▶ **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 on 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.
 - ▶ **7:30 pm, International Worship Festival.** This is an evening of celebration with songs, music, cultural dance and worship.
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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.

◆ **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 . . .

◆ **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. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, February 4** 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.

▶ 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**

► 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, 519-326-4710, terri@mennonitehome.ca for more information.

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See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 31 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

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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for North Leamington. Let us remember our neighbouring churches today.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Floradale Mennonite Church, Floradale, 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 *John Driedger* recovering from a fall.

Please pray for *Marion Wiebe* as she recovers from fractures in her back.

Carol Santos wants to thank you for best wishes and prayers. Surgery was not needed and she is resting at home.

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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