



Sunday, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Warkentin

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Welcome & announcements

Hymn #8, *Brethren, we have met to worship*

Call to worship

STJ #49, *Rain down*

Children's time

Welcoming of new members

Joel Epp, Alex Wiens, Chani Wiens

Offering & STS #100, *O blessed spring*

Confession and reconciliation

Scripture reading — Isaiah 55:1-13

Message — Come to the Waters

Hymn #495, *O let all who thirst*

Sharing time

Hymn #427, *You shall go out with joy*

Sending

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

Today . . .

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

▶ **8:45 am, Coffee time.**

▶ **9 am, Adult Sunday School.** We begin a series considering questions and issues around the end of life. Do you have questions or thoughts around what happens after we die? Do you struggle with medical or legal questions around the end of life? What goes into funeral planning and what decisions could be helpful to make in advance? During this series we will consider all of these things. We begin by considering medical questions and issues around the end of life with Caroline Hamm.

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31

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

▶ **8:45 am, Coffee time.**

▶ **9 am, Adult Sunday School.** We continue our series considering questions around the end of life. Do you have questions or thoughts around what happens after we die? Next Sunday we will spend time thinking Biblically and theologically about this. We will also spend some time talking about grief and the journey of grief.

▶ **10 am, worship** with Pastor Kendall as he brings the message; the parable of the dysfunctional family. We will be looking at the story of the prodigal son from Luke 15:11-32 and entering the story from the perspectives of the older son, the younger son, and the father.

▶ **11:20 am, Membership meeting** to discuss bylaw changes. See page 3.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Community Meal.** Our next meal is **Wednesday, March 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 iced cakes of any kind (no nuts) for dessert and volunteers to help out with the meal prep, serving and cleanup. Please contact Tammy Warkentin if you can help.

◆ **Thursday, March 28, 7 pm, Missions & Service Team meeting.**

◆ **Families:** You may have noticed an insert in your mailboxes. I hope you have explored it a bit - it contains an invitation to make time and space for prayer in these weeks leading up to Easter. Colour; chat, connect with your kids. That's the invitation. Use a little, use the whole package - your call. Let me know what you think! . . . *Pastor Charleen.*

◆ **Adult Sunday School.** We continue our series considering questions around the end of life. Do you have questions or thoughts around what happens after we die? Next Sunday we will spend time thinking Biblically and theologically about this. We will also spend some time talking about grief and the journey of grief. In the following weeks we will consider funeral planning, talking with family about aging and end of life questions, and legal questions, including the importance of wills. We will meet **Sunday, March 31, April 7 and 14.**

◆ **Canadian Mennonite Subscriptions.** All who attend NLUMC may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Brenda Klassen, brenda@klassenbookkeeping.ca or 519-324-6299. We will submit our congregation's subscription list by **March 24, 2019**.

◆ **Membership Meeting, Sunday, March 31**, immediately following the morning worship service. The Membership meeting will deal with the following bylaw changes.

- 3.02 Qualification of Directors. Church Council members shall be individuals eighteen (18) or more years of age and shall at the time of their election or within ten (10) days thereafter and throughout the term of their office, be members of the Church. The requirement for membership may be waived by Church Council with the recommendation of the Ministry Team. If the candidate is an adherent but not a member, he/she may participate fully on Council including voting privileges.

(the change is the addition of, *with the recommendation of the Ministry Team. If the candidate is an adherent but not a member, he/she may participate fully on Council including voting privileges*)

- 17.05 point 5) nominate Corporate Members to Leamington Mennonite Home Board of Management.

(the change is the addition of the word, *Corporate*)

- 17.05 addition, point 6) Nominate three (3) members to the Leamington Mennonite Home Board of which one (1) position is a Church Council member.

- Addendum for 17.08 – The Addendum “Pastoral Reviews and Personnel Policies (Shared Team Ministry)” is available in your mailslot and in the church foyer. If you have an email address, a copy was emailed out to you on March 15.

17.08 (b) Responsibilities be amended to read:

- 1) no change
- 2) no change
- 3) no change
- 4) no change
- 5) Complete reviews of newly hired pastor(s) in accordance with the Addendum entitled “Pastoral Reviews and Personnel Policies (Shared Team Ministry)”
- 6) Complete regular reviews of all pastor(s) in accordance with the Addendum entitled “Pastoral Reviews and Personnel Policies (Shared Team Ministry)”
- 7) no change
- 8) no change

◆ **Sunday, April 14.** Interested people of all ages are encouraged to attend a lunch and discussion time after church to imagine **the future of NLUMC's youth ministry.** Please bring a pot of soup, veggies, bread, or dessert to share.

◆ **Save the Date – Leamington Peace Party, Sunday, June 9** at Seacliff Park.

◆ **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. CD's are available for purchase for \$10. Contact the church office if you are interested.

◆ **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, March 25** at 2:30 pm at the Leamington Mennonite Home. New singers are welcome.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **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. All are invited to participate in this evening of reporting and discussion.

▶ **Seniors Education.** Our Home invites seniors to attend a morning coffee break with a guest speaker focusing on relevant information and activities. The third presentation is on **Wednesday, March 27** at 9:30 am in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship with Laurie Adams from Thomson Guardian Pharmacy sharing information about In Home Services.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **ShopUMEI Vista Order.** Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, March 25.** Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, March 29.

▶ **Register for the 2019/2020 School Year.** There are still spaces at UMEI for the 2019/2020 school year, and we'd love to have you join us. Book a tour today by emailing abbynd@umei.ca or calling 519-326-7448.

► **Register Today - 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. Register today to get an early bird discount! If you register by May 3, the cost is \$130/golfer. Registration between May 4-17 is \$150/golfer. Registration includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, breakfast and coffee, a gift package, and lunch to follow at Best Western Plus Leamington. Call the UMEI office at 519-326-7448 for more details or to inquire about our sponsorship packages. Register today at umei.ca/watermelon-open/ to save your spot in this fun event and get the early bird discount!

► Grade 8's are invited to join us for **Shadow Day on Friday, May 3** from 12-3 pm. The day kicks off with a delicious meal at our Hospitality and Tourism Class event "Taste of the World." Students will then have a choice of two full classes to shadow in the afternoon where they will experience what classes at UMEI are like. Call UMEI at 519-326-7448 or email abbynd@umei.ca to register your student.

► **5th Annual Taste of the World Festival.** The UMEI Hospitality and Tourism class is happy to announce that they will be hosting another Taste of the World Festival (or *Smag af Verden, Rosacheate Nei Piphoplok, Sabor do Mundo, Sabor del Mundo, Taem Alealam, Goût de Monde* in the languages of our countries). We would like to invite you and all of your family to our 5th Annual Festival where you can experience food and culture from different countries around the world. The festival will take place on **Friday, May 3** from 12—1 pm, inside our school's auditorium. Tickets (\$10/adult and \$6/student) are only available prior to the event through the students in the Hospitality and Tourism class and from the office. Tickets will not be for sale at the door on the day of the event so please have your tickets purchased by Friday, April 26. You can contact the school at 519-326-7448 to have a ticket reserved for you. We hope to see you there!

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

► **Friday, April 12, Annual General Meeting** at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

► **Saturday, May 11: Annual Spring Dinner**, guest speaker, Ken Neufeld, former ambassador to Afghanistan.

◆ **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.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, March 13 update
 - **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, April 8, Coffee & information, Harrow
 - **Sleeping out at The Bridge**, April 26
 - **Low German Forum**, May 10, Leamington
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Youth . . .

► Interested people of all ages are encouraged to attend a lunch and discussion time after church on **Sunday, April 14** to imagine the future of NLUMC's youth ministry. Please bring a pot of soup, veggies, bread, or dessert to share. Youth are especially encouraged to attend, your voices are important!

► **Sunday, April 28.** Youth, parents and siblings are invited to visit the Windsor Mosque. We will leave the church at 3 pm to meet at the mosque at 4 pm. We will receive a tour of the Mosque with Imam Mohamed Mahmoud, participate in a question and answer session, hear a presentation on the Muslim religion, and eat together with our hosts. Out of respect for our hosts, women and girls are encouraged to wear longer dresses or skirts and long sleeves, and you may wish to bring a scarf to cover your head inside the mosque. Men and boys are encouraged to wear long pants and long sleeves. Contact Pastor Alicia to register by April 21 so we know how many people to expect.

► **Junior Youth Retreat, May 10 - 12.** Registration is now open for the Junior Youth Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Contact Pastor Alicia to register.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Meadow Brook Church and their pastors; Mesh Hit, Chris Walker, Xavier Avila and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

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

Please continue to pray for Lydia Lehn and her family as they grieve the loss of Peter Lehn.

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards during the recent illness and passing of our husband and father, Peter Lehn.

. . . *Lydia, Alfred & Janet and the Lehn 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 Alicia, 519-819-3772 or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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