



Sunday, March 3, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Chani Wiens

Speaker: Sarah Kathleen Johnson

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

We welcome UMEI to our worship service this morning.

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Welcome and announcements

Congregational song — *We are people of God's peace*
with extra verse

Worship music — Holy is the Lord

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Congregational song with choir — You call me out upon the waters (Oceans)

Children's feature

Offering with hymn — *To my precious Lord*

Congregational song — *Listen to the word*

Scripture readings — Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Luke 24:13-35

Message — Voices Together: Sharing Our Stories

Congregational song, HWB #1 — *What is this place*

Sharing time and prayer

Worship music — Guide my feet, congregation join in on last two verses

Benediction

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.** Does gender affect the spiritual journey?

How might men and women experience God differently?

Next Sunday, First Sunday of Lent, March 10

► **10 am, worship** with Pastor Kendall bringing the message — Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast - **A Wandering Aramean** - How do we confess our faith? What role does story have in faith development? How do we tell our corporate story of faith?

Church Life . . .

◆ **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.

◆ **Wednesday, March 6, Church Council meeting, 7 pm.**

◆ **Thursday, March 7, Worship Team meeting, 7 pm.**

◆ **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. 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.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019** (25% of year) \$60,322.70 (19%) of our \$317,198.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, March 4** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center. New singers are welcome.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **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.**

▶ 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.

▶ **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.

▶ **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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ The **Corporate Members Meeting** is on **Tuesday, March 5** at 7 pm in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship: Retirement Residence. 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 15: *Retracing Family Footsteps***
by Vic & Marilyn Winter
2. **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.

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington, April 29 – May 2,** Calling all canners - first timers and veterans! We are canning at Southwestern Ontario Gleaners located at 40 Industrial Road in Leamington. Please pray for the canning project as preparations continue. Available shifts will be as follows:

Monday, April 29, evening - 5-10 pm.

Tuesday, April 30, morning - 7 am-12 pm; afternoon - 12-5 pm;
evening - 5-10 pm.

Wednesday, May 1, morning - 7 am-12 pm; afternoon - 12-5 pm;
evening - 5-10 pm.

Thursday, May 2, morning - 7 am-12 pm.

Volunteer Coordinator - Peter Fiss, 519-999-8855 or peter.fiss@gmail.com

First Aid Coordinator - Agnes Langeman, 519-776-5615

Security Coordinator - Art Warkentin, 519-326-2181

Thank you for your continued support. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Together We Can. Donations can be made through designated giving at participating churches, and the Meat Canner Leamington Fund at Kindred Credit Union.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 28 update
- **Explore Grebel**, Open House, March 9
- **Low German Forum**, May 10, Leamington

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Wood Box**, Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, 2019 Summer schedule
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp**, August 11-23
- **Hidden Acres**, Summer Camp 2019
- **Fraser Lake Camp**
- **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Winter 2019

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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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for South Point Community Church and their pastor David Bretzlaff.

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

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

Please pray for *Peter (& Lydia) Lehn* who is waiting for test results. He is currently in Leamington Hospital.

Please pray for *Walter Enns* who is recovering from having a pacemaker put in.

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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