



Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Lindsey Ecker

Speaker: Alicia Good

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast



Welcome

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

Call to worship

Palm Sunday Procession

Children process in with singing

Drama — *A Jesus We Can Believe In* written by Herb Sawatsky

— Olivia Coppola, Delaney Dault, Natalia Good, Tobias Jongejan Harder

STS #73, *Jesus is coming*, on screen

Children's time

Offering with HWB #238, *Hosanna, loud hosanna*

Prayer for the generous gifts of offering

Confession and reconciliation

HWB #151, *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord*

Scripture reading — Luke 19:28-40

Message — *Swimming Upstream*

HWB #444, *Lord, I want to be a Christian*

Sharing time and prayer

STJ #92, *Just as I am, without one plea*

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. Wills with Will.** We conclude our series considering questions around the end of life as Billy Good leads us in a conversation around wills and end of life legal questions.

► **Paska sale fundraiser.** The Missions Team invites paska bakers to bring paska to church. Paskas will be displayed at the front of the church, and available for a free will offering following the service. Money collected will go towards the MCC Meat Canner.

► After church is a **lunch and discussion** about the future of our youth ministry. Please bring soup, bread, veggies or dessert to share. Children's activities are being offered - please rsvp to church office. All are welcome to attend this important conversation.

Next Week . . .

► **Good Friday April 19** —

- 10 am, Worship service with Communion.

► **Easter Sunday April 21** —

- 6:15 am, All are welcome for the joint Sunrise Service around the fire pit at Faith Mennonite Church with Faith Church and LUMC.
 - 10 am, Easter worship service.
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Church Life . . .

◆ **Community Meal.** Our next meal is **Wednesday, April 24** 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.

◆ **Annual Church Gathering.** Are you interested in attending the Annual Church Gathering of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) as one of our congregation's voting delegates? This year the Gathering is happening in Baden, Ontario (near Kitchener-Waterloo) on **April 26-27**. Check out this link for or contact Pastor Alicia for more information:
<https://mcec.ca/annual-church-gathering-2019>

◆ **Rejoice Devotional** order forms are in your mailslots. Please return completed form and payment to Brenda Klassen by May 12.

◆ **Vacation Bible School, July 8-12 at LUMC**, 78 Oak St. E, Leamington, 9 am – noon. Hosted by NLUMC, Faith and LUMC Churches. Online registration at vbspro.events/p/dvbs for children moving into Grades JK – 6. Admission is free. 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 crafts, activities, and an amazing Hungry Herd snack center. **For more information, contact:** Frieda Lepp at frieda.lepp@yahoo.ca, Jane Klassen

at office@lumc.ca or phone LUMC at 519-326-2727. We are looking for help to make this wonderful week happen. Would you consider helping make snacks in the kitchen, be a group leader (lead groups of children from activity to activity), help with indoor and outdoor games, decorating, or bake cookies. Let's make this a truly, welcoming experience for the children of our church and community. Please join in. To volunteer, contact Frieda Lepp or Jane Klassen as above.

◆ Upcoming Events ◆

Sunday, May 5 – Testimonies & Baptism

Sunday, May 12 – Worship & Communion

Sunday, June 2 – Church Picnic at UMEI

Sunday, June 9 – Peace Party at Seacliff Park

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **MSC Choral Festival – today.** The 57th Annual Mennonite High School Choral Music Festival takes place today and is hosted by Lancaster Mennonite School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The concert starts at 3 pm and will be lived streamed. Go to <https://mscchoralfestival.com/> to listen to UMEI's choir, along with 12 other school choirs, followed by the mass choir pieces.

▶ **Zwieback and raisin bread orders** are due in the office by noon **Monday, April 15** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, April 17.

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, April 17** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, April 25.

▶ 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.

▶ 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 fifth 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!

► **Register today for the 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!

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, April 15** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ **Caring – Care in Grief** four-week support program sponsored by Reid Funeral Home. Orientation and dinner on **Tuesday, April 23**, 6:30 pm at LUMC, 78 Oak Street East. Classes continue April 30, May 7 & 14 at 7 pm. Please register by April 19 by calling 519-326-2631.

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington, April 29 – May 2**, Two weeks until canning! Still require volunteers for the following shifts:

April 30, afternoon - 12-5 pm.

May 1, afternoon - 12-5 pm; evening - 5-10 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

Our 2019 fundraising goal is \$80,000. Our current account balance is \$41,177.73. Stay tuned for further updates. 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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► The Auxiliary is hosting a **Yard and Bake Sale** on **Saturday, May 4** from 8 am – noon. The Home will pick up larger, local items on Thursday, May 2. Please call Judy Ferrari at 519-326-6109 to make these arrangements. Donated baked goods will be thankfully accepted on Friday, May 3. All proceeds support the work of our ministry of eldercare.

► **Resident Visits.** Our Home invites resident families, friends and members of our faith community to visit our residents in the Long Term Care Home and the Retirement Residence. We have been fortunate to remain outbreak free this past winter and spring but request those with colds, coughs, or runny noses to

refrain from visiting so that we can maintain good health in our community of care.

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers Choral Concert, Saturday, May 4** at UMEI at 7:30 pm and **Sunday, May 5** at LUMC at 3:00 pm. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children in advance, \$15 for adults, \$7 for children at the door. Available from choir members, Kindred Credit Union or UMEI, 519-326-7449.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News Annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, May 11** at UMEI at 6 pm. Guest Speaker: Ken Neufeld, former Ambassador to Afghanistan. Tickets: \$30, available from Board members. Call 519-322-0456 for more information.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News Annual General Meeting and Paddle the Grand Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Saturday May 11, 2 pm:** Silver Lake supplies canoes and equipment and you enjoy a two hour afternoon paddle through Waterloo Region's beautiful countryside. This fun, family-friendly event ends at Kiwanis Park (Kitchener) with dinner provided. Funds raised help support Silver Lake's summer camp program. Please join us on the river or support a paddling team! To register or donate visit www.slmc.ca. The AGM will take place at Kiwanis Park (Kitchener) at 2 pm.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service Canada (MDS)** has two exciting opportunities to repair or build new homes after disasters in Canada.

- 1. Westport, Newfoundland:** MDS is building a house for a family of five who lost their home in a house fire in Westport, Nfld. The project begins on June 2 and will run till July 27, 2019. Weekly volunteers are invited to serve in up to two-week blocks. If serving for two weeks MDS will reimburse the cost of travel. For scheduling call Lucille Toews at 866-261-1274 or email ltoews@mds.mennonite.net.
- 2. Grand Forks, BC:** On May 10, 2018 a major flood hit Grand Forks, BC with much of the town engulfed in water. Beginning May 5, 2019 MDS will repair houses and possibly build new houses for those that flooded. MDS is scheduling weekly volunteers to serve for 1-3 weeks. Schedule your week(s) online or call 800-241-8111.

◆ **Employment Opportunities**

► **Conrad Grebel University College** seeks a **Communications Assistant** to create visual content through design, layout, and coordination of print materials and web pages, as well as photography and photo editing. 17.5 hours per week. Application deadline is April 26. Start date is June 3. Read the full job description at www.grebel.ca/positions.

► **Leamington Mennonite Home.** This **part-time social-recreational position** includes portering to evening devotions and activities, meal assistance, snack deliveries and companionship. The position can be combined with school attendance providing the student enjoys working with seniors and frail elderly. Shifts include weekend and early evening activities. Interested applicants should forward their resume to Jacquie Turnbull to jacquie@mennonitehome.ca by April 23, 2019.

Youth . . .

► Interested people of all ages are encouraged to attend a lunch and discussion time after church **today** 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 by April 25 to register.**

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, April 10 update
 - **Sleeping out at The Bridge**, April 26
 - **Low German Forum**, May 10, Leamington
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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Wheatley United Church and their pastor John Cats.

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

Please pray for the new Board of Directors at the Leamington Mennonite Home.

Pray for the upcoming Annual Gathering of MCEC.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Peter Epp*, husband of Marie, who passed away Thursday, April 11. Visitation will be at Reid Funeral Home on Monday, April 15, 2-5 and 7-9 pm. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, April 16 at NLUMC at 11 am.

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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