



Sunday, September 15, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Debbie Janzen

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Gathering HWB #37, *Praise to the Lord*

Call to worship and opening prayer

HWB #42, *All people that on earth do dwell*

Song — *To God be the glory*

Children's feature

Offering with HWB #306, *In Christ there is no east or west*

Offertory prayer

Scripture readings — Ezra 9:1-3; Isaiah 16:1-8

Message — Growing Relationships, in Christ

HWB #322, *For we are strangers no more*

Sharing time and prayer

Closing HWB #420, *Heart with loving heart united*

Benediction

Today . . .

11:30 am - Book Study, discussion: Adult/Teen Education. Pastor Charleen will lead three sessions sharing research and strategies for the church as we seek to connect with younger members of the community. Based on the book by the same title, by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad Griffin, *Growing Young* discusses six strategies for attracting and retaining younger members into the community. See page two for more details.

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

Next Sunday, September 22

► **10 am, Bearing Fruit and Growing.** Our church has a vision statement printed in the bulletin every Sunday: Growing Relationships, In Christ. What does that mean? Colossians 1:1-14 gives us insight into how Paul envisions that relationships might grow in the church. Hint: It's got something to do with learning from others. The text also gives some insight into what kind of

relationships the church is hoping for. Pastor Charleen is preaching, Joel Epp is leading worship and we will have worship music by Janice & Kim DiLaudo.

► **11:30 am, Growing Young**, Adult/Teen Education. See page two for more details.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Welcome Interim Pastor - Ken Driedger.** We are pleased to share that Ken Driedger will be joining us as interim pastor this coming week. Ken officially begins his role on **Tuesday, September 17** and we will celebrate his beginning with us at the September 29 worship service, followed by a potluck lunch. Ken has been a pastor, or co-pastor together with his wife Dawne, since 1998. Most recently, Ken was the interim pastor at Wideman Mennonite Church in Markham Ontario. Ken is from the area, having grown up in Kingsville. He attended Leamington United Mennonite Church as a child and youth and also attended UMEI. Ken and Dawne and their adult children and grandchildren live in Elmira, Ontario. Ken and Dawne will stay in Leamington with his father Alfred Driedger, while he is with us at NLUMC. Welcome Ken and Dawne!

Ken's contact information will be — cell phone: 519-819-3772,
email: ken@nlumc.com .

◆ ***Growing Young***, Book Study, discussion: Adult/Teen Education. Pastor Charleen will lead three sessions sharing research and strategies for the church as we seek to connect with younger members of the community. Based on the book by the same title, by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad Griffin, *Growing Young* discusses six strategies for attracting and retaining younger members into the community. This was an exciting read over the summer, and I'm excited to share and discuss what I've been learning and how this might shape the ongoing vision of NLUMC. **Adult Education, September 15, 22, 29.**

Exploring an after-church time slot, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. Feedback welcome.

◆ **Greetings!** Every Sunday morning, our greeters are the first face and voice people meet as they enter worship at NLUMC. Consider being a friendly greeter. In the foyer there will be a sign-up sheet for the fall season. Fill in your name, your partner's name and even your entire family for a Sunday of greeting.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, September 18, 7 pm.**

◆ **Interested in exploring different kinds of music in worship?** Want to sing and play worship music? Looking for an opportunity to just have fun making music together. On **Saturday, September 21** at

6:30 pm you are invited to our first **NLUMC jam session**. Bring your guitar, your drums, your dulcimer, your flute, or just your voice. If you have music you would like the group to sing, bring that too. This will be an informal time of learning and making music together.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, September 25, 7 pm.**

◆ **Pizza Night, Friday, September 27** at 6 pm. Gather with your NLUMC friends at the Roma Club, 19 Seacliff Drive East, Leamington, to share food and fellowship.

◆ **Potluck Lunch, Sunday, September 29.** Please plan to attend a potluck lunch to welcome Ken Driedger as interim pastor with NLUMC. A main dish will be catered. Please plan to bring your favourite side dish, salad or dessert for 20 to 25 people to share.

◆ **Surveys are going out soon** to the congregation regarding vision and direction of the youth and junior youth ministry. Please contact the office if you did not get yours; we are looking forward to your feedback!

◆ **New Address for —**
Jason & Lindsey Ecker

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Lodging Required.** The Harrow Mennonite and Harrow United Churches sponsored a refugee family from Ethiopia in 2017 and since then have maintained the friendships that were formed in that very impressionable year. The now 19-year-old of the family has two more years to finish his high school diploma and has been living on his own in Leamington since May of 2018. Having experienced many personal successes and some hardships, Chaya now finds himself without a place to live. Chaya is in need of a room to rent so that he can attend school at Leamington High School. If anyone is willing to consider providing him an inexpensive room to rent, please do not hesitate to call me to discuss it further. I am very close to Chaya and he has lived with my family for intermittent periods and I can speak to his character in depth.

. . . *Elaine Lepp*

◆ **Heritage Choir.** Practice on **Monday, September 16, 2 pm**, Heritage Centre, Leamington. **Returning singers and new singers** are very welcome. Let's sing again. Further information call Martha Janzen.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Shop UMEI Vista Orders** - Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, September 16**. Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, September 20.

▶ **Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch & Entrance Scholarship Presentation - Sunday September 22**, 11:30 am – 1 pm. The new school year at UMEI Christian High School has begun. To help us celebrate, please join us for another popular Fish Fry at our September fundraising meal which will also include the presentation of the Entrance Scholarships. There will be activities for children available. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

▶ **Register now for the UMEI Lightning Bolt. On Saturday, September 28** at 9 am, UMEI will host the third annual 5/10 K Run, 5 K Walk, Kids 1K, and 400m Kids Dash at Point Pelee National Park. Registration online at raceroster.com. **Last chance** to register for an early bird discount and receive an awesome lightweight long-sleeve hoodie – early bird registration extended to **Monday, September 16** at noon.

▶ **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, September 25**. Pie orders will arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

▶ **Do you have a story?** UMEI students would love to hear it! The UMEI chapel program is seeking individuals or small groups of all ages – at any stage in your faith journey – to share your story with our students. So much can be learned from real life examples of faith, failures, and hope! Guests are typically welcomed for 15 minute chapels on Wednesdays at 10:30 am but there is room for flexibility. Please contact Chani Wiens (wienesc@umei.ca) or call the UMEI office, 519-326-7448, if you are interested.

◆ **The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4,000 value last year, split between two students) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to a student(s) who:

- 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2019-20;
- 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and
- 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community.

Application deadline is September 16, 2019. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at lbrubacher@sympatico.ca, or call 519-884-3072.

◆ **Familiar Favourites: Opera to Jazz.** Annual Classical Concert **Sunday, September 22**, 3 pm at The Bank Theatre. All three musicians were born and grew up in Leamington. Cathy Robinson has become a professional classic singer with the renowned Elmer Isler Singers, one of Canada's leading

choirs. Ben Broll, now teaching in Windsor, has studied saxophone with noted teachers. Helen Brown, a classically trained pianist in high demand as an accompanist will be showcasing her Chopin solo. Concert music will range from familiar opera arias by Puccini and Verdi, to well known Schubert Lieder, Mozart, spirituals, and Gershwin's sensuous "Summertime."

◆ **Climate Emergency and the Church.** An Anabaptist Learning Workshop: Free webinar! **Tuesday, October 1, 7-8:30 pm.** How should the church respond to climate emergency? What does the voice of conscience call us to do when faced with catastrophic, human-caused changes to our planet's delicate ecosystem? Does the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition offer any particular resources as we face this uncertain future? Join this webinar to explore a Christian approach to climate emergency, to learn about specific strategies for cultivating hope, and to share ideas about how the church can deepen its ecological commitments. Registration, available at MCEC.CA under Events. Is anyone interested in gathering to do this together? Contact Pastor Charleen.

◆ **It's time to Ride for Refuge** and you are invited! On **Saturday, October 5**, Kendall, Charleen, Tobias and Mattea Jongejan Harder are riding their bikes in the Annual **Ride for Refuge**. They will be riding to raise money for the programming of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario (MCCO) and they invite you to join them! If you enjoy riding a bike or want to help raise funds for the work of MCCO, this is your opportunity. MCCO invests the proceeds from the Ride into their Ontario programming which has significant impact with the vulnerable communities that they serve right here in Ontario. To register, go to: <https://rideforrefuge.org/register> and join the MCC Leamington team.

◆ **Save the Date** — **Dr. Carol Penner** will be leading a workshop on worship planning and worship leading on **Saturday, October 19** at LUMC. Carol is a professor in practical theology at Conrad Grebel University and the author of the popular blog, www.leadinginworship. Carol has been a pastor for many years in the Mennonite Church and enjoys helping congregations develop a vital worship ministry. This workshop is open to all who lead worship or who might be interested in learning more about it. It will begin at 9 am and end around 2:30 pm.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► **The 2019 Gala, Saturday, October 19, *A Passage to India*.** Join us as we travel to a beautiful country of rich cultural traditions and venues. A live auction will be facilitated by Joe Oswald, who has led many charity auctions in our community. A signature meal and raffles are also included in the evening's

program. Tickets are available from the Home office, 519-326-6109, or Committee Members. Proceeds support the Retirement Residence: dining room and servery redevelopment.

▶ A **devotional volunteer leader** is needed for Monday nights. This leader facilitates a 15-20 minute devotional time including a reading, singing and prayer. For more information, please contact Judy Ferrari at 519-326-6109.

▶ **Ladies Home Auxiliary** – Save the Date for the second **Heritage Artisan Show** on **Saturday, October 26** at 31 Pickwick. There are a few openings yet for vendors who would like to showcase their work. Contact Barb Founk.

◆ **Save The Date – 2019 MCC Peace Conference, Saturday, November 16** at Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines.

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

The **Leamington Mennonite Home** invites applications for a **full-time maintenance worker** due to the recent departure of a staff member. The interested applicant should have a certificate/license in a related trade together with 5-7 years experience. Please forward resumes to Jacquie Turnbull at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca.

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, Impact Report 2019
- **The Marketplace**, MEDA, September/October 2019

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, September 11 update

Youth Events . . .

◆ **Junior Youth. Make A Difference Day, New Date & New Location!** **Sunday, October 6** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. A day for Junior Youth across MCEC. Get excited about being a part of a group of young people who are all interested in following Jesus and making a difference in the world. Meet cool resource folks who will inspire us to make a difference in our own lives and communities. Contact Pastor Kendall or Charleen **by Sunday, September 29**, if you are interested.

◆ **Silver Lake Fall Senior Youth Retreat.** New Date! **November 8-10.** Are you tired of needing to appear better or more put together than you are? What if you made a conscious decision to stop the madness of projecting an image that isn't you? Who are you? Have you found your purpose? Where do you belong? What's your story? Join us for a radically honest look into the stories we are telling ourselves about who we

are and who we are becoming. You will be invited to share your story of meaning, doubt and faith. #Authentic #Spirituality #Identity #Community
Details at mcec.ca/events . Contact Pastor Kendall or Charleen **by Sunday, October 13**, if you are interested.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the Faith Everlasting Congregational Church and their pastor Larry Brush.

Congratulations to *Joel Epp & Cindy Lasi* on the occasion of their engagement.

Dear friends, thank you for your kind support through your prayers, meals, gifts, and kind words! Baby Josiah has already grown almost a whole pound and I'm recovering well from my c-section. We hope to join you on a Sunday morning soon! . . . *Alicia Good*

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 12 noon.

In case of emergency, contact Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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