



Sunday, September 22, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Joel Epp

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Gathering HWB # 48, *All creatures of our God and King*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Worship Music — *Janice, Kim and Rosalind*

Song — *Good good Father*

Children's feature

Offering with HWB # 96, *We plow the fields*

Offertory prayer

Scripture readings — Colossians 1:1-14

Message —

Worship Music — *Janice, Kim and Rosalind*

Sharing time and prayer

Closing HWB # 366, *God of grace and God of glory*

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 29

► **10 am, "In Christ."** Last Sunday, we heard about relationships and barriers. We're hearing about growth today. But what does it mean to say or hear or read, "*in Christ*"? These words are so prevalent in the New Testament that they can roll somewhat glibly off our tongues. We might even use them to put a spiritual license plate on things we like. But what did the biblical writers really

mean by the words, “*in Christ*”? Pastor Ken is preaching; Joanne Brown is leading worship.

► **11:30 am, Potluck** to welcome Ken and Dawne Driedger as Ken has taken on the interim pastor role at NLUMC. Chicken, buns and butter will be provided. Please plan to bring your favourite side dish, salad or dessert for 20-25 people to share. All are invited. There will be no book study/discussion on the 29th.

Church Life . . .

◆ ***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, October 6. Exploring an after-church time slot, from 11:30 am-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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Surveys** regarding vision and direction of the youth and junior youth ministry, are available in the foyer. We are looking forward to your feedback! The link for the online survey is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLUMCYouth>

◆ **Hymnal Project**

Mark your calendars! **Voices Together** is the hymnal project of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA. NLUMC is considering purchasing this hymnal and we would like to have a congregational conversation about this on **October 27** after worship. This will be an

opportunity to hear the rationale and cost while lending your voice to the process.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ LUMC

► **Blanket exercise:** On **Saturday October 5th** at 10 am, MCC Ontario is leading a **blanket exercise** at Leamington United Mennonite Church. This powerful interactive event is an educational encounter with Canadian colonial history that helps us understand better the need for truth and reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. Lunch will be provided.

► **Trunk or Treat:** a free and fun Halloween event for the whole family on Saturday, October 26 from 11:30 am to 2 pm. There will be games and prizes as well as a free barbecue. Call 519-326-2727 for more information.

◆ **Heritage Choir.** Practice on **Monday, September 23**, 2 pm, Heritage Centre, Leamington. **Returning singers and new singers** are very welcome. Let's sing again. Further information call Martha Janzen, 519-326-5243.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch & Entrance Scholarship Presentation - TODAY** 11:30 am – 1:00 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.

► **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.

► **Register now for the UMEI Lightning Bolt**

It's almost race day! On Saturday, September 28th 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. All proceeds to go to tuition assistance. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please email Sarah at sarahp@umei.ca

◆ **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, or to make a donation go to: <https://rideforrefuge.org/register> Kendall and Charleen welcome cheques made out to Ride for Refuge.

◆ **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**

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 Served Redevelopment.

◆ **Ladies Home Auxiliary**. Save the Date for the second “Heritage Artisan Show” on **October 26** at 31 Pickwick from 9 am – 4 pm. There are a few openings yet for vendors who would like to showcase their work. Contact Barb Founk.

◆ **German Calendar**. The Leamington Mennonite Home invites orders for the 2020 Neukirchener Kalendar (German Calendars with devotional) an ideal Christmas Gift.

Neukirchener Abreiss – Kalendar \$23.00

Neukirchener Pocketausgabe \$24.00

Neukirchener Grossdruck Buchausgabe \$28.00

Please place your order with payment at the Leamington Mennonite Home no later than **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**.

◆ **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 . . .

MCEC in Prayer

We announce with great sadness that River of Life, Calvary Church Ayr (Mennonite), and Milverton Mennonite Fellowship have left the MCEC family. After healthy conversation with leadership from each congregation, we mourn their leaving and we bless and pray God's best for each of them in their future ministry.

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

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

Ouaga Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso

- 1) Give thanks to the Lord with us, who sustained us with the two weddings on August 25th and 31st. These events went very well, and we ask you to pray for these new couples, that God would strengthen them and use them to further God's kingdom.
- 2) Pray for the new school year, and for our brothers and sisters who will be writing their government exams beginning at the end of this month, to get a much-sought-after job working for the government.
- 3) Pray for the harvest season ahead, that the harvesting will go well and be sufficient for the families of farmers.
- 4) Continue to pray for the security of Burkina Faso.

Our sincere greetings to all our brothers and sisters. May GOD be your strength.

Sincerely, Lassina Traore (and Pastor Bananzaro)

Congratulations to Kevin and Emma Epp who joyfully welcomed their baby daughter, Audrey Lisabeth Epp, three weeks early on September 13, 2019. Proud grandparents are Joan and the late Ken Epp and Mike Reynaert. Great grandparents are Herm and Elizabeth Dick and Marie (late Peter) Epp.

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 Charleen at 519-329-3829, Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514 or Pastor Ken at 519-819-3772.

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