



**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Joanne Brown

Speaker: Ken Driedger

*Growing relationships, in Christ.*

NLUMC Vision Statement

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## **Order of Worship**

### **Building Relationships in Christ**

Welcome

HWB #12, *Come, let us all unite to sing*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Children's time

DVBS song — *I'm trusting You*

Offering with STJ #72, *One is the body*

Prayer for the generous gifts of offering

Welcome the Interim Pastor — Litany and Prayer

Scripture Readings — 2 Corinthians 5:19; Romans 8:39; Romans 8:1;  
2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 2:6,7

Message — What does it mean to be “in Christ”?

Song — *In Christ Alone*

Sharing time

STS #57, *Go, my friends, in grace*

Sending

### ***Today . . .***

► **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.

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### ***Next Sunday, October 6***

► **10 am**, In chapter 1, John describes Jesus as the Word who had always existed, but who then became human, coming from the heavenly Father to us, full of grace and truth (John 1:14). In our fallenness, we tend to gravitate toward grace *or* truth, but if we are Jesus' followers and his imitators, what does it mean for us to also be – or become – full of *both* grace *and* truth?

► **11:30 am**, Final 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. **Exploring an after-church time slot, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm.** Feedback welcome. This is the last segment of the series.

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## Church Life . . .

◆ **Greetings!** Thank you to those who have signed up for greeting on a Sunday morning. In the foyer is the next sign up form from December to February. Consider being a welcoming presence to all who come to NLUMC.

◆ **A Note from Worship Team.** You may have noticed that the name tags are in the foyer for you to fill out. The name tags are used to help visitors feel comfortable when talking with you, to help a momentary memory lapse, to help newer (even longstanding) members learn other member's names. The name tags will be used during some parts of the church year. So, if you see the table filled with sticky name tags and markers, please fill in your name.

◆ **Surveys** regarding vision and direction of the youth and junior youth ministry are available in the foyer. We are looking forward to your feedback! **Please return by Sunday, October 6.** The link for the online survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLUMCYouth>

### ◆ **Sunday School News**

▶ Thanks to Joel Epp for introducing our next collection project which is Southwestern Ontario Gleaners. Their mandate is to convert unmarketable produce into dehydrated vegetable soup and fruit snacks. This week we sent \$300 to The Gleaners. This is enough to provide 3000 servings. We have made a commitment in the Sunday School to help feed the hungry.

▶ **Sunday school staff meeting, Tuesday, October 8** at 7 pm. This meeting will prepare us for teaching the *Circle of Grace* curriculum after Thanksgiving for 3-4 Sundays.

▶ **Circle of Grace.** The Sunday School will be teaching from the Circle of Grace curriculum for 3 weeks (4 weeks for Jr. Youth) on October 20, 27 and November 3 (Nov. 10 for Jr Youth). Circle of Grace is a developmentally appropriate Christian safe environment program for children, intended to prevent sexual abuse in our children. The Circle of Grace program helps children and youth to identify early on when they are uncomfortable with a situation and includes ways to seek help from a trusted adult. Parent packets will be distributed with further information and will be available from the church office. Questions? Talk to Pastor Charleen.

◆ **Thanksgiving Dinner Invitation.** On **Saturday, October 12**, Kendall and Charleen will host a thanksgiving dinner at their home. If you wish to join us, please RSVP to Kendall or Charleen by Thursday, October 10. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

◆ **Missions Committee News — SOCKTOBER and Undie Sunday.** During the month of October, the Missions Team will be collecting donations of new socks and underwear for The Bridge and for the Downtown Mission. The new dark coloured men's and women's socks (no sports socks, please) and new men's and women's underwear can be placed on the rack or in the hamper in the foyer.

### ◆ **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 **Sunday, October 27** after worship. This will be an opportunity to hear the rationale and cost while lending your voice to the process.

### ◆ **Youth Ministry Team**

Members of the Youth Ministry Team include Joanne Brown, Lindsey Ecker and Mandi Scherer-Horne. Thank you to these individuals for their interest in our Youth Ministry.

### ◆ **New Address and Phone Number for — Harold & Susan Klassen**

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **Heritage Choir.** Practice on **Monday, September 30**, 2:30 pm, at Leamington Mennonite Home. For more information call Martha Janzen, 519-326-5243.

◆ **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](http://MCEC.CA) under

Events. Is anyone interested in gathering to do this together? Contact Pastor Charleen.

## ◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► **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

Neukirchener Pocketausgabe — \$24

Neukirchener Grossdruck Buchausgabe — \$28

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

► **A Passage to India, Saturday, October 19.** 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.

◆ **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.

## ◆ **LUMC**

► **Blanket exercise:** On **Saturday, October 5** 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. **RSVP to zach@lumc.ca.**

► **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](http://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. *Please RSVP to Marla Dault, mdault36@gmail.com, by October 13.*

▶ **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.

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Ground beef** orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, October 9** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, October 17.

▶ **Annual Members Meeting – Wednesday, November 13.** UMEI's Annual Members Meeting is open to anyone interested. The meeting will be at UMEI in the Chapel at 7 pm.

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

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Historian**, September 2019

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, September 25 update

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## **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](http://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 Dear Run Church and their pastors; Ike Unger, Quentin Unger and Peter Klassen.

**MCEC News. *David Martin to Retire from MCEC July 2020.*** David Martin, in his letter of resignation to Mennonite Church Eastern Canada's Executive Council, wrote, "the time is right for a change in leadership." David will conclude fifteen years of service as MCEC's Executive Minister in July 2020.

**Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada,** prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Markham Christian Worship Centre in Markham, Ontario.

### **Prayers for Ouaga Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso**

- 1) Give thanks to the Lord with us, who sustained us with the two weddings on August 25 and 31. 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 & Emma Epp* on the birth of their daughter, *Audrey Lisabeth Epp*, on September 13, 2019. Thankful grandparents are *Joan (late Ken) Epp and Mike Reynaert* and great grandparents *Herm & Elizabeth Dick and Marie (late Peter) Epp*.

Congratulations to *Tom & Leanne Enns* of Thamesford on the birth of their son, *David Calvin Enns*, on September 17, 2019. Thankful grandparents are *Dennis & Helga Enns*.

Pray for *John (& Helen) Dick* recovering from surgery.

*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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