



Sunday, September 8, 2019

Education Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Warkentin

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Opening hymn #1, *What is this place*

Announcements

Call to worship & opening prayer

STS #116, *I saw a tree by the riverside*

Beginning a new Sunday School year & Bible presentations

Prayer

Safe Church Pledge

Offering & hymn #307, *Will you let me be your servant*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Mark 4:26-29

Message — Everyday Family Faith

Congregational Response

STJ #16, *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

Congregation sharing & prayer

Hymn #420, *Heart with loving heart united*

Benediction

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

Sunday School Staff List

Wee Ones/JK/SK..... Marla Dault, Carol Koop, Judy Koop, Debbie Srigley
Grades 1/2Linda Driedger, Lindsey Ecker, Bonnie Jadischke, Maida Tiessen
Grades 3/4/5Ann Coppola, Judy Cornies, Stephanie Driedger, Janet Woelk
Grades 6/7/8 Paul Cornies, Al Lehn, Mandi Scherer-Horne, Gerry Willms
SupplyJenn Dick, Heather Fleming, Chani Wiens
Song leaders Kim DiLaudo, Helga Enns
Members of the Education Team..... Paul Cornies, chair of Education Team,
.....Bonnie Jadischke, Mandi Scherer-Horne, Lindsey Ecker, Pastor Charleen

Next Sunday, September 15

► **10 am, Growing Relationships in Christ.** This is our vision statement, but how does it give life to NLUMC? Next Sunday we begin a worship series exploring these words when we will look at Ezra 9:1-3 and Isaiah 56:1-8 as we imagine what are healthy boundaries in relationships and what barriers limit relationships within and beyond the congregation.

► **11:30 am, Growing Young, Adult/Teen Education.**

Church Life . . .

◆ **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.

◆ **Sunset Service at Point Pelee, Northwest Beach Pavilion, Saturday, September 14.** Bring your friends! We are looking forward to grilled hot dogs, plus a special treat of rollkuchen and watermelon! Come for 4:30 pm, supper planned for 5 pm. Informal worship service starts at 7 pm (with sunset anticipated for 7:40 pm). Come early and stay the day, enjoying all the features of the park. If you do not have a park pass, mention you are with North Church at the gate and we've got your entry covered. People can carpool to get through the gates easier. Bring your lawn chair! Bring bug spray! ***Please RSVP by September 10*** to Fred Driedger or the church office, office@nlumc.com or 519-326-7928, if you are planning to attend.

◆ ***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.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Sunday, October 6. EVENT CANCELLED** - With some feedback, the Missions Team has decided to further refine the concept of the Neighbour to Neighbour plan and continue to discern God's calling for North Church and our neighbourhood.

◆ **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!

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 begins **Monday, September 9**, 2 pm, Heritage Centre, Leamington. **Returning singers and new singers** are very welcome. Let's sing again. Further information call Martha Janzen.

◆ **The 20th Annual Leamington and Area Poor Boy Luncheon** will be held at the Roma Club on **Wednesday, September 11** from 11 am-1:30 pm. Proceeds from this event goes to our local Toys for Tots campaign, and to the Southwestern Ontario Gleaners. Tickets are \$8 in advance (available at the SWO Gleaners – 519-326-7687) or \$10 at the door. Lunch of beans & wieners, 3 kinds of vegetable soup and dessert will be served. Sponsorships/Donations are greatly appreciated for this fundraiser. Please contact Joel Epp, General Manager SWO Gleaners, for any further information.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, September 11** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, September 19.

▶ **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. Register by September 13 for an early bird discount and an awesome lightweight long-sleeve hoodie!

▶ **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.

▶ **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,** is *A Passage to India*, with a venue of many colours, cultural beauty and special features such as a live auction, raffles and a signature meal. Tickets are available from the Home office, 519-326-6109, or Committee Members. Proceeds support the Retirement Residence: dining room and serverly redevelopment.

▶ **Volunteers are needed in our Hair Salon** with portering residents. Volunteers are needed Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 am. Please contact Terri Epp at terri@mennonitehome.ca or 519-326-6109 if you can assist in this important opportunity.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service Seeking More Volunteers.** This Fall MDS has an urgent need for volunteers this fall, due to a rise in natural disasters and inclement weather delays this spring. We are thankful for the many leadership volunteers who have stepped up this season and are ready to rebuild and restore homes. Even so, we need the help of our weekly volunteers who are the physical hands and feet of Jesus in Texas, South Dakota, California and more. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve a greater number of disaster survivors this season and we hope you will join us in our ambitious endeavor to bring more people home. “As I think of the thousands of pairs of hands that respond, rebuild and restore homes after a disaster, I am grateful.” Kevin King, Executive Director for MDS. For more information or to serve please visit mds.mennonite.net or call 1-800-241-8111.

◆ **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 an **Emergency Response Worker in the Supportive Housing Department**. This position provides community support and medical emergency response to our residents that live within our various apartments and townhouses. A PSW Certificate is required. Send resume to Jacquie Turnbull at jacquie@mennonitehome.ca or call 519-326-6109.

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 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 .

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See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Summer 2019
- **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, Impact Report 2019

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, August 28 update
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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the United Pentecostal Church and their pastor Andrew Sich.

Dear Friends. Thank you so much for your prayers. Recently, *Eric Lord* was in the hospital with three infections and has not recovered from them. He has discontinued his blood transfusions because they are no longer effective and he does not have the strength to go to the cancer clinic. He is now under the home care program of Hospice. Going to keep him at home as long as possible. Thank you for still caring about us. . . *Janet Lord*

Our prayers go out to the family of *Henry Bergman*, brother-in-law of *Rosemarie Tiessen*, who passed away August 31 in Cambridge, Ontario.

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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