



Sunday, October 13, 2019
Thanksgiving & Communion Service
Worship Service — 10 am
Worship Leader: Chani Wiens
Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder
Worship Music: Madison Hamm

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Gathering Together

Announcements
Hymn #89, *For the beauty of the earth,*
with children bringing gifts of bounty
Call to worship and prayer
Worship music — 10,000 Reasons
Intergenerational feature
DVBS Song — *Thankful!*
Children's feature



Hearing the Word

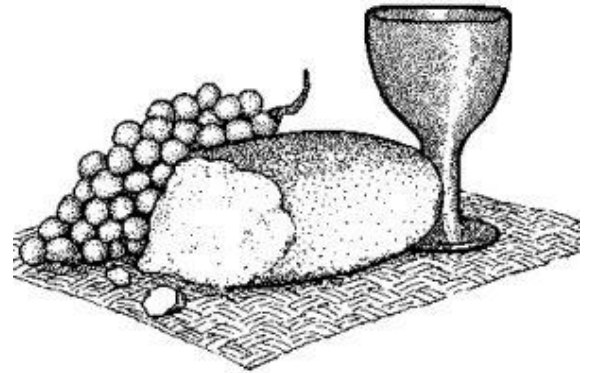
Scripture reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
Message — Giving Thanks in All Circumstances?
Hymn #580, *My life flows on*

Sharing in Community

Offering with worship music — How Great Thou Art
Offertory prayer
Sharing joys & concerns
Pastoral prayer

Communion

Sharing the Bread
Sharing the Cup



Sending to Live the Word

Hymn #50, *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*
Benediction

We invite you to bring your gifts of produce, baking or financial contributions for the Thanksgiving tables.

Following the morning service, you are welcome to take home the items on the Thanksgiving tables.

All proceeds from the Thanksgiving tables will go towards The Salvation Army Food Bank.

Sunday, October 20

► 10 am — God Calls us to Community. On Sunday, October 20, North Church welcomes our neighbours from across the street, UMEI Christian High School. UMEI will provide music, some worship leading, and a children's story around a theme of community. From within North Church, we will be hearing from members of our ReLearning Community Team about what God has been teaching us about Christian community. Text: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13.

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.

◆ **Attention Bakers.** Junior Youth can't go forward from now to Christmas without bakers! For all bakers who would like to participate in the new Junior Youth "North nights", please e-mail Joanne Brown. See page 5 for more details— Grades 5-8 Junior Youth.

◆ **Sunday School News**

Circle of Grace. The Sunday School, up to Grade 5, will be teaching from the Circle of Grace curriculum for three weeks on October 20, 27 and November 3. Junior Youth will be teaching for four weeks on October 27, November 3, 10 & 17. 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 or Mandi Scherer-Horne.

◆ **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 a **potluck lunch**. This will be an opportunity to hear the rationale and cost while lending your voice to the process.

◆ **Potluck Lunch, Sunday, October 27, 11:30 am.** Lasagna, 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.

◆ **Families!** We've got lunch covered **Sunday, November 3** after church. Want your kids to connect with their Sunday School friends? November 3 we are ordering food and sharing the meal together. Rumour has it the kids can play at the UMEI gym. Everybody contributes a little \$ as they are able; the kids play, the adults have a few moments. We all help clean up. Simple. Debbie Srigley is coordinating the food for this first family lunch; rsvp appreciated to Debbie.

◆ **Adult Sunday School** - On **Sunday, November 3** we will begin a series on **Forgiveness**. We know there is a Biblical call to forgiveness, but what exactly is forgiveness? Who is forgiveness for? What are some elements to the forgiveness journey? During this series we will be discussing questions such as these while also responding to the sermon series on forgiveness during worship. A resource will be *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu and his daughter, Mpho Tutu. **We are continuing to explore an after-church time slot, from 11:30-12:15.**

**The church office will be closed
Tuesday, October 15 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
We will reopen on Wednesday morning at 9 am.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **LUMC**

▶ **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. *Please RSVP to Marla Dault by October 13.*

▶ **Trunk or Treat:** a free and fun Halloween event for the whole family on **Saturday, October 26** at LUMC 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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **Gala Saturday, October 19.** Plans for our annual Gala are nearing completion, with an excitement about our destination, auctions and raffles, especially the \$3,000 Grand Prize. Some tickets are still available to this important fundraising event supporting the renovation of the Retirement Residence dining room, servery and front entrance. For tickets, please call the front office at 519-326-6109.

▶ **Ladies Home Auxiliary.** Save the Date for the second **Artisan Market & Cafe** on **Saturday, October 26** at 31 Pickwick from 9 am – 4 pm.

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

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Thank You!** We would like to thank all of our participants and volunteers who made the 2019 Lightning Bolt fundraiser a success! We raised \$25,000 gross towards tuition assistance! We can't wait for next year!

▶ **New to UMEI** - Did you hear about UMEI's new Coffee Club? Find out how to join here: www.umei.ca/coffee-club/

◆ **Mennonite Central Committee News**

▶ **2019 Christmas MCC giving booklets** are available in the foyer and in your September 30 copy of the Canadian Mennonite.

▶ **2020 MCC Calendars** are available in the foyer.

◆ **MDS Needs Volunteers in Scenic Renfrew County** to help with the recovery from the 2019 Ottawa River flooding. The work will include rebuilding and repairing to get people back into their homes. Work is expected to go through the fall and possibly winter. Accommodations will be available in La Passe. Please consider this opportunity. To volunteer or for more info contact:

Nick Hamm – 905-401-3990 or hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com

Martin Durksen – 904-736-1060 or alana@cogeco.ca

Earl Martin – 519-741-6320 or emartinsandpiper@gmail.com

Evelyn Peters-Rojas – 1-866-261-1274 or epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, October 9 update
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Youth Events . . .

◆ **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.

◆ **Grades 5-8 Junior Youth.** We have something new and fun coming up at North Church for you! Starting **Saturday, October 26**, we are planning Saturday night time set aside especially for you. Our first "North Nights" will be on the theme Baking and Bible Stories. We'll bake something yummy, and while the food is baking, we'll engage with a Bible story (probably about food). Then we eat! Saturday nights, 6:30-8 pm. Please let us know about allergies/ food sensitivities. RSVP appreciated but not required; text Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or email at charleen@nlumc.com .

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the Meadow Brook Church and their pastors; Chris Walker, Mesh Hit, Xavier Avila and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Medahniale Ethiopian Evangelical Church in Toronto, Ontario.

Here are the prayer requests from Ouaga for this month:

- 1) Keep praying for the safety of our country, which is becoming increasingly detrimental with many displaced from their homes.
- 2) We ask for your prayers for the start of the school year, that God sustain the children and parents in these times.
- 3) Pray that the harvest will end well and be sufficient.
- 4) Presently, it is the period of malaria and dengue fever in our country. We ask for your prayers for all those who suffer from these diseases.

Shalom.

May God bless you, Dr. Lassina Traore

Pray for *Mary Driedger* in Erie Shores Healthcare, Leamington.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, donations, food, flowers, and all the acts of kindness in support of our family. We are grateful for the exceptional care at the Leamington Mennonite Home. Thanks to all those who contributed to the service and the luncheon. You made it special and memorable.

. . . Martha Janzen and family

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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