



Sunday, October 20, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leaders: Debbie Srigley, Sonya Bedal
Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Announcements

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

Call to worship and prayer

Worship music — Good, Good Father

Children's feature

STS #113, *I will stand in the congregation*

Scripture reading — Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Message — Relearning Community

STJ #52, *Jesus, help us live in peace*

Offering with worship music — Great is Thy Faithfulness

Offertory prayer

Sharing

Pastoral prayer

Hymn #307, *Will you let me be your servant*

Benediction

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

Sunday, October 27

► 10 am — Join us for worship as Pastor Ken brings the message;

Forgiveness, what is it?

► 11:30 am, **Potluck Lunch**, 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.

► **Following potluck lunch, Hymnal Project. 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. This will be an opportunity to hear the rationale and cost while lending your voice to the process.

► Last Sunday of Socktober.

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.** 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.

◆ **Jam Session.** 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 **Friday, November 1** from 6 - 8 pm you are invited to a **NLUMC jam session**. We will order **pizza** so you don't have to have supper before you come. 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.

◆ **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 to Debbie is appreciated.

◆ **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.**

◆ **Church Secretary Backup.** Personnel Team is grateful to Debbie Janzen and Nadine Driedger for sitting in for Susan while she was on vacation in September. We currently have a roster of four people who responded to calls to help out in the office when Susan is away. We are extending this invitation to others who may have an interest. Do you have experience preparing documents, spreadsheets and presentations using Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint? Do you like engaging with the public in person and on the phone? If so, would you be interested in working in the NLUMC Church Office from time to time when Susan is away? If you are interested, please contact Joanne Brown. Training/orientation will be provided.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC.** Setting up an automatic transfer is a convenient way to make regular donations to the church. If you would like to participate in this program, please stop in at the church office to complete the necessary paperwork and provide a void cheque. These donations will be processed on the 15th of each month. Please contact Susan Klassen at the church office or the treasurer, Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com, if you have any questions.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2018 – October 17, 2019** (88.5% of year) \$229,761.75 (72.4%) of our \$317,198.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ LUMC

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 2019.** Our Home thanks the church community for its strong support of our Annual Gala. Close to 400 guests enjoyed an evening of culture, beauty and fun as we raised needed funds for our Home. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Upcoming travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Admission by donation.

Friday, November 1: *The Baltics* by Glen & Sydney Sellick

Friday, November 15: *MEDA in Ukraine* by Herb Enns and Ken Enns

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

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

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

► **Register Now – UMEI Discovery Day.** Don't spend your PA Day at home! Grades 4 to 6 are invited to see what UMEI Christian High School is all about at Discovery Day. Enjoy a day of fun, games, music and lunch. Join us **Friday, November 15** from 10 am - 1 pm. To register, contact Sarah Parsons by email at sarahp@umei.ca or call the UMEI office at 519-326-7448. Doors for Discovery Day open at 9:30 am!

► **Call for Board Members.** Do you have a passion for UMEI and Christian education? Do you have ideas and a vision for the future of the school? We need you to share your gifts by volunteering your time and talents in leading UMEI into the future. For more details, please contact John Krueger, Chair, by email at: board@umei.ca .

◆ 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
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See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, October 9 update

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Courier**, Mennonite World Conference, October 2019

Youth Events . . .

◆ **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 St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

• **Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for McArthurs Mills Christian Fellowship in Bancroft, 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.

• Pray for *Rita (& Don) Loewen* in Windsor hospital.

• **MCEC Prayer Request** — *40th Anniversary of Southeast Asian Migration to North America*. Please pray with thankfulness for the congregations that have emerged from this immigration period and continued prayer for our newcomer congregations today. Pray for refugees and immigrants who daily arrive in Canada and for the political leaders who make decisions about their well-being.

• Please pray for the candidates and the voters in the upcoming Federal election on Monday, October 21.

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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