



**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Ann Coppola

Speaker: Ken Driedger

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

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## Order of Worship

Announcements

Congregational song — *The mountain of God*

Call to worship and prayer

Worship music — Here in this place

Children's feature

Scripture readings —

Colossians 3:12-14

Ephesians 4:31-32

Mark 11:25

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Message — Forgiveness: What is it anyway?

Worship music — Sing a new world into being

Offering with hymn #343, *My hope is built on nothing less*

Offertory prayer

Sharing & pastoral prayer

STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*

Benediction

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

► 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. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to register your comment, contact Pastor Kendall, [kendall@nlumc.com](mailto:kendall@nlumc.com) or Sandra Warkentin.

► Last Sunday of **Socktober & Undie Sunday**.

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## *Sunday, November 3*

► 10 am — **“I’m Sorry!” The role of apology in forgiveness.** Many of us have an inadequate, or weak understanding of what it means to forgive. Maybe we were told to say “I’m sorry!” and/or were forced to forgive with an easy hug when the hurt was still stinging. The thing is, “I’m sorry” is not enough for forgiveness to flourish. On Sunday, November 3, we will explore how to give and receive a good, truth-filled apology, and how that might set the stage for building peace when we’re in the wrong. This knowledge is good for our marriages, our families, our friendships, and frankly, all our relationships. Romans 18:17 “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all” and other texts. Pastor Charleen preaching, Keith Klassen leading worship. Adult Sunday School continues the conversation on forgiveness.

► **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 Srigley.

► **Adult Sunday School.** 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. Additional classes in this series will be on November 10 & 17. **We are continuing to explore an after-church time slot, from 11:30-12:15.**

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Missions Committee News. Soctober and Undie Sunday.** Today is the last Sunday that the Missions Team are 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Sunday School News.** The Sunday School, up to Grade 5, is teaching from the *Circle of Grace* curriculum today and November 3. Junior Youth will be teaching on today and 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Children's Sunday School News.** The Sunday School is excited to start preparations for the Christmas Eve service. Beginning **Sunday, November 3**, singing time will be extended and lesson time will end at 11:15 for the months of November and December. We hope that the children will be attending regularly to learn the songs and practice the drama. Stayed tuned for more announcements!

◆ **Caregiving Team meeting, Tuesday, November 12** at 9 am.

◆ **Pizza Night, Friday, November 29** at 6 pm. Gather with your NLUMC friends at the Roma Club, 19 Seacliff Drive East, Leamington, to share food and fellowship.

◆ **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 e-mail 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25, 2019** (90.4% of year) \$235,781.75 (74.3%) of our \$317,198.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, October 28**, 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

### ◆ **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**

▶ **UMEI is Celebrating 75 years** with five events for alumni, supporters and friends from January 2020 to July 2020! Would you like to be a part of planning this momentous year? If so, please email office@umei.ca.

▶ **Annual Members Meeting, Wednesday, November 13.** This meeting is open to anyone interested and will be at UMEI in the Chapel at 7 pm. Copies of the report are available from the church or by contacting the UMEI office.

▶ **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!

## ◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

**A Passage to India: Gala 2019.** We thank all donors, sponsors and guests for their support which in total raised \$80,000 for the Retirement Residence: Dining Room and Servery Renovation Project. The 2019 Golf Tournament proceeds were also donated to this cause. We have begun the project and hope to be completed before Christmas. Thank you for the strong and generous support!

## ◆ 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.

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service, October 23 update**

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## Youth Events . . .

◆ **Grades 5-8 Junior Youth.** Next week at North Night, **Saturday, November 2, 6:30 – 8 pm**, we are baking cinnamon buns and exploring the story of God providing food for a foreign widow. 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. Mary's and Calvary Anglican churches on Pelee Island and their pastor Ed Healey.

**Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada,** prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Meheret Evangelical Church** in Kitchener, Ontario.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Mary Driedger*, sister of *Helen & John Dick, John & Helen Bergen* and *Lydia & Walter Warkentin* and sister-in-law of *Henry & Gerda Driedger*, who passed away Wednesday, October 23. Visitation will be at Reid Funeral Home on Sunday, October 27, 2-5 pm. The funeral service will take place at Reid Funeral Home at 11 am on Monday, October 28.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Rita Loewen*, wife of *Don* and mother of *Matt & Julie* and *Mark & Trish*, who passed away Thursday, October 24. A private family funeral has taken place. Family and friends are invited to the Roma Club, Leamington on Tuesday, October 29 at 12 noon for a celebration of Rita's life.

Please pray for our newly elected leaders who were voted into office in the 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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