



Sunday, October 6, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Brenda Fischer

Speaker: Ken Driedger

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

We Gather, We Praise Him!

STJ #3, *Jesus call us here to meet him*

Call to worship & opening prayer

Intergenerational feature

DVBS song — *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Children's story

STJ #40, *As rain from the clouds*

Hearing the Word

Scripture reading — John 1:1-17

Message — Grace vs. Truth

Hymn #318, *He rules the world with truth and grace*

Sharing

Offering with STS #49, *I will come to you in the silence*

Offertory prayer

Sharing our joys & concerns

Going into the World

Sending prayer

Hymn #98, *Sing to the Lord of harvest*

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

Today . . .

► **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.

► **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 today.** The link for the online survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLUMCYouth>

Thanksgiving Sunday, October 13

► 10 am — On this Thanksgiving Sunday we look at 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 where Paul writes that we are to “Give thanks in all circumstances.” How does giving thanks shape us? Can we give thanks when life is hard? Is there a difference between giving thanks **in** all circumstances and giving thanks **for** all circumstances? How does the community play into this? Join us for worship as we give thanks to God for our many blessings and celebrate Communion. We invite you to bring your gifts of produce, baking or financial contributions for the Thanksgiving tables. All proceeds from the Thanksgiving tables will go towards The Salvation Army Food Bank. The children will join in the morning worship service.

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.

◆ **Sunday School News**

► **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, 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019** (83.3% of year) \$212,578.25 (67%) of our \$317,198.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

TARGET	2019	ACTUAL
Nov 30—\$317,198		
Nov 1—\$290,763		
Oct 1—\$264,330	\$270,198	
Sept 1—\$237,897		
Aug 1—\$211,464		Oct 1—\$212,578
July 1—\$185,031		Sept 1—\$186,012
June 1—\$158,598		Aug 1—\$170,088
May 1—\$132,165		July 1—\$152,100
Apr 1—\$105,732		June 1—\$134,203
Mar 1—\$79,299		May 1—\$111,721
Feb 1—\$52,866		Apr 1—\$85,529
Jan 1—\$26,433		Mar 1—\$60,322
		Feb 1—\$44,322
		Jan 1—\$25,813
Dec 1—0		Dec 1—0

Shortfall
\$51,752

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **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.

▶ **Save the Date – UMEI Discovery Day.** Don't spend your P.A. 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!

▶ **Save the Date – UMEI Open House.** Come see what UMEI Christian High School is all about at our Open House, on **Tuesday, November 26** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tour the facilities and meet students, current parents and faculty!

◆ **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, mdault36@gmail.com, 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

► **A Passage to India, 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.

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 . . .

◆ **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.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the Salvation Leamington Community Church and their pastor Phoungern Sombounkhanh

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

Pray for *Elizabeth (& Jake) Lehn* in Leamington Hospital.

We pray for our *Junior Youth and Pastor Kendall* who are attending the MCEC Make a Difference Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp today.

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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