



Sunday, November 10, 2019

Peace Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Keith Klassen

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Words of welcome

Announcements

Gathering — hymn #26, *Holy Spirit, come with power*

— hymn #41, *Come, thou Almighty King*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Circle of Grace

Children's story

Confession/Assurance

Offering with hymn #336, *When peace, like a river*

Scripture reading — Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22

Message — Forgiveness: a fourfold path

Response — *I will sing with you*, on screen

Sharing time

Congregational prayer

Closing hymn #423, *May the grace of Christ our Savior*

Benediction

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

Today . . .

► **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 17 & 24. **We are continuing to explore an after-church time slot, from 11:30-12:15.**

Sunday, November 17

► 10 am — Pastor Ken will continue in our Forgiveness Series with the message: *Getting From Bitterness To Forgiveness* (see description below in the Adult Sunday School information) The message will be based on Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 12:14-15 and Mark 11:25.

◆ **Congregational Meeting.** We will have a short membership meeting immediately following the church service to discuss and vote by secret ballot on the purchase of the new *Voices Together* hymnal. “Worship Team moves that NLUMC purchase 216 pew editions, 1 projection edition, 5 worship leader editions and 1 accompaniment edition of the *Voices Together* hymnal.” Total anticipated cost is \$ 7167.57. We have an anonymous donation of \$4000 to fund approximately 56% of the cost and will look to more donations and designated giving **after December 1, 2019**. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to register your vote, please contact the church office, 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, before Friday, November 15, 3 pm.

► **Adult Sunday School.** Pastor Ken will continue on the theme of Forgiveness. When we are deeply hurt by another person, we naturally nurse that wound and hope for healing. And the emotional bleeding eventually stops. But if the person who hurt us doesn't recognize their sin, recovery and forgiveness is more difficult. Like an infection, bitterness easily sets in and we get stuck. How can we get "unstuck" from bitterness, or avoid it altogether? How can we get to a spiritual place where we not only can, but choose to obey Jesus and forgive the other person in spite of the incredible cost of forgiveness? Questions are welcome. The final class in this series will be on November 24. **We are continuing to explore an after-church time slot, from 11:30-12:15.**

Church Life . . .

◆ **Attention Bakers.** Junior Youth can't go forward from now to Christmas without bakers! For all bakers who would like to participate in the Junior Youth “North nights”, please e-mail Joanne Brown. See page 7 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.

◆ **Children's Sunday School News**

► The Sunday School is excited to start preparations for the **Christmas Eve** service. For the months of November and December, singing time is extended and lesson time ends at 11:15 am. We hope that the children will be attending

regularly to learn the songs and practice the drama. The words to the songs were emailed out on November 5.

► **Junior Youth** will be teaching the *Circle of Grace curriculum* today and November 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.

► Our **current collection project for the Southwestern Ontario Gleaners** is off to a great start. To date, a total of \$600 has been donated from the Sunday School collection account. That provides 6000 servings! The children are committed to helping feed the hungry. Thank you to the children for being generous!

◆ **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.

◆ **Leamington Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 30** at 5:30 pm. We will again be entering our “Star of Wonder” float in the Leamington Parade. Sunday School children, junior youth and parents are welcome to participate. Contact the church office, 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, to reserve a spot on the float.

◆ **Missions Team News**

New Program. When the early Christians celebrated the Lord’s Supper, it was a meal or sometimes a banquet. When the meal was over, the food that remained was distributed to people in need. In the spirit of sharing what we have with those in our community who could benefit from some help, the Missions Team is inviting the congregation to purchase grocery cards in \$10 or \$20 denominations. These cards will be collected, whenever our church celebrates Communion, and will be forwarded to SECC, who then distributes them to people who come to them for help. Please consider purchasing these cards which will be collected, for the first time, at our December 1 Communion.

◆ **Nominating Team News.** We are looking for a funeral meal

co-ordinator to assist and help co-ordinate tasks in the kitchen in our church during a funeral meal. If interested, contact Greg Driedger, 519-567-9604 or gregdriedger@gmail.com .

◆ **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.

◆ **Re-Learning Community (RLC)** On October 20, during the worship service, we shared an overview on the ReLearning Community initiative. In a post-Christendom culture, RLC extends the challenge to connect with God’s story in a new way- by sharing our own stories of faith and to intentionally work at making disciples by building stronger relationships. Are we willing to commit to join together on a journey where we and our children can actually think of ourselves and call ourselves active Disciples for Christ? Ephesians 4:11 “Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church - the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers.” RLC has classified these traits as the Five Fold Ministry! Jesus values all people in order to build a vital church community! We encourage everyone to take the Five Fold Ministry questionnaire to see in which category they are classified - www.fivefoldsurvey.com/surveys/313521?locale=en. We look forward to more “Re-Learning Community” discussions and encounters. Others are heartily invited to join us at an upcoming workshop.

Blessings to you all, Pastor Charleen, Brenda Fischer, Joanne Brown, Lindsey & Jason Ecker, Sandra Warkentin

— Upcoming Events —

Sunday, November 24 – Memorial Sunday

Tuesday, November 26 – Seniors Christmas Social

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent & Communion

◆ **Church Year End.** Please be advised that the church year end is November 30, 2019. Please submit any invoices that need to be paid in the 2019 year to the church office by Sunday, November 24.

◆ **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 – November 8, 2019** (94% of year) \$253,301.75 (79.9%) 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 . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, November 11**, 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ **Monday Meals.** Through discussions on homelessness and poverty in Leamington, our local ministerial had determined that Leamington would benefit from two weekly meals. Currently, the meals are weekly on Wednesdays (NLUMC serves the 4th Wednesday); Leamington United Church prepared one Monday a month. We are adding more meals to Mondays so it's once a week Mondays as well; but following a different food and volunteer format. We will be serving pre-cooked food from Feeding Windsor (Youtube video link: Feeding Windsor) and volunteers are needed primarily for set-up, serving and clean-up. Groups of 3-5; men and women, are encouraged to sign up and pick a Monday. Set up 3:30-5 pm; Serving 5-6 pm; cleanup 6-7:30 pm. Contact Pastor George at georgebozanich@gmail.com if you are interested in signing up for a Monday. It's fun and easy (Charleen and Kendall have already served one Monday, ask how it went!)

◆ **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.

▶ Ground beef orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, November 13** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, November 21.

▶ **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!

► **Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, November 17**, 11:30 am – 1 pm. Come join us for cabbage rolls, meatballs, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert at our November fundraising meal. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

► **Open House, Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** Meet teachers | See classes | Learn about sports and clubs | Find your place here!

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

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

Friday, November 29: *Northwest USA* by Larry and Nancy Burgess

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

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Concert "Longing", Saturday, November 23** at UMEI at 7:30 pm and **Sunday, November 24** at LUMC at 3 pm. Tickets: In advance \$12 for adults, \$6 for students and at the door: \$15 for adults, \$7 for students. Available at Kindred Credit Union, choir members or call UMEI at 519-326-7448.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

► **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bake Sale.** We invite everyone to the Annual Christmas Bake Sale, **Saturday, November 30** from 8 am to ? at the Leamington United Mennonite Church. All proceeds support the work of the Home's Auxiliary and our ministry of eldercare. Donations of raisin bread, zwiebach, cookies and other pastries will be accepted on Friday, November 29 from 9 am to noon.

► **Annual Christmas Open House.** Family and friends of the Home are invited to the annual Christmas Open House on **Sunday, December 1**, from 2:30-3:30 pm. The Heritage Choir will sing and Santa promises to visit too.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, November 6 update
- **The Celaya Conservatory Children's Choir**, November 22, LUMC
- **Lights of Life tree lighting ceremony**, December 1

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Fall 2019
 - **Behind the hammer**, MDS, Fall 2019
 - **MCC 2018/2019 Annual Report**
 - **MCC Ontario At Home**
 - **MCC New Roots, Planting for the next 100**
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Youth Events . . .

◆ **Grades 5-8 Junior Youth.** Next week at North Night, **Saturday, November 16**, 6:30 - 8 pm, we are baking pizza/cupcakes and exploring the parable of the prodigal son. 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 .

◆ **Senior Youth.** We heard you senior youth!!! We have an event that's just for you!! Join us **Friday, November 22** at 6:30-8:30 pm at Thrift on Mill, 58 Mill Street West, Leamington! Shop. Volunteer. Donate. We will "shop" for funny Christmas gifts for the gift exchange at the youth Christmas party. (funniest thrift gift will win a prize!) We will volunteer by helping rip rags, sort items and tag items for the store. This is a busy time of year for them and a great way for us to give back at the beginning of the season of giving!! You can donate if you want to 😊 Bring something to donate if you have something you don't need anymore! Afterwards, we will go to McDonald's or Booster Juice for McFlurrys or smoothies 😊 Who's in?! Thank you Cindy Lasi for hosting us!!

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the **St. Anthony's Parish, Maronite Rite**, and their pastor Namatallah Eid.

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

Please pray for *Rudy Lehn* as he recovers from pneumonia.

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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