



Sunday, November 17, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Lindsey Ecker

Speaker: Ken Driedger

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Words of welcome

Announcements

Gathering hymn #17, *We gather together*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Worship music — How Deep the Father's Love for Us

— Dennis Wiens, Sandra Warkentin, Joan Willms

Children's story

Confession/Assurance

Offering with hymn #356, *Breathe on me, breath of God*

Scripture reading — Hebrews 12:14-15, Romans 12:19, Matthew 18:23-35

Message — Finding our Way to Forgiveness

Response song, STJ #23, *Slowly turning, ever turning*

Sharing time

Congregational prayer

Worship music — What Love is This

Closing song STJ #56, *Make me a channel of your peace*

Benediction

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

Today . . .

► **9:58 am, #wethenorthchurch T-shirt Fundraiser.** We invite everyone who purchased a *#wethenorthchurch* T-shirt to wear it to church **today** and be in place at the front of the sanctuary at **9:58** so we can snap a quick photo before starting the morning announcements. Let's see if we can get all 70 people at the front of church this Sunday! We are happy to donate just over \$300 to the local Salvation Army Foodbank. Enjoy wearing your T-shirts!

► **11:15 am, 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.

► **11:30 am – 12:15 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. An additional class in this series will be on November 24.

◆ **Voices Together.** Should we move forward with purchasing *Voices Together* Hymnal, we invite people to consider ordering a personal copy through the church order. If you are interested, please contact the church office 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, **by Tuesday, November 26** to qualify for the discount.

Memorial Sunday, November 24

► 10 am — **Memorial Sunday.** We will share our griefs with each other in a ritual of candle lighting and remembering. We will light candles for members of NLUMC who passed away in the last year. We also invite you to light a candle in memory of someone you have lost as we bring our griefs before God. Pastor Kendall will bring the message on forgiveness in the context of death.

► **11:30-12:15 pm, Adult Sunday School.** We will finish the theme of Forgiveness. This will be the final class of the series.

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.

◆ **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. 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.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 7 pm.**

◆ **Seniors' Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 26, 2 pm** at the Heritage Center. Anyone wishing to donate two dozen cookies may deliver them by 12 noon to the Heritage Center on November 26.

◆ **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.

— Upcoming Event —

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 14, 2019** (95.9% of year) \$258,251.90 (81.4%) 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 . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch, today, 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!

▶ **Pie Fundraiser** - Students are selling home-made pies to raise money for their school trips. Pies come frozen with baking instructions. Please contact any UMEI student or the school office to place an order. All orders are due by **Wednesday, November 27**. Pie orders will arrive in time for Christmas.

▶ **Grade 11 Drama Class presents: *And A Child Shall Lead* on Friday, November 29** at 7 pm and **Sunday, December 1** at 1:30 pm. Tickets for the play are available at the door – adults \$15; students \$10. NOTE: Due to the sensitive subject matter of this play, we are recommending it for ages 10 and up. It is a view of the Holocaust through the eyes of children, and a way of honouring their memory through sharing their poems and stories.

▶ Before the play on **Sunday, December 1**, come out and enjoy lunch in the auditorium at the students **Soup & Chili Cookoff** from 11:30 am – 1 pm. Admission by donation.

▶ **UMEI at the Mill Street Market!** The UMEI Music Department has been invited to perform on **Saturday, November 30** from 7 - 8:30 pm at the final

Mill Street Market in Leamington! Come out to the Big Tomato after the Christmas Parade to sing carols with us and say hello!

► **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.

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, November 18**, 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners' Annual Open House**, **Saturday, November 23**, 10 am - 2 pm. Please join us for soup, apple snacks, desserts and tours of our facilities. This is a "Thank you" to all our volunteers, donors and supporters for another productive year. Also an opportunity to bring a friend or neighbour to learn more about the SWO Gleaners. Join us at 40 Industrial Rd, Leamington.

◆ **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.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

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

◆ **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.

◆ **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!)

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 . . .

- **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 . . .

◆ **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!!

♦ **Grades 5-8 Junior Youth.** Next week at North Night, **Saturday, November 23**, 6:30 - 8 pm, we are baking muffins/banana bread and exploring the story of the disciples having breakfast on the beach with Jesus after his resurrection. 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 .

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the **Know Presbyterian Church** and their pastor Leslie Walker.

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

Congratulations to *Aaron & Brittany Neufeld* on the birth of their daughter, *Quinn Miriam Abigail Neufeld*, born on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Baby sister to Theo and Lincoln. Thankful grandparents are Steve & Tracy Lewis and Alan & Jo-Anne Neufeld. Great-granddaughter to Miriam Young, Anita Driedger, and John Neufeld.

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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