



Sunday, November 24, 2019

Memorial Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Paul Cornies

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome

Announcements

Song — *Light of the World (Here I am to Worship)*, on screen

Call to worship and opening prayer

Worship music — Teach Me, Lord, to Wait / On Eagle's Wings

Children's feature

Offering with worship music — To My Precious Lord

Memorial Candle lighting

Astrid Koop (80), passed away November 19, 2018

Peter Lehn (88), passed away March 13, 2019

Peter Epp (89), passed away April 11, 2019

Anna Konrad (99), passed away May 22, 2019

Hazel Tiessen (90), passed away July 28, 2019

Helen Cornies (87), passed away August 13, 2019

Mary Driedger (94), passed away October 23, 2019

Rita Loewen (74), passed away October 24, 2019

STS #121, *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Scripture reading — Ephesians 4:29-32, Jeremiah 29:11-14

Message — Grief and Forgiveness when Someone has Passed

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

Sharing time

STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*

Benediction

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

Today . . .

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed
by the Leamington Mennonite Home in memory of
our residents, volunteers and supporters
who were members of this congregation and who passed away this year.
Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends
who have experienced loss and bereavement.*

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

► 10 am — Join us on the **First Sunday of Advent and Communion.**

Pastor Ken will bring the sermon based on Matthew 24:36-44. What does it mean to be ready for Jesus' return? And how do we maintain a state of readiness in the face of the many distractions of our time?

► **Missions Team 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.**

Church Life . . .

◆ **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 **today.**

◆ **Voices Together.** Now that we are moving 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, November 27, 7 pm.**

◆ **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.

◆ **Notes from Missions Team**

► **Venidos Juntos / Coming Together.** Missions Team is coordinating a special event in collaboration with MCC Thrift on Mill, which we are calling Venidos Juntos / Coming Together. It's a simple social event, intended to build connections with our broader community, including recognizing our worker community on **Thursday, December 5**, 5-9 pm. Baked goods are welcomed - contact Janet Woelk. Come, serve, mingle, and represent NLUMC in our community!

► **Community Meal.** Our **Community Meal table** has been set up in the foyer. Donations for the community meal fund can be placed into the offering plate, with the cheque made out to our church as usual. Write “Community Meal” and the amount on the outside of the donation envelope on the “other” line. With every \$250 donated, a place setting will be added to the table. Please consider making a donation, and maybe volunteering.

◆ **Baby Dedications.** We are currently planning for a baby dedication. If you know of a baby in our community whose family may be interested in a NLUMC baby dedication, please nudge our pastors to contact them or encourage these families to contact the church office. **Tentative date: January 19, 2020.**

◆ **Children’s Sunday School News.** Attention all Sunday School musicians! If you play an instrument and would like to play a Christmas song as part of the prelude for our Christmas Eve service, please speak with Helga Enns before or after singing on a Sunday morning.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Congregational Meeting** held on **Sunday, November 17** for voting on the purchase of the new *Voices Together* hymnal resulted in 81 in favour and 19 against. \$7000 has been donated of the \$7167 cost. Thank you to the congregation and the donors for your interest and generosity.

◆ **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 21, 2019** (97.5% of year) \$283,860 (89.5%) 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 . . .

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Concert** "*Longing,*" **today** at LUMC at 3 pm. Tickets at the door: \$15 for adults, \$7 for students.

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, November 25**, 2:30 pm at the Leamington Mennonite Home.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **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.

► **Shop UMEI Vista Christmas Order.** Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 2**. Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, December 6. This will be the last order before Christmas.

◆ **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.

◆ **Thrift on Mill News.** The Leamington MCC shop, Thrift on Mill, needs a General Manager as Randy Lepp is retiring in February 2020. The entire application process is online. If it is not of interest to you, please note that there is a place to "nominate" a good candidate. Keep this search in your prayers. mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/general-manager

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, November 20 update
- **Lights of Life tree lighting ceremony**, December 1

Youth Events . . .

North Church Christmas Party! Junior and Senior Youth are invited to a fabulous Christmas party on **Saturday, December 7**, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. This is always a super fun time, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the **Wheatley Baptist Church**.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Niagara United Mennonite Church** in Niagara-on-the-Lake, 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,
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