



**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Gerry Willms  
Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

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## Order of Worship

Welcome

Announcements

Hymnal #150, *Wonderful grace of Jesus*

Call to worship and prayer

Worship music — Gavotte, *by P. Martini*

Circle of Grace meditation

Children's feature

Confession/Assurance

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

Scripture reading — Romans 12:9-21

Message — I'm Sorry

Worship music — Sonata in D for two violins, *by Tartini*

Offering with hymn #167, *For God so loved us*,  
— verse 1 German, verses 2-4 English

Offertory prayer

Sharing & pastoral prayer

Closing hymn #433, *Go, my children*

Benediction

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

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

► **Children's Sunday School News.** The Sunday School is excited to start preparations for the Christmas Eve service. Beginning **today**, 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!

► **Families!** We've got lunch covered **today** after church. Want your kids to connect with their Sunday School friends? Today 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.

► **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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### ***Peace Sunday, November 10***

► 10 am — On this Peace Sunday, Pastor Kendall will continue to explore the theme of forgiveness. In Matthew 18:15-18 and 21-22, forgiveness is linked to truth telling. We explore some of the elements of forgiveness and how important it is for the individual and for the community to take seriously the offense.

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## **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 new 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.

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

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

◆ **Congregational Meeting.** On **Sunday, November 17, 2019**, 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, 1 accompaniment edition and 5 worship leader editions 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.

◆ **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.

### ◆ **Notes from Missions Team**

#### ▶ **Thanks....**

1. to everyone who donated items to the Thanksgiving table and to those who made financial contributions. \$1002.96 was forwarded to the Salvation Army Foodbank.
2. for participating in Soctober and Undie Sunday. Those collections have been concluded at the end of October.

#### ▶ **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.

◆ **#wethenorthchurch T-shirt Fundraiser.** Thanks to just over 70 people who ordered a church T-shirt! After the costs were covered, we are happy to report that our church will be donating just over \$300 to the local Salvation Army Foodbank just as the weather is turning colder and people need some warm sustenance! Enjoy wearing your T-shirts! **#wethenorthchurch !!!**

◆ **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.

◆ **Kindred members support NLUMC.** Thanks to your investments in Kindred Credit Union's Church Builder GICs last year, we have received a donation of \$683.56. Since Church Builder GICs were introduced in 1998, Kindred has donated over \$715,000 in bonus interest to churches and organizations in Ontario.

### — Upcoming Events —

Sunday, November 24 – Memorial Sunday

Tuesday, November 26 – Seniors Christmas Social

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent & Communion

◆ **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](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com), if you have any questions.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019** (91.8% of year) \$242,016.75 (76.3%) 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		Nov 1—\$242,016
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

**Still Need  
\$75,182**

## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, November 4**, 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

## ◆ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ◆ 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.

## ◆ 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
- **The Celaya Conservatory Children's Choir**, November 22, LUMC

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **Christian Peacemaker Teams**, July – September Team Reports
  - **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Fall 2019
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## Youth Events . . .

◆ **Grades 5-8 Junior Youth.** Next week at North Night, **Saturday, November 9**, 6:30 – 8 pm, we are baking apple crisp and exploring the story in 2 Kings 6:24 – 7:20. “You will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it.” 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 Wheatley United Church and their pastor Kim Gilliland.

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

*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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