



Sunday, December 29, 2019

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault

Speaker: Ken Driedger

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Praise — What are we waiting for?

All creation sings the praises of our God, who is faithful and just. Let us join our voices and rejoice, proclaiming the glory of our Lord. Proclaiming the coming of Emmanuel.

Welcome

Announcements

Hymn #212, *O come, all ye faithful*

Opening

Call to worship

Hymn #50, *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

Responsive reading, from Psalm 148

Lighting the advent candles

Children's feature

Offering with hymn #71, *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Scripture reading — Hebrews 2:10-18

Message — A Gift That Fits

Hymn #201, *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral prayer

Hymn #167, *For God so loved us*, v 1 German, v 1, 2, 4 English

Benediction

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

Today — The children will stay in the sanctuary for worship.

Next Sunday, January 5

10 am — Join us for worship as Pastor Ken brings the message from Matthew 2:1-12.

Note — There will be a combined session of children's Sunday School for the children up to Grade 5. If students from Grades 6,7,8 want to help, they may come down or they may stay upstairs for worship.

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 with a couple of Sundays available in February. Consider being a welcoming presence to all who come to NLUMC.

◆ **A Note from Missions Team.** Our **Community Meal table** is 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.

◆ **Sunday, January 12, Family Lunch.** We have lunch covered **Sunday, January 12** after church. Our last family lunch was a lot of fun! Want your kids to connect with their Sunday School friends? January 12 we are ordering food, and sharing the meal together, then 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. Brian and Sonya Cornies are coordinating for January; rsvp appreciated at salonen@hotmail.com or brian@speedprint.ca.

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

◆ Adult Education

Are you in control of your life? If you are not sure, consider these questions:

- Do you have trouble saying, “No,” to people?
- Do people take advantage of you?
- How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy, and/or money?
- Can you set limits and still be a loving person?

Starting **Sunday, January 19, 2020**, Ken and Dawne Driedger will lead a 9-week Adult Education session for adults and teens after worship, 11:30 am, designed to help participants learn how to set and cultivate boundaries that can provide a framework for healthier relationships. We will say more about this in the weeks to come, but plan to participate and get better at knowing when to say, “Yes,” and how to say, “No,” to take control of your life.

◆ Faith Exploration / Baptism 2020

If you or a loved one is interested in being baptized in 2020, we would love to talk to you! Faith Exploration classes will begin in January 2020, starting on **Sunday, January 19**. #wethenorthchurch are glad you are part of us, and glad to talk you through this process! We welcome anyone to consider this opportunity to grow in faith and declare their faith in Jesus. Contact Pastors Kendall and Charleen or Pastor Ken by text, phone or email.

◆ New Membership 2020: #wethenorthchurch!

If you are interested in transferring your church membership to North Church at this time, please contact Pastors Kendall and Charleen or Pastor Ken. We would be delighted to talk with you and answer your questions.



During the Holiday Season

the church office will be open

December 31 & January 2.

The church office will be closed January 1.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

▶ **Travelogue — Friday, January 10: The Holy Land** by Hugo and Linda Tiessen at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Admission by donation.

▶ **Super Soup Night — Saturday, January 18** at UMEI at 6 pm.

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation. EKMHA \$15 membership cards will be available here.

◆ Mennonite Burial Society News

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 11, 2020** at 2 pm in the Tabor Manor Chapel at 1 Tabor Drive in St. Catharines. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2019 results and future plans, plus there will be an important members' vote to approve revisions to our constitution, discussed at the Jan 2019 AGM. Board and committee positions are available. Further details available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com, or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

◆ Employment Opportunity

Summer Camps Coordinator. UMEI Christian High School is looking for a university student to coordinate the school's summer day camps; specifically Camp Explore U for grades 3-6 students as well as Rockets and Robotics for grades 4-8 students. The successful candidate will be proactive in planning and developing the 3 week-long camp programs. The position runs from May 25 – July 31 and offers 30 hours/week. For more details contact Sonya Bedal at principal@umei.ca.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, December 18 update
- **Mental Health Seminar Series**, Anxiety in Children and Youth, February 26 & March 31

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Historian**, December 2019
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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the **Leamington Evangelical Mennonite Church** and their pastors; Jacob Enns and Lowell Froese.

Congratulations to *Joel Epp & Cindy Lasi* who were married yesterday, Saturday, December 28, 2019.

*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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