



Sunday, January 12, 2020

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Chani Wiens

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Announcements

Call to worship

Prayer

Hymn #41, *Come, thou Almighty King*

Affirmation of faith — HWB #710

Children's feature

Offering & hymn #327, *Great is thy faithfulness*

Scripture reading — Exodus 3:13-15, Isaiah 54:9-10

Summary of Article 1: *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*

Message — Confession of Faith: God

Hymn of response #322, *For we are strangers no more*

Joys & concerns

Pastoral prayer

Sending — STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*

Benediction

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

Today — 11:30 am, Young Family Lunch. We have lunch covered after church. Our last family lunch was a lot of fun! Want your kids to connect with their Sunday School friends? 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.

Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. Article 1 — God. We believe that God exists and is pleased with all who draw near by faith. We worship the one holy and loving God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit eternally. We believe that God has created all things visible and invisible, has

brought salvation and new life to humanity through Jesus Christ, and continues to sustain the church and all things until the end of the age. Beginning with Abraham and Sarah, God has called forth a people of faith to worship God alone, to witness to the divine purposes for human beings and all of creation, and to love their neighbors as themselves. We have been joined to this people through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ and by confessing him to be Savior and Lord as the Holy Spirit has moved us. We humbly recognize that God far surpasses human comprehension and understanding. We also gratefully acknowledge that God has spoken to humanity and related to us in many and various ways. We believe that God has spoken above all in the only Son, the Word who became flesh and revealed the divine being and character. God’s awesome glory and enduring compassion are perfect in holy love. God’s sovereign power and unending mercy are perfect in almighty love. God’s knowledge of all things and care for creation are perfect in preserving love. God’s abounding grace and wrath against sinfulness are perfect in righteous love. God’s readiness to forgive and power to transform are perfect in redemptive love. God’s unlimited justice and continuing patience with humankind are perfect in suffering love. God’s infinite freedom and constant self-giving are perfect in faithful love. To the one holy and ever-loving triune God be glory for ever and ever!

Next Sunday, January 19

- ▶ **8:45 am — Faith Exploration Class.**
 - ▶ **10 am — Join us for worship** as Pastor Ken bases the message on Article 2 of the Confession of Faith, "Jesus Christ." If you can, please read it online this week to prepare at <http://mennoniteusa.org/confession-of-faith/jesus-christ/>. We will also include Child Dedication as part of the morning service.
 - ▶ **11:30 – Adult Education.** See below for information.
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Church Life . . .

◆ 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**, 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.

◆ **Jam Session.** Interested in exploring different kinds of music in worship? Want to sing and play worship music? Looking for an opportunity to just have fun making music together. On **Friday, January 24** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm you are invited to a **NLUMC jam session**. Bring your guitar, your drums, your dulcimer, your flute, or just your voice. If you have music you would like the group to sing, bring that too. This will be an informal time of learning and making music together.

◆ **Communion / Gift Cards.** North Church will celebrate Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday on **January 26** this year with Communion. As our Communion offering, you are invited to bring grocery store gift cards in low denominations (\$10/\$20/\$25) for distribution by SECC. As we are fed in Christ, so may Christ's love flow through us to our neighbours.

◆ **Pizza Night, Friday, January 31** at 6 pm. Gather with your NLUMC friends at the Roma Club, 19 Seacliff Drive East, Leamington, to share food and fellowship.

◆ **Youth Program Update and Survey**

This survey is for the entire congregation so please take a few minutes to review the survey, either on-line or print copy.

Print copies of the survey are available in the lobby or by request to the church office. Please place your completed survey (print copies only) in Joanne Brown's mail box at church **by Sunday, January 25**.

The on-line survey can be found at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSQ6HZL>

Please complete the online survey by **Sunday, January 25**.

Thank you, The Youth Team

— Upcoming Event —

Annual General Meeting – Sunday, February 9

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, January 13, 2 pm** at the Heritage Center. New singers are welcome to join the choir at any time.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

► **Early Registration for 2020/2021.** We are now accepting registrations for the 2020/2021 school year! Registration packages can be downloaded from umei.ca or picked up in the office. Have questions about classes, tuition, clubs, or anything in between? Our Director of Advancement, Sarah, welcomes you to reach out at sarahp@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448 ext 4. Get your Grade 9 application forms in by February 28 and receive a \$200 tuition credit and a UMEI T-shirt!

► **Lightning Live: Friday, January 17.** Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2020 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes. Lunch will be provided. Check-in begins at 9:30 am and the day runs from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Please pre-register by emailing sarahp@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448. **NOTE:** New students who register for the 2020-2021 school year by February 28 will receive a \$200 tuition credit and a free t-shirt.

► **75th Anniversary Community Lunch - Sunday, January 26.** Join us as we kick-off the 75th anniversary celebrations in the first of five events! We will be serving a traditional Mennonite meal and birthday treats to celebrate this milestone! Peruse old year books, share old stories with friends, and walk around your old stomping grounds. Special anniversary service and event announcements to follow at 1 pm in the chapel. We are encouraging all alumni to attend for class and school reunion photos. Remember. Return. Reconnect.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Super Soup Night — Saturday, January 18 at UMEI at 6 pm. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation. \$15 membership cards will be available.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News.** We continue to welcome the help of volunteers at our Home. At this time we have a need for mealtime assistance. We invite those that are interested to contact Terri Epp at the front office, 519-326-6109 should you have an interest in volunteering. Thank-you for your consideration.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** (Call 519-422-1401 or check out our website <https://slmc.ca/> for any support related to camp!) *No brochures will be printed this year.*

- Registration opens **February 1 at 7 am for all summer camps**. Go to <https://slmc.ca/camp/summer-camp/> for more info. Space is limited so register early! Campership Funds are available.
- Registration is now open for **Women’s Retreat (Feb 7-9), Couples Retreat (Feb 21-23), Family Camp (May 15-17) and Bruce Trail Hike (May 22-24)**. Visit our Retreats page for more info.
- **Volunteer** at Family Camp (May 15-17), the Newcomer Family Holiday (May 29-31) or for a week this summer at Silver Lake. Go to <https://slmc.ca/camp/volunteers/> to apply.

◆ **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 three 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**, January 2 update
- **Mental Health Seminar Series**, Anxiety in Children and Youth, February 26 & March 31

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the **Leamington Christian Centre** and their pastor Dan Tamburo.

Congratulations to *Andrew & Jennifer McKeown* on the birth of their son,

Theo Oliver M^cKeown, born Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Thankful grandparents are *Harold & Susan Klassen* and great-grandparents *Walter & Lydia Warkentin*.

Pray for the Vacation Bible School program this summer as there are a lot of transitions this year from the three supporting churches. Pray that leaders will arise and pray that our community will continue to be blessed by this program.

Robin Metcalfe has broken her ankle. Surgery is expected on Friday, January 10. Let's pray for a speedy and uncomplicated recovery.

Let's be praying about the difficult situation between Iran and the United States, now complicated by Wednesday's plane crash and disturbing evidence that it was caused by military action. Pray that people will grieve all the deaths with integrity, that the diplomatic situation will not deteriorate further, that everyone involved would both experience and extend grace, and that God would be glorified in all of the developments around this problem.

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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