



Sunday, January 5, 2020

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Dawne Driedger

Speaker: Ken Driedger

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

**Extension of Grace — The wait is over.
The mystery has been made known. Arise! Shine!
Walk in this new path and be transformed!**

Unable to go back the way we came!

Announcements

STS #32, *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*

Call to worship

Prayer

HWB #185, *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

Responsive reading

Worship music — Still, Still, Still / Heilig Heilig

Children's time

— congregation sings first verse of *We three kings* (on screen)

Scripture reading — Matthew 2:1-12

Offering with worship music — Ihr Kinderlein Kommet / Alle Jahre Wieder

Message — Expecting... what?

HWB #218, *As with gladness men of old*

Sharing time and prayer

Song — *Shine, Jesus shine* (on screen)

Sending

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

Today — 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.

Next Sunday, January 12

► **10 am** — Join us for worship as Pastor Kendall brings the message. Regular classes resume for the children's Sunday School.

► **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 at sasalonen@hotmail.com or brian@speedprint.ca.

Church Life . . .

◆ Greetings!

Thank you to those who have signed up for greeting on a Sunday morning. In the foyer is the sign-up form with one Sunday available in February. Consider being a welcoming presence to all who come to NLUMC.

◆ Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 7 pm.

◆ Missions & Service Team meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 7 pm.

◆ Child Dedication, Sunday, January 19. 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**, 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Sunday School News.** \$800 has been sent to The Gleaners from our Sunday School collection account. Those are sufficient funds for 8000 servings! The Sunday School children are helping to feed the hungry. Thanks for being generous.

◆ **Youth Program Update and Survey**

Over the summer months, the Ministry Team considered the input from the Youth meeting held last April. Ministry Team issued a survey in September to gather additional input from the broader congregation to support programming for Youth. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey.

At the September Church Council meeting, a proposal of the Ministry Team to create a part time Youth Leader position was discussed. It was determined that a Youth Team be established to provide coordination and support to the Youth Program.

The Nominations Team reached out to fill the three positions in early October. The membership of this newly formed team includes Pastor Charleen, Mandi Scherer-Horne and Joanne Brown.

The North Nights Junior Youth program began in October with the Baking and Bible Stories series under the leadership of Pastor Charleen with support from Pastor Kendall and Pastor Ken. Held weekly on Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm between October 26 and November 23, a number of volunteers participated in baking activities with our Junior Youth. Junior Youth also participated in the Leamington Christmas Parade.

The Fall program ended with the Youth (both Junior and Senior) Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7.

Some observations from our fall experience:

- The Youth Team is not adequately resourced.
- A Youth Leader/Coordinator position is necessary to support success of the program and so we are again considering the proposal presented by Ministry Team.

The Youth Team is issuing a survey to gather feedback and input regarding:

- the North Nights Junior Youth Baking and Bible Stories series.
- program planning for 2020.
- the development of the role of Youth Leader/Coordinator.
- seeking volunteer support from the congregation for the Youth Team.

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 will be available in the lobby on Sunday, January 5 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

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. \$15 membership cards will be available.

◆ **Mennonite Burial Society News.** The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 11**, 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 January 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.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

Lightning Live: Grade 7&8 Shadow Day! Friday, January 17. Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to experience a typical day in Grade 9 at UMEI Christian High School! Get ready for high school by shadowing interactive and fun classes with your friends! Lunch will be provided. Check-in begins at 9:30 am and the day runs from 10 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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News.** We continue to welcome family, friends and visitors to visit at the Home. Please continue to remember if you are feeling ill or have symptoms of flu and cold to delay your visit until you are feeling better. This will help to keep our Home outbreak free.

◆ **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 **St. John's Anglican Church** and their pastor Andrew Wilson.

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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