



Sunday, February 23, 2020

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Paul Cornies

Speaker: Charleen Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome

Hymn #154, *This is my Father's world*

Announcements

Call to worship

Hymn #156, *All things bright and beautiful*

Children's time

Offering with STS #111, *For me to live is Christ*

Confession of Faith Readings — Article 5: Creation and Divine Providence

Message — Creator and Created

STJ #24, *Creation is a song*

Congregational sharing and prayer

STJ #46, *O breathe on me, O breath of God*

Benediction

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

Today —

▶ **8:45 am — Faith Exploration Class.**

▶ **11:30 am — Adult Education: *Boundaries*, session 4.**

▶ **Family Lunch.** Lunch is on us! Our family lunch is hosted by Chani & Alex Wiens. Come for a relaxed time for families to connect with each other and our kids can build their friendships in an informal way. Parents, we will try to discuss some of the topics in our new “Dear Parent” guide for family faith formation. There will be a couple copies at church, or bring your own copy.

First Sunday of Lent, March 1

▶ **8:45 am — Faith Exploration Class.**

▶ **10 am** — Next Sunday we worship around the theme of Creation and the calling of humanity. In Genesis 1:26-28 and Mark 1:9-11 we learn of two significant concepts of humanity: that we are created in the image of God and that we are beloved children of God. We will celebrate Communion together.

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.

► **11:30 am — Adult Education: *Boundaries*, session 5.**

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 from March to June. Consider being a welcoming presence to all who come to NLUMC.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 7 pm.**

◆ **Community Meal.** Our next meal is **Wednesday, February 26** at St. John's Anglican Church, Leamington. Preparation begins at 1 pm, serving begins at 4 pm and we finish at approximately 6 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the meal prep, serving and cleanup. Please contact Tammy Warkentin if you can help.

◆ **Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 26, 7 pm.**

◆ **Pizza Night, Friday, February 28** at 6 pm. Gather with your NLUMC friends at the Roma Club, 19 Seacliff Drive East, Leamington, to share food and fellowship.

◆ **Camping.** If you want to build community with other families, living life together out of doors for a few relaxing and fellowship-filled days at Wheatley Provincial Park, join us! Proposed dates are **June 26—28**, the first weekend of the summer break for elementary schools. The schedule is very relaxed, providing lots of time to live life together in a comfortable community style in a beautiful natural setting. We'll have campfire church at our site on Saturday evening. Contact Lindsey & Jason Ecker or Pastor Charleen for more details.

◆ **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**, held on Sunday, February 9, are available in the foyer. The minutes were also emailed out on Friday, February 14.

◆ **Tax donation receipts** are in church mailboxes.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, February 24, 2:30 pm** at the Leamington Mennonite Home. New singers are welcome to join the choir at any time.

◆ **THRIFT ON MILL News.** Wednesday February 26, 1 - 4 pm we invite everyone to come and celebrate the retirement of our store manager, Randy Lepp. Come have a coffee and snack, share a story and visit.

◆ **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!

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, March 4.**

▶ **Tickets on Sale Now - UMEI's 75th Anniversary Alumni Coffee House – Saturday, March 7.** We would like to invite all alumni and supporters to tap into your musical roots and join us at our 2nd anniversary event; the Alumni Coffee House! Featuring flash-back songs from all ages, skits, and solo performances. As alumni, we remember the music and theatre that flowed through UMEI, so call up your old singing group and get ready to make a comeback! The coffee house will take place at The Bank Theatre in Leamington. Doors open at 6:30 pm, the show begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$17/adult, \$15/student, \$20 at door. Tickets can be purchased at UMEI, at The Bank Theatre, or online!

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogue —

Friday, February 28: *Canada's West Coast by Train* by Cheryl Taggart
All are welcome at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Admission by donation.

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News.** New Shift!!! Tuesdays 12:30-3 pm. Are you looking to volunteer? Are afternoons better for your schedule? Perfect for retirees, parents with children in school, or anyone who has some free time on Tuesday afternoons. Come join us by inspecting and cutting vegetables. We are looking for 15 + people to make this shift work. Perfect for new volunteers and/or those who prefer helping in the afternoon. (Time of arrival and dismissal can be flexible) Hoping to start on **March 3, 2020.** Please call or email to let us know your interest, 519-326-7687, swogleaners@gmail.com .

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

▶ **The Corporate Members Meeting** is on **Tuesday, March 3** at 7 pm in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship: Retirement Residence. The Home reports

will be placed in the church mailboxes of Corporate Members on Sunday, February 23.

► **Winter Education Series.** The Home invites all seniors to the following information session held at 9:30 am in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship: **Wednesday, March 18, *Caring For Your Feet as You Age*** with Jessica Rodzik-Couto, RPN, Foot Care Nurse.

◆ **MEDA News.** The MEDA Leamington Hub has invited **Catherine Sobrevega, Deputy Country Project Manager - Myanmar**, to speak to our community on **Friday, March 6**, at Faith Mennonite Church at 7 pm. All are invited to FMC for a time of conversation about the work of MEDA in Myanmar, followed by coffee and dessert. Bring your families and friends.

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington, April 27 – 30.**

Calling all canners - first timers and veterans! We are canning at Southwestern Ontario Gleaners located at 40 Industrial Road in Leamington. Please pray for the canning project as preparations continue. See below for available shifts:

Mon. April 27, evening: 5 – 10 pm

Tues. April 28, morning: 7 – 12 noon afternoon: 12 – 5 pm eve: 5 – 10 pm

Wed. April 29, morning: 7 – 12 noon afternoon: 12 – 5 pm eve: 5 – 10 pm

Thurs. April 30, morning: 7 – 12 noon

Volunteer Coordinator - Peter Fiss, 519-999-8855 or peter.fiss@gmail.com

First Aid Coordinator - Agnes Langeman, 519-776-5615

Security Coordinator - Art Warkentin, 519-326-2181

Thank you for your continued support. All donations are gratefully appreciated. *Together We Can.* Donations can be made through designated giving at participating churches, and the Meat Canner Leamington Fund at Kindred Credit Union.

Senior Youth . . .

Sunday Morning Meetup: Sunday, March 1 at 9:40 am. Calling all senior youth! Join your peers for a bite of breakfast before church (muffins, bagels, jam, juice, etc.) and some conversation led by Lindsey Ecker in the youth room.

Junior Youth . . .

Grades 5-8, this **Saturday, February 29** at NLUMC.

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Winter 2020

- **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Winter 2020

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 13 update
- **Chilifest**, SECC, February 26
- **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 **Faith Mennonite Church** and their pastor Ruth Boehm, who is on sabbatical leave at the present time..

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Refuge de Paix** in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Bill Neufeld*, husband of *Evelyn* and father of *Tim & Patti Neufeld*, *Dan Neufeld* and *Louise Neufeld*, who passed away Saturday, February 15. The funeral was held at NLUMC on Thursday, February 20.

Please pray for *Fred Neufeld* in hospital.

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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