



# Sunday, February 9, 2020

## Annual General Meeting

### Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Kendall Jongejan Harder  
Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

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## Order of Worship

### Gathering for worship and work

Welcome  
Call to worship  
Prayer  
HWB #26, *Holy Spirit, come with power*  
Scripture reading — Jeremiah 31:33  
Children's time — slide show

### Thanksgiving

Scripture reading — Philippians 1:3-6  
HWB #420, *Heart with loving heart united*  
Acceptance of Minutes  
Reports  
Litany of leadership transition  
The Spirit at work at NLUMC — Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder

### Refreshment break (10 minutes)

### Responding to God's invitation

STJ #27, *God of the Bible*  
Sharing of joys and concerns  
Offering with STJ #60, *Lord of all good*  
Financial statements for 2019 and budget proposal for 2020  
Additional business

### Sent as God's people

Sending song STJ #78, *We will walk with God*  
Benediction

## ***Today*** —

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

▶ **10 am** — **Annual General Meeting followed by lunch. New Format.**

Because we believe that all the work of the church is to glorify God, we want to bring the way we conduct our Annual Meeting into that in a more intentional way this year. Consequently, this year, we will combine the work of this meeting and the work of worship together. As we present the reports of the church and the slate for the next year, we will give thanks for the work that has been done and commission the volunteers for the work ahead. With our regular offering we will also offer our financial statements and our spending plan to God. As we talk about the next year at NLUMC, we will acknowledge that God is present and the focus of all of it. The meeting begins at **10 am**. We will have a short coffee and treats break in the middle. The plan is to wrap up by **12 noon** and share a meal together at that time. Please bring your report booklets. There are two amended financial pages (pages 2 & 8) available for the meeting.

▶ **Sunday School News:** Parents, please bring your children on Sunday morning. The **Mad Science** educational program will provide a one hour activity entitled 'Slime Time.' There will be fascinating, hands on demonstrations, interesting explanations, and a snack. The Worship Service/Annual General Meeting will be from 10-12 noon; Mad Science is from 11-12 after which is a youth sponsored lunch for all.

▶ **12 noon Lunch.** Chili lunch will be provided by youth. **Congregation is invited to bring dessert.** The youth will be fundraising for funds for the Youth Program.

▶ **No Adult Education this week.**

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## ***Next Sunday, February 16***

▶ **8:45 am** — **Faith Exploration Class** is cancelled for the week.

▶ **10 am** — Psalm 119:105 says, “*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*” Join us as Ken leads a consideration of how we can use the Bible so that it really functions as a light on the dark paths of our lives! The children are invited to join the morning worship service. No children’s Sunday School.

▶ **11:30 am** — **Adult Education** is cancelled for the Family Day weekend.

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## **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.

◆ **Wednesday, February 12, Missions & Service Team meeting, 7 pm.**

◆ **Family Lunch.** Lunch is on us! Our next family lunch is scheduled for **Sunday, February 23**, hosted by Chani and Alex Wiens. Mark your calendars

now for a relaxed time for families to connect with each other and our kids can build their friendships in an informal way.

◆ **Listening to Families of Youth/Jr Youth.** The pastors are embarking on an intentional listening process to the families of youth and junior youth. We want to hear your experience with the church, your desires for the spiritual formation of your children/youth, and are open to general feedback. Please expect the pastors to contact you; if you have not received a contact, please let us know.

◆ **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.

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, February 10**, 2 pm at the Heritage Center. New singers are welcome to join the choir at any time.

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Student Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction – Friday, February 21**, 5 - 7 pm. Come out and enjoy our new student fundraiser, a pasta dinner, in the auditorium prepared by the students. Admission by donation. Students will also provide items/services to be auctioned off. Funds raised go toward school trips.

▶ **Early Registration for 2020/2021.** We are now accepting registrations for the 2020/2021 school year! Registration packages can be downloaded from [umei.ca](http://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](mailto: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!

▶ **Save the Date - UMEI's 75<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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! Interested in performing? Email the school to hold your place! office@umei.ca .

## ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogues —

**Friday, February 21:** *Canada's East Coast* by Vic & Helen Huebert

**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.

## ◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

**Meals on Wheels.** We invite volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels on Fridays every other month beginning in March. Delivery begins at 11:30 am and takes approximately 20-30 minutes. Please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 if interested in this program.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) completes Phase One of rebuild/repair work in Renfrew County, Ontario thanks to many volunteers.** For the past three months, 97 volunteers put in 515 volunteer days to build one new home, an addition on another home and repair three homes. Five more homeowners are now back in their homes after Spring 2019 flooding. There are still homeowners waiting to return, so MDS is planning Phase Two for spring 2020. If you weren't able to serve this fall/winter stay tuned for more information regarding the spring response.

◆ **Share your Table.** In this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of MCC, you are invited to "Share your Table" and help over 70 million people worldwide who have been displaced from their homes by drought, conflict, flooding and other disasters. For as little as \$7 per month, you can feed a family of five for a day. Sign up at [mccshareyourtable.ca](http://mccshareyourtable.ca).

## ◆ **Employment Opportunities**

▶ **THRIFT ON MILL – Assistant Manager – Production.** This is a full-time position. The person would work closely with the new General Manager and her dynamic staff to oversee the daily operations of the store. Candidates should go online at MCC Ontario ([mcc.org](http://mcc.org)) for all details and the job description. The entire application process is completed online. Closing date is February 9. The start date is Monday, March 16.

▶ **Summer Nursing Student.** The Leamington Mennonite Home invites applications from nursing students to serve as summer PSW's. Interested applicants should have completed the first year of a RN/RPN program. Please forward resumes to Jacquie Turnbull at [jacquie@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:jacquie@mennonitehome.ca) by Friday, February 14.

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **Canner Times**, MCC 2020
- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Winter 2020

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, January 29 update
  - **The Giving Spoon & The Bridge fundraiser**, February 9
  - **Mental Health Seminar Series**, Anxiety in Children and Youth, February 26 & March 31
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## **Junior Youth...**

North Nights are back! Saturday evenings 5 to 7... supper is included. Reminders are going out via the Remind App.

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## **Prayer List . . .**

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for the **South Mersea (Hillman) United Church** and their lay leadership.

**Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Preston Mennonite Church** in Cambridge, Ontario.

Please pray for *Bill (& Evelyn) Neufeld*, in Leamington Hospital. The family gives thanks for prayers and greetings they have received.

Please pray for *Fred Neufeld* preparing for a medical procedure.

A special thank you to the many volunteers who made our Meat Canner Luncheon fundraiser at UMEI such a success. To everyone who prepared the

meal, helped set up, serve and clean up, to those who greeted and those who invited, thank you. A great lunch and wonderful fellowship were had by all. To everyone who attended this luncheon, thank you. Your generosity and support helped raise \$14,117.20 for the 2020 Meat Canner Leamington project.

*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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