



Sunday, March 1, 2020

**First Sunday of Lent
& Communion**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Marla Dault
Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening and call to worship

Hymn #156, *All things bright and beautiful*

Affirmation of faith

Children feature

Offering with hymn #299, *New earth, heavens new*

Scripture reading — Genesis 1:26-31 and Mark 1:9-11

Message — *In the Image of God*

Congregational song — *Who you say I am*

Sharing our joys and concerns

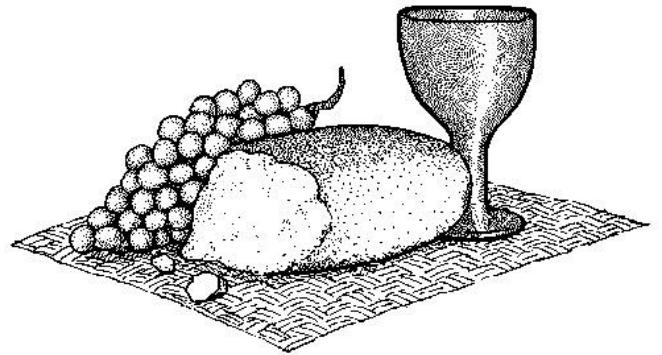
Pastoral prayer

Communion

Sharing the bread

STS #77, *Here is the bread*

Sharing the cup



STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*

Sending

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 5.**

Second Sunday of Lent, March 8

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

▶ **10 am — "A ~~light~~ obstruction on my path."** Join us as Ken leads us in considering Article 7: *Sin*. What IS sin, after all? What is NOT sin? How can we tell? Does it still even matter? Why or why not?

▶ **11:30 am — Adult Education: *Boundaries*, session 6.**

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.

◆ **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.

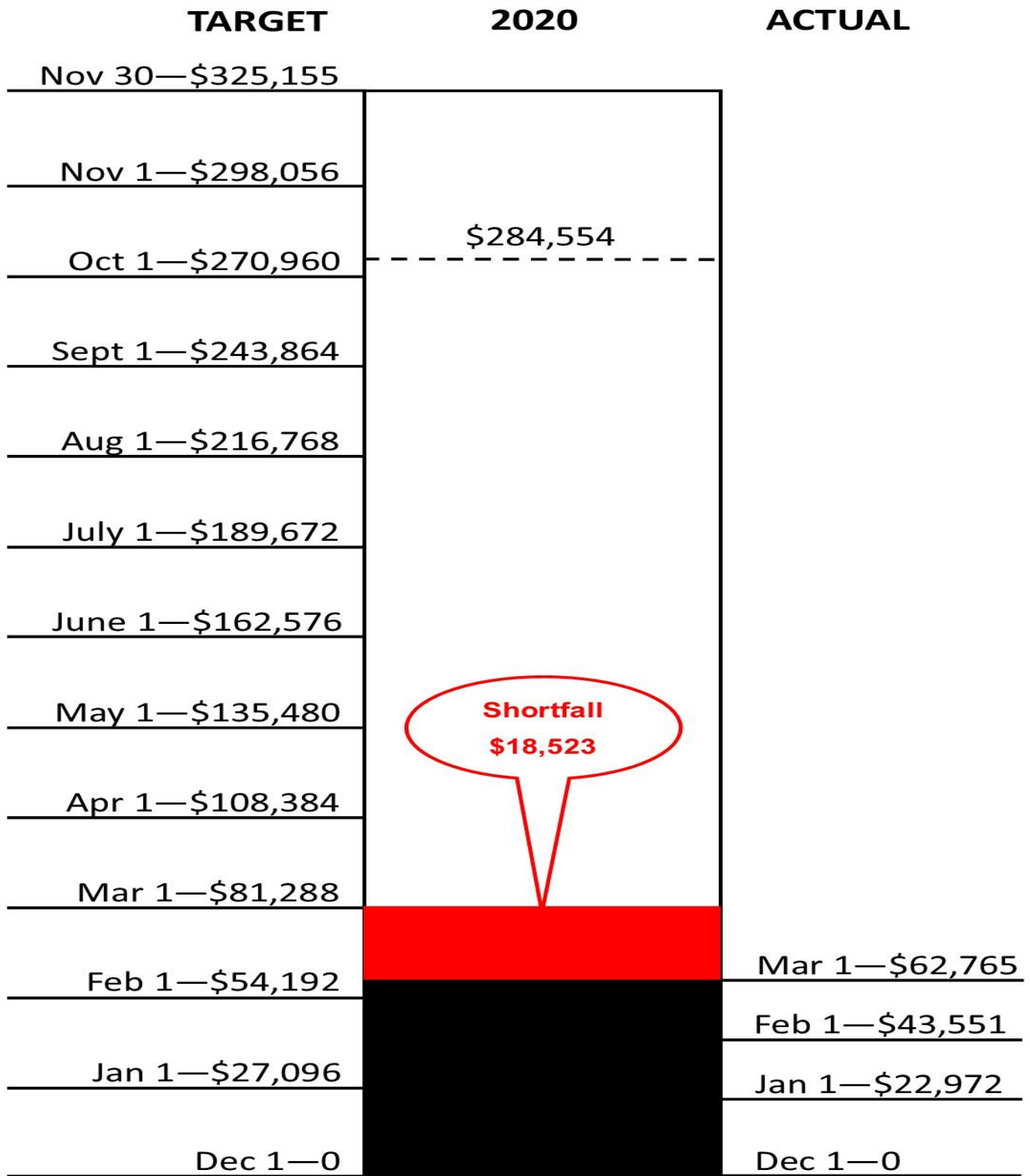
◆ **Tax donation receipts** are in church mailboxes.

◆ **New Church Photo Directory!** We need you! We need everyone! Young and old, singles and couples, and families. Families with kids, and families that include extended families! Photography dates at NLUMC will be **March 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28**. More information and sign up sheets will be at the church next week.

◆ **Sunday School News!** Around the world, a new source of clean water is reason to celebrate! The new Sunday School collection project is **Water for Life: Wells**. MCC encourages donations to help cover the costs of drilling wells in Nigerian communities. The Sunday School children are providing a gift of hope, clean water, when they share their collection money.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC.** Setting up an automatic transfer is a convenient way to make regular donations to the church. If you would like to participate in this program, please stop in at the church office to complete the necessary paperwork and provide a void cheque. These donations will be processed on the 15th of each month. Please contact Susan Klassen at the church office or the treasurer, Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com, if you have any questions.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020** (25% of year)
 \$62,765 (19.3%) of our \$325,155.53 unified church budget has been donated.
 Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.



Community/Conference Events . . .

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

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, March 4** and will be ready to pick up Friday, March 13.

▶ **Last Chance to Purchase Advance Tickets - 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!

► **Pie Fundraiser** - Students are selling home-made pies to raise money for their school trips. Pies come frozen with baking instructions. Please contact any UMEI student or the school office to place an order. All orders are due by **Wednesday, March 11**. Pie orders will arrive in time for Easter.

◆ **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.

► **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.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

► **Annual Spring Event**, Guest Speaker: John Braun from Winnipeg. Topic: Genealogy, **Saturday, April 4** at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre Admission: \$20 includes dessert and coffee. Tickets available from board members or call 519-322-0456.

► **Saturday, April 4** at 2 pm at the Heritage Centre, free appointments with John and Vic Winter to discover your own genealogy. Please call Walt Koop or Jill Nicholson at 519-322-0456 to book your appointment. For more information, email info@ekmha.ca .

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Southwestern Ontario Gleaners. Administrative Assistant, 30 hours per week. Go to <https://swogleaners.ca/> for more information. Please send resumes by March 13 at 5 pm, attention: Joel Epp, General Manager. Resumes can be dropped off in person to 40 Industrial Rd., Leamington, Ontario, or emailed to swogleaners@gmail.com.

◆ **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,

First Aid Coordinator - Agnes Langeman,

Security Coordinator - Art Warkentin,

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: **Today, 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, March 7** at NLUMC.

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Winter 2020
- **Breaking Bread**, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Winter 2020
- **Fraser Lake Camp**, 2020
- **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp**, 2020
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp**, 2020

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, February 26 update
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp**, 2020
- **Mental Health Seminar Series**, Anxiety in Children and Youth, Mar. 31
- **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp**, 2020
- **Camp Micah**, 2020

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **First Baptist Church and their pastors; Mike Sealy and Jason Peasley.**

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

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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