



Sunday, March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent

The situation is changing rapidly and leadership at NLUMC wants to be clear about how we will communicate. Please look to the Website, the Facebook group and your email inbox for any updates as well as the weekly online bulletin.

If you know of someone from our congregation who does not have access to the internet and is socially isolated, please let the pastors know so that contact can be established.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Because of tightening social distancing standards, this week, March 29, we are going to shift our worship mode to zoom. Zoom is an audio/video tool that is easy to use and will bring us together in new ways. We will all worship together from our own homes on Sunday at 10 am.

To help this go smoothly, we are planning a zoom practice time on Friday afternoon at 3 and Saturday at 10 am. You will click on the relevant link below at that time, and zoom will automatically open on your computer or phone. You can also access the gathering by phone by calling the relevant number.

Our hope is that this will enable good interaction during worship as we see each other's faces and hear each other's voices. We can record the service and are working towards having that available at Pickwick on Tuesday night, as well as having the link to the recording on the website.

The link to NLUMC's zoom room for either practice session and for worship is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5954647092>

Meeting ID: 595 464 7092

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acsX9PKdRh>

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► Check the website as well as emails for the format of the worship service.

Church Life . . .

The church building is now closed. The church secretary, Susan Klassen, is now working from home. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 519-326-7928 and leave a message. The phone messages will be checked daily.

Canada Post mail will be picked up regularly. Emails will also be checked daily. The bulletin should be available online on Friday afternoon.

The pastors are also working from home. In the event of a personal emergency, please contact Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829, charleen@nlumc.com; or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514, kendall@nlumc.com; or Pastor Ken at 519-819-3772, ken@nlumc.com.

♦ **Canadian Mennonite Subscriptions.** All who attend NLUMC may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Brenda Klassen, 519-324-6299 or klassenbookkeeping@gmail.com. We will submit our congregation's subscription list by March 31.

📷 **Church Photo Directory Update.** At this time, the March and May dates for photography have been cancelled. We hope to pick this item up again in the future.

♦ **Donations to NLUMC**

Even though we may not be attending church in the sanctuary for the next number of Sundays, it is still good stewardship that we are receiving donations to cover weekly/monthly expenditures. Here are two options to consider.

- 1) Setting up an automatic transfer - a convenient way to make regular donations to the church. Please contact the church office to complete the necessary paperwork and provide a VOID cheque. These donations will be processed on the 15th of each month.
- 2) Also, in this time of self-distancing, we are suggesting that people could send an E-transfer. On your personal on-line banking page you would email the transfer to: Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com. Be sure to include your donation # in the message of the E-transfer, in order for us to credit your Donor # for your weekly donation. Please contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions. Give prayerfully! Give joyfully! Give generously as God as given to you!

♦ **Greetings all Sunday School Children!** A few weeks ago we started a new collection project called WATER FOR LIFE: WELLS. Since we are not able to meet regularly for children's feature at church, I'm wondering if you would like to join me in a little project until we can be together again. Decorate a container to look like a WELL and place it somewhere in your bedroom. Add your collection contributions to the WELL just like you would add them to the collection plate. Once we get together again we can POUR all of our coins together and send them off to MCC so more WELLS can be drilled in Nigeria.

— Upcoming Events —

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday & Communion

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday

Please keep in mind that all items in the bulletin are subject to change. If you have questions regarding an event, please contact the agency directly for current details.

Community/Conference Events . . .

♦ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times with COVID-19 the residents and staff at the Home are doing well. We continue to ask for your prayers and support as we go through this very challenging time. We appreciate all the little notes left on the sidewalks and windows for the staff and residents to read. These are very encouraging to us. Thank-you!!!

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

UMEI Christian campus is closed until further notice. Emails are checked daily and is the best way to get a response if needed quickly. Our staff and students are working from home and could use your prayers and support in these uncertain times.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

The Spring Event (EKMHA), with guest, John Braun, has been cancelled.

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

- ▶ **Annual General Meeting** of the SWO Gleaners on **Saturday, April 4** has been postponed to a future date.
- ▶ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners' **Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction** on **Saturday, April 18** is postponed to a future date.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service**

All MDS current work sites were closed as of March 13. Since then, all planned summer projects have also been cancelled.

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington**

The Meat Canner in Leamington is cancelled. The safety and well-being of our community is of the utmost importance to us. For this reason, this event will not take place as planned. The meat canning committees are currently investigating ways to contribute to the efforts of MCC during these uncertain times. Thank you for your patience and generosity.

◆ **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada** is pleased to announce the appointment of *Leah Reesor-Keller as the next MCEC Executive Minister*. Arli Klassen, MCEC Moderator, is confident in the decision, “Leah has great passion and vision for guiding the church to be the best it can be, as Anabaptist followers of Jesus. Leah has the organizational leadership, management skills and spiritual maturity to lead MCEC, along with strong intercultural and multilingual skills.”

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

UMEI Christian High School is currently accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant position. The successful applicant should have office administrative experience and/or relevant experience as well as computer and organizational skills. This is a full time position beginning May 19, 2020.

For further information, please contact Sonya Bedal, Principal at the email below. Please send cover letter and resume to the attention of: Principal, UMEI Christian High School, 614 Mersea Road 6, Leamington, ON N8H 3V8 or email: principal@umei.ca

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Junior & Senior Youth . . .

All events are cancelled at this time.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **United Pentecostal Church** and their pastor Andrew Sich.

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

Please pray for *Henry Janzen* and his family as they continue to walk the journey with pancreatic cancer.

Please pray for *Harold (& Susan) Klassen* as they deal with Harold's cancer.

Please pray for *Dan Epp* with health concerns.

Fred & Debbie Neufeld are so thankful for your prayers! Fred came home last weekend and praises God for walking with him. Please continue to keep Fred & Debbie in your prayers.

*If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, or in case of emergency,
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