



Sunday, March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Caroline Hamm
Speaker: Ken Driedger
Worship Music: Joan Willms

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening

Hymn #327, *Great is thy faithfulness*

Children's feature

Offering with worship music — Open Thou Mine Eyes

Scripture reading — Isaiah 64:5-6 and Romans 7:15-25

Hymn #328, *O God, our help in ages past*

Message — A ~~light~~ blockade on my path

Worship music — Lord, I want to be a Christian

Sharing time

Hymn #336, *When peace like a river*

Sending song #346, *Dona nobis pacem*

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 6.**

Third Sunday of Lent, March 15

▶ **8:45 am — Faith Exploration Class is cancelled for March Break.**

▶ **10 am —** As we continue to explore foundational touchstones of our Confession of Faith, on the Third Sunday of Lent we explore “Salvation.” Such a big, central concept to Christian faith - but can we articulate what we mean by salvation? What does the Bible have to say about what salvation is (or isn't?)

No children's Sunday School during March Break.

▶ **11:30 am — Adult Education is cancelled for March Break.**


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.

◆ **Tuesday, March 10**

- ▶ **Caregiving Committee meeting, 9 am.**
- ▶ **Church Council meeting, 7 pm**

◆ **Wednesday, March 11, Ministry Team meeting, 7 pm.**

 **Church Picture Directory.** Dates are secured to have pictures taken of all of our church families on **March 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.** Pictures will be taken in our church basement and you can **VIEW** the photos and choose your favourite shot, all in one convenient appointment (we are scheduling appointments every 1/2 hour). **Your family unit will receive one FREE Directory,** and you can purchase pictures at fair pricing. “IPC” is a very reputable Canadian company and we have received favourable endorsements from other area churches. Everyone appreciates a Church Picture Directory to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bonds of church community, plus it stands as an historical record for NLUMC in this new decade 2020! Our Directory is not complete without you /your family! We encourage you to schedule your photo session today in the church foyer or contact: Jayne Latam or Brenda Fischer with any questions.

◆ **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.

**Due to health concerns and staff schedules,
the church office may not always be open from 9 am – 3 pm.
Please call in advance if you plan to come to the church
during weekdays, 519-326-7928.
Thank you**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, March 9, 2 pm** at the Leamington Mennonite Home. New singers are welcome to join the choir at any time.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **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.

▶ **UMEI's NEW Lightning Robotics Team 8081** has entered the international FIRST Robotics Competition for the very first time! Now, all that is needed are fans to cheer them on! Fan gear is available to purchase until Wednesday, March 11 from UMEI – fan shirt \$40 / baseball cap \$20. Come out to the FIRST Robotics Competition in Windsor at the St. Denis Centre on **March 27 or 28 (OR BOTH!)**. Watch our Robotics Team as they put their robot through challenges and tests against other schools in Canada and the United States! To get a full perspective of what our team has accomplished, check out Team 8081's website:

umeilightningrobot.wixsite.com/christianhighschool or the Instagram page: @umeilightningrobotics.

▶ **Interested in Hosting International Students?** It is with great excitement that UMEI Christian announces that we are in the process of making arrangements to have International Students attend UMEI starting September 2020. These students will be primarily from China and will need a Homestay family or host family to take them in while they are in Canada and doing their schooling at UMEI. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Sonya Bedal – principal@umei.ca – for more details.

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ **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.

▶ **Annual Meeting.** We invite everyone to a time of information sharing, discussion and planning followed by a coffee hour on **Tuesday, March 24** in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship at 7 pm. Annual Reports will be in church mailboxes on Sunday, March 15.

◆ 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 .

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

Seven weeks till canning! 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

Our 2020 fundraising goal is \$70,000. Our current account balance is

\$21,144.42. Stay tuned for further updates. 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.

◆ **Get ahead on Spring Cleaning!** Household goods, home décor, and more might be cluttering up your home. Donate to Thrift on Mill today!

◆ **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.

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Senior Youth . . .

Sunday Morning Meet-up March 8 at 9:40 am. Youth join your peers for breakfast before church and some conversation led by Marla Dault in the Youth Room.

Junior Youth . . .

Grades 5-8, Saturday, March 28 at NLUMC.

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **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
 - **Mental Health Seminar Series**, Anxiety in Children and Youth, Mar. 31
 - **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp, 2020**
 - **Camp Micah, 2020**
 - **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners**, Fundraising Dinner, April 18
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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **LakePoint Family Church** and their pastors; Nathan Albrecht, Drew Mercer, Michael Bessette, Maureen Carder and Ethan Stein.

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

Please continue to pray for *Henry (& Irma) Janzen* who will undergo a procedure to alleviate the symptoms of his illness.

Hello friends of the Ouaga Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso,

Here are the prayer requests from them this month. We missed last month's prayer exchange but are back on for this month.

1. We thank God who has not only permitted us to receive a delegation from Mennonite World Conference who encouraged us with our country's security problems, but also permitted their work in Burkina to go well.
2. We also thank God for less student strikes this year. This has not been the case for the past number of years.
3. We ask for your prayers, for God's protection against the Coronavirus.
4. We continue to entrust the security of our country to God. It is difficult, but we keep our total trust in God.

5. At the end of March, we will hold the National Youth Conference of our national church. We ask for your prayers for this event, that God be at the centre and that the young people can see their faith renewed. Our warm greeting to all of our brothers and sisters in Canada. May God be your strength and bless you. *Shalom*

Our amazing God filled our hearts with peace and joy. Thank you for the beautiful cards, comforting words, well wishes and gifts. May our God fill your hearts with peace and joy today. *With thanks, Evelyn Neufeld and family*

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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