



Sunday, May 17, 2020

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, we have shifted 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. Please check the email this week for the link.

You will click on the relevant link 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 sent to you by email.

Order of Worship

► *Next Sunday, May 24*

10 am, Next Sunday join us as pastor Kendall brings the message on 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11. We will also be hearing an update from the Al Chweik family, who we sponsored from Syria a few years ago.

► *Upcoming Sunday, May 31 is Pentecost.*

We will celebrate **Communion** together again. Please be prepared with your own elements at home for that Sunday morning.

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.

◆ **Adult Education**

Boundaries class has resumed on Thursday evenings at 7:30 on Zoom. If you need a link/invitation, please call or email Ken. For Thursday, May 21, the preparation work is to read *Participant's Guide*, Session 3 (p. 40-48) and the *Boundaries* book, first half of chapter 5 if you have it.

◆ Rejoice Devotional

It is time to renew the Rejoice Devotional books. Please call Brenda Klassen at 519-324-6299 or email at klassenbookkeeping@gmail.com by June 1 if you would like to renew or subscribe.

The price for delivery to the church is \$46.60 and the price to have it delivered to your home is \$54.88. Payment can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@nlumc.com with *rejoice* in the message of the e-transfer or a cheque made out to NLUMC mailed to the church or placed in the night deposit box at Kindred Credit Union with *rejoice* written on the envelope. If you are unable to pay with either of these methods, payment can be made after we return to services at our church building.

◆ **Daily Vacation Bible School News.** In consultation with Faith, North and Oak Street churches, we have decided to cancel 2020 DVBS. Thank you to all the volunteers who were ready to serve this year! We look forward to experiencing *Great Big Beautiful World* in 2021.

◆ 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 three 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.
- 3) You can place your donation in the drop box (night deposit box) at Kindred Credit Union. Please put NLUMC on the outside of the envelope and include a NLUMC offering envelope, if you have some at home, and include your NLUMC member number.
- 4) You can also mail your donation to Kindred Credit Union, 243 Erie Street South, Leamington, ON N8H 3C1 or mail to NLUMC, 625 Road 6, RR 5 Leamington, ON N8H 3V8. Please include a NLUMC offering envelope or instructions including your NLUMC donation # inside the mailing envelope.

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!

**The church office will be closed
Tuesday, May 19 for the Victoria Day Holiday.
The staff will be available on
Wednesday, May 20 by email and phone as usual.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High News

► **Shop UMEI “Grab And Go”**- Shop UMEI cards are now available for purchase! Orders are due by Tuesday, May 19 at 12 pm. Please email your shop card order to bandmsnippe@gmail.com. Orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, May 20 between 11 am and 1 pm at UMEI Christian High School. Orders must be emailed ahead of time as there will NOT be extra cards available for purchase at the time of pickup. Payment of cash or cheque will be due at pickup.

► **Special thank you to Monica Hildebrand.** UMEI Christian High School would like to thank Monica for her support of the school, both as a parent and as an Administrative Assistant. Monica’s last day was Friday, May 15. The students and staff wish her well at her new role and will miss seeing her around campus.

► **Register for the 2020/2021 School Year.** There are still spaces at UMEI Christian High School for the 2020/2021 school year, and we'd love to have you join us! Questions? E-mail sarahwiens88@gmail.com or call 226-350-0565.

◆ **Update for the AGM for the Leamington Mennonite Home Board**

On Tuesday, March 3, the annual Corporate Members Meeting was held at the Leamington Mennonite Home in preparation for the annual meeting to be held later that month. We had an excellent turnout and the administrator's report and financial statements and forecast were shared with the corporate members. We thank all those members for their continued dedication in this role.

The Annual Meeting, which was to be held on March 24, was cancelled because of restrictions imposed by the government due to the Covid 19 outbreak. In anticipation of rescheduling this meeting, the board's preference is to have a meeting where interested church members are able to meet physically instead of meeting in an online session. Accommodations have been made for organizations such as ours during this time, and so we sought counsel regarding our responsibilities to the CRA and our duties as outlined in the Non-Profit Act. As a result, we will wait to see what government directives are given by the end of May and will then announce a date for this meeting.

Senior Youth

You asked, we've responded! We are setting up a virtual coffee time on Zoom just for our NLUMC Senior youth. Don't worry if you don't know everyone, we don't bite! Lindsey Ecker will be our special host on our first coffee time, **Tuesday, May 19** at 8:30 pm. We want to hear how you are doing in these strange pandemic times. Lindsey will be ready with HouseParty so we should be able to have some fun. RSVP is appreciated.

Topic: Youth Virtual Coffee Time (Lindsey will be ready with HouseParty)

Time: May 19, 2020, 8:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Check your email for Zoom link.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **St. Anthony's Parish (Maronite)** and their pastor Namatallah Eid.

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

Please pray for *Dan Epp* with continuing health issues.

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