



Sunday, May 24, 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 31 is Pentecost**, the birthday of the church. As we celebrate this day when the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Jesus, we will be **sharing communion** together. Be prepared with your own communion elements. Some form of bread and juice or wine or water to drink, whatever is available to you and would be meaningful. We also invite you to create a sign to hold up with the words "I am the church" or "We are the church." Even in this time of social isolation, we are the church together.

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 continues Thursday evenings at 7:30 on Zoom. If you need a link/invitation, please call or email Ken. For **Thursday, May 28**, please read *Participant's Guide*, Session 4 (p. 50-60) in preparation (and the *Boundaries* book, second 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!

◆ **Church Builder GICs at Kindred**

An investment for you, bonus interest for your church! Kindred Credit Union offers you a unique way to invest through Church Builder GICs. You invest in a guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) that earns a competitive interest rate and, in return, Kindred donates an additional 0.25% interest to the church of your choice. If you are interested in investing, please contact Kindred **before June 30** and consider naming **North Leamington United Mennonite Church** as the bonus interest recipient. For more information, call or visit your local branch or kindredcu.com.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI Christian High News**

► **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.

► **Welcoming Megan Snippe.** The UMEI school family is excited to welcome Megan Snippe as our new Administrative Assistant! We wish Megan all the best as she begins this new position.

► **Virtual Family Trivia Night.** Join UMEI Christian High School students and alumni for a virtual Family Trivia Night on **Saturday, June 6** at 7pm. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMEITrivia2020>

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 26** 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 26, 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 **Knox Presbyterian Church** and their pastor Leslie Walker.

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

MCEC Call to Prayer — Please pray for **Pastor Ashenafi Fulase and his wife Hiwot from the Freedom Gospel Ethiopian congregation in Toronto, Ontario.** Hiwot who has been working as an essential worker in the role of a PSW has been diagnosed with COVID-19. They, with their four children, are now in quarantine in their apartment for two weeks. This family is seeking strength for the duration and protection that other members of their family don't also become infected. The challenges of separating small children from their mother are indeed large. Freedom Gospel Ethiopian Church shares space with the Danforth Mennonite Church. Some creative ideas for supporting this family are emerging and if you would like to help please reach out to colleagues in the GTA cluster as we shape our response as a community of faith in MCEC.

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