



Sunday, May 3, 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

Welcome & announcements

Offering

Words of welcome

Call to worship

Passing of the Peace

Opening prayer & confession of faith

STS #40, *We will follow (Som'landela)*

Children's time

HWB #599, *He leadeth me*

Congregational sharing & prayer

Worship music — Above All, Janice DiLaudo

Scripture reading — John 10:1-10

Message — I Am the Gate, Kendall Jongejan Harder

Benediction

Worship music — Go Now In Peace, Janice DiLaudo

Next Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day . . .

Join us next week as Pastor Ken leads us in considering Psalm 23:1b. As the coronavirus crisis intensified, we considered what it meant to say, "*The Lord is my shepherd*" (Psalm 23:1a). But what does it mean to say, "*I shall not want?*" Especially in a time of COVID, lockdown, and recession?

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.

◆ **Church Council meeting** by zoom, **Wednesday, May 6, 7:10 pm.**

◆ **Adult Sunday School – *Boundaries***

On **Thursday, May 7**, from 7:30-9 pm, Ken and Dawne will be re-starting the *Boundaries* adult Sunday School class. We will be starting from the beginning again, so anyone can join in, even if you missed the first few classes before the lockdown. If you would like to come but have not received a Zoom invitation in your email by Tuesday, please contact Kendall or Charleen for the link.

In preparation for Thursday's meeting, please read Session 1 in the *Participant's Guide*, and, if you have it, Chapters 1 & 2 in the book, *Boundaries*. If anyone does not have a *Boundaries Participant's Guide* but would like one, Ken still has two copies of the *Participant's Guide*, and they are available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Ken with any questions.

◆ **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.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020** (41.7% of year) \$109,307.90 (33.6%) of our \$325,155.53 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **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!

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Theatre of the Beat News

While our tour of *Selah's Song* has been postponed due to COVID-19, we are thrilled to say that we are bringing Selah's songs online. On **Tuesday, May 5** from 6:30 - 7:30 pm EST, we are hosting a free Facebook Watch Party of 'A Night with the Cast and Creatives of *Selah's Song*'. There will be songs, insider scoops, and a special sneak peek of the puppets. Best of all, you will be able to join in from the comfort of your home. We are thrilled to offer you this special preview presentation of *Selah's Song* on [GivingTuesday](#), a day dedicated to giving back. There is no one we want to give back to more than you, our incredible supporter!

We are accepting donations starting [TODAY](#) and will celebrate our final total during 'A Night with the Cast and Creatives of *Selah's Song*'. To participate in the event, all you have to do is go to our [Facebook page](#) on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm EST, and you can join in with the cast and creatives over the chat feature while we all watch the special presentation together. Don't forget to [mark your calendars](#)! Can't make it on the 5th? No problem, the video will be available on all of our social media accounts at a later date.

◆ UMEI Christian High News

► **UMEI welcomes Megan Snippe on May 19, 2020.** We are pleased to announce that Megan Snippe will be joining our team as an Administrative Assistant! Ms. Snippe is an experienced office manager and has close family ties to UMEI Christian High School. Her brother, Brandon, is a current grade 12 student and her mother, Michelle, is actively involved in the Parents Committee and takes care of our ShopUMEI program.

► **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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

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

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