



Sunday, June 21, 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



We have shifted our worship mode to Zoom so we can 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 have that available at Pickwick on Tuesday night, as well as the link to the recording sent to you by email.

Next Sunday, June 28. . .

Testimonies, Baptism & Communion. Marco Dilaudo, Tahlia Dilaudo, and Serena Dilaudo are getting baptized! Join us on Zoom at 10 for worship, to hear their faith stories and for a congregational response. Then at around 11:15 we will be livestreaming the baptism to our YouTube channel. Following the baptism, we will share communion, so prepare your elements for that - bread, wine, juice, water. Then, to celebrate the baptism and to welcome Marco, Tahlia, and Serena into membership, you are invited to drive by Dino and Janice Dilaudo's home between 12 noon and 1 pm to wave and honk and celebrate them. All appropriate links will be sent out closer to the date.

Church Life . . .

◆ Church Council News

Church Council wants to address the news that the Ontario government is allowing limited in person worship in church buildings. At this point we do not anticipate worshipping in our church building this summer. Because the limitations are so understandably stringent (a limit of a third of building capacity, no congregational singing, children required to be with their parents at all times, no possibility of coffee time conversations, physical distancing in and between pews, considerable additional cleaning) the risks, particularly for our vulnerable members, seem to outweigh the benefits at this time. Just because we are allowed to gather to worship doesn't mean we should. We will continue to worship online as Church Council monitors this situation moving forward.

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 are checked daily. Canada Post mail is picked up regularly. Emails are 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.

◆ Prayer Time, Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 pm on Zoom. The link will be sent by email.

◆ **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 four 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.

► **Pancake Breakfast Virtual Worship Service – Sunday, July 5.** UMEI's Pancake Breakfast will be a different format this year! Make pancakes at home to enjoy with your family and join us from home for an online worship service at 10 am. Contact sarahwiens88@gmail.com for details.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service News.** The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers helped Hesston College make modifications to campus housing to improve student health and safety. You can learn how MDS innovation and creativity is helping to bring a flood victim home after four years of waiting. Plus MDS shares how it is planning and visioning for an eventual return to projects. To read more go to: <https://conta.cc/2AN0JkC>

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Secondary School Teacher - Science, UMEI Christian High School. We are seeking an innovative and qualified full-time secondary school teacher who would love to teach science in a Christian environment. The position will involve teaching students in grades 9-12 and also assisting in extra-curricular activities; coaching experience would be an asset. For a more detailed job description or to submit your resume and cover letter, please email the Principal, Sonya Bedal, at principal@umei.ca.

Senior Youth

You asked, we've responded! We have set 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 coffee time, **Tuesday, June 23** 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: June 23, 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 **Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda** and their pastor Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Toronto Mennonite New Life Church** in Toronto, Ontario.

Please pray for Marco Dilaudo, Tahlia Dilaudo, and Serena Dilaudo as they prepare for baptism next week.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Henry Janzen*, husband of Irma and father of Debbie Janzen and Jeannie Epp, who passed away after a brief illness on Monday, June 15, 2020. A family visitation and funeral took place on Friday, June 19, 2020. Irma and her family are grateful for all the loving and practical ways they have been supported during this difficult time.

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