



**Sunday, June 7, 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

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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.

### **Order of Worship**

Announcements with music  
Lighting of candle  
Welcome  
Call to worship  
Prayer  
STS #39, *Will you come and follow me*  
Children's time  
Offering  
Prayer of lament  
Song — *Lament* by Mark Miller  
Sharing and prayer  
Scripture reading — Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Message — Lydia Neufeld Harder  
HWB #478, *Sent forth by God's blessing*  
Benediction

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### ***Next Sunday, June 14 . . .***

Join us as Pastor Ken leads us in considering Psalm 23.2b: "He leads me beside quiet waters." In the developing strangeness of COVID and new social awareness of racial injustice and the resulting unrest, can the good shepherd really still lead us beside quiet waters? What might that trip look like? What challenges might surprise us along the way?

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### **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 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 10**, 6:30 pm on Zoom. The link will be sent by email.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, June 10**, 7 pm.

◆ **Adult Education**

*Boundaries* class continues Thursday evenings at 7:30 on Zoom. If you need a link/invitation, please call or email Ken. In preparation for **Thursday, June 11**, please read Session 6 (p. 76-84) in the Participant's Guide, and chapters 12-13 in the *Boundaries* book (if you have it). Ken still has a few copies of the *Participant's Guide* available for pickup.

◆ **Summer Scavenger Hunt** for all our North Church families, and our junior and senior youth! Greg and Maida are organizing a car scavenger hunt on **Sunday, June 14** at 3 pm in Kingsville. Get the family together in the car, tour Kingsville, solve a puzzle, see some faces, spread some joy. Prizes! Bring paper, pen and cell phone. Please text Greg and Maida to be included in this fun, socially distanced outing.

◆ **Budget Update,**  
**December 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020**  
 (50% of year)  
 \$126,626.40 (38.9%) of our  
 \$325,155.53 unified church budget  
 has been donated.  
 Give prayerfully, joyfully and  
 generously as God has given to you.

TARGET	2020	ACTUAL
Nov 30—\$325,155		
Nov 1—\$298,056		
Oct 1—\$270,960	\$284,554	
Sept 1—\$243,864		
Aug 1—\$216,768		
July 1—\$189,672	Shortfall \$35,950	
June 1—\$162,576		
May 1—\$135,480		June 1—\$126,626
Apr 1—\$108,384		May 1—\$109,308
Mar 1—\$81,288		Apr 1—\$83,099
Feb 1—\$54,192		Mar 1—\$62,765
Jan 1—\$27,096		Feb 1—\$43,551
Jan 1—\$27,096		Jan 1—\$22,972
Dec 1—0		Dec 1—0

◆ **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ◆ **Looking Forward – Appreciating where we have come...**

Pastor Kendall and Pastor Charleen have been with us for two years! It is hard to believe that two years have passed and it also feels like they have been with us for many years! As announced at the Annual General Meeting in February the two-year mark is the time to review Pastor Charleen and Pastor Kendall's ministry at NLUMC. Your participation is very important for us to discern God's call for our community. You are the community that receives our pastors' ministry so your feedback will help to shape and guide their work and development as a pastor going forward. Thank you for your investment in our shared experience!

#### **Process:**

The primary method for hearing the input from you as a congregation will be through focus groups. You are invited to participate in a guided discussion that will seek to hear your input around a set of questions we have developed with the support of MCEC. The questions are designed to hear you speak to that which you find most beneficial and valuable as a member of the community of faith. This method of asking questions is sometimes referred to as appreciative inquiry. The evaluation of your responses provides very constructive feedback both for the community and the pastors. While the questions are positively framed, the generated outcome is a constructive set of responses that invite reflection, growth and focused effort. It shares items that are seen very positively currently and invites questions as to why other aspects of ministry are not mentioned in this way and how strengths can be leveraged for future growth.

The Personnel Team, Helga Enns, Victor Huebert and Joanne Brown, will be reaching out to NLUMC members to lead focus groups that will meet in September/October. These focus group leaders will be members of a short term committee, the Pastoral Review Team.

Focus group leaders will be inviting you to participate in a group session at their home, or virtually via video technology. It is our hope that all members of the congregation can participate in a focus group session. If you are not able to, you may submit your responses individually to the Personnel Team members, preferably

via email and with your signature. We are having a conversation together and so we want to talk for ourselves and the focus groups are optimum for also allowing us to hear how others are thinking too. Each voice is important so creating opportunities for participation will make sure your input is gathered.

The work of the Pastoral Review Team will be to evaluate what is gathered through this process and report first to the pastor and then council who will share the results with you as a congregation.

**Preparation:**

We invite you to prepare for the focus group and/or the responding to the questions by prayerfully inviting God to help you listen and speak well into this important exercise. (Your prayers for the leaders of the process are much appreciated too.) We invite you to also read the NLUMC Pastor job description so that you know how Pastor Kendall and Pastor Charleen are currently working in our congregation. This will help you to see and evaluate the contributions the pastors are making.

**While this is a process of hearing your voice, it is also a process for us to listen:**

- to hear what others value,
- to hear how God is working through us that is responding to needs within our setting, and
- to hear how being part of this community is a way that we are participating in God's work of saving a world in need of love, healing and peace.

**The questions that we will consider in this review process:**

1. Describe a time in the past year [or other period being reviewed] when you felt especially pleased to be part of this congregation and its mission and ministry. What did you value most about the congregation in that situation?
2. Recall a time in the pastor's ministry [during the period being reviewed] when you felt s/he was at her/his best. Describe that situation. What was it about the pastor's ministry that you especially appreciated or found to be particularly effective?
3. From your perspective, what are the two or three most important contributions that the pastor is currently making to this congregation's mission and ministry?
4. Given your knowledge of the pastor's gifts and our congregation's current vision and expectations:
  - a. Where do you think the pastor should be focusing his/her energies over the next several years? (If possible, explain your thinking in terms of the congregation's vision and expectations.)
  - b. In which area(s) would you like to see the pastor grow in ministry?
  - c. What gifts does the pastor have that we are not using, which could contribute to our spiritual growth and to the mission and vision of our congregation?
  - d. How can we as a congregation strengthen our pastor's ministry and our ministry as pastor and congregation together?
5. Name two or three places where you believe God's Spirit is moving, calling us as a congregation to grow spiritually and in our ministry and mission. If the congregation discerned the same, what role might the pastor play in leading us in these directions? What role might the congregation play?
6. Is there anything else we would benefit from hearing from you with respect to the pastors' ministry at NLUMC?

**Putting it together:**

1. In what area of our congregational life and ministry would you like to see more growth?
  - a. What role might Pastors Kendall and Charleen play helping lead us in these directions?
  - b. What role might the congregation play?

If you have any questions about the process or how you can become involved, please contact any member of the Personnel Team.

Helga Enns –  
Victor Huebert –  
Joanne Brown –

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## 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](mailto:sarahwiens88@gmail.com) or call 226-350-0565.

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### Junior Youth!

**What's in Your Web?** We're planning some fun zoom nights for our Junior Youth, bringing the content that would have been part of MCEC's Junior Youth retreat this spring. We have some short videos, activities and opportunities to respond. We are looking forward to seeing you (online!) for three weeks of What's in Your Web? **Tuesdays, June 9 and 16** at 6:30 pm.

### 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 coffee time, **Tuesday, June 9** 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 9, 2020, 8:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Check your email for Zoom link.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for **Mount Zion Full Gospel Church**.

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

*If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, or in case of emergency,  
contact Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829  
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Pastor Ken at 519-819-3772.*

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