



**Sunday, July 12, 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.

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### ***Next Sunday, July 19***

**Sunday, July 19.** We will say farewell in worship to Pastor Ken who has served us faithfully during Pastor Alicia's maternity leave. Pastor Ken's last day with the congregation will be July 31, and Pastor Alicia will resume her work on August 25. We are preparing a litany of thanksgiving for Pastor Ken's ministry. If you wish, please send a sentence or two of what you've appreciated about Pastor Ken's ministry to [charleen@nlumc.com](mailto:charleen@nlumc.com) and we will include these in a litany of thanksgiving. Please send these by Wednesday July 15, if possible. Pastor Ken will continue in his preaching on Psalm 23 with the text Psalm 23:3b: "He guides me along right paths for is name's sake."

### **Virtual Farewell Song!**

As part of the celebration of Pastor Ken's ministry among us, we want to sing together the song HWB 167 – *For God so loved us* - virtually. We invite you to participate in that.

Attached to the email that was sent out Thursday, July 9, you will find

- A recording of the 4-part piano accompaniment of the hymn that begins with the refrain as an introduction
- Copy of the music from our hymnal

It will work best to play the audio through some headphones and record video of yourself on a separate device. You sing and record while listening through headphones. Sing along with verse 1 in German and then all 4 verses in English and pick any part you'd like! If you have other people in your home who would like to sing, you may all sing together in the same video.

**Uploading Files.** You can send the recording to Kendall Jongejan Harder by facebook messenger or dropbox by **Tuesday, July 14.** The dropbox link is

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pgwbw0cwt095qup/AADYUF9OXQpWAHt4f7e6odRfa?dl=0>

Thank you for taking part in singing together, even while we are separated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.**

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, July 15, 7 pm.**

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		
June 1—\$162,576		
May 1—\$135,480		July 1—\$142,059
Apr 1—\$108,384		June 1—\$126,626
Mar 1—\$81,288		May 1—\$109,308
Feb 1—\$54,192		Apr 1—\$83,099
Jan 1—\$27,096		Mar 1—\$62,765
Dec 1—0		Feb 1—\$43,551
		Jan 1—\$22,972
		Dec 1—0

Shortfall  
\$47,613

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020** (58.3% of year) \$142,059.90 (43.7%) 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 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 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!

## 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.

► **UMEI's Virtual Pancake Breakfast.** We would like to thank LUMC, NLUMC & Faith Church for participating in UMEI's Virtual Pancake Breakfast and thank those who watched from home. We had over 300 viewings! If you missed it, you can find the video recording on UMEI Christian High School's YouTube channel.

### ◆ Local Aid to the Community (Leamington) during Covid-19 at present time.

#### Community (take-out only) Meals available at —

1. Leamington United Church, 9 John Street, every Monday, 4-5 pm, 519-326-9461
2. St. John's Anglican Church, 60 Erie Street North, every Wednesday, 4-5 pm, 519-326-3111

#### Food and Clothing access —

1. St. Vincent de Paul at St. Michaels Parish, 29 Elliott St, call 226-340-7233 for assistance
2. Food Cupboard at St. John's Anglican Church, Wednesdays, 1-5 pm.
3. Community Food Bank at Salvation Army, 88 Settrington St., Mon – Thurs, 9 am – 12 noon, appointment required, call 519-326-0319
4. Warming Cross, as available at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 311 Sherk St.
5. Food Pantry, Parkdale Store and Auto Service, 40 Seaclyff Drive W., 7 am – 11 pm
6. The Bridge Youth (ages 14-24) 310 Sherk St., 226-773-3454
7. Community Clothing Cupboard at St. John's Anglican Church, appointment required, 519-326-3111

◆ **Camping News.** During COVID-19 two Mennonite camps (Willowgrove/Fraser Lake Camp) have joined forces to create Camp@Home, a new online portal that is connecting campers world-wide. **Camp@Home** ([www.campathome.ca](http://www.campathome.ca)) is a one-of-a-kind camp experience that allows children to make genuine camp connections online. Campers log-in to their online cabin, join their virtual counsellors, and enjoy 2-hours of programming each day using an interactive camp map. "Pay What You Choose" options for pricing are available.

◆ **Save the Date: The MEDA Leamington Network Hub** is inspiring supporters across North America to take action to end poverty in a socially-distanced way. The hub is encouraging individuals and

families of all ages to take part in the "Move for MEDA Walkathon," taking place **August 15 - 22**. The event will kick off and wrap up with a MEDA online event, and participants will encourage donations to the hub in their honor. As many of us are taking to the outdoors during this pandemic, the walkathon is a way for people to walk in solidarity, apart but together, to create business solutions to poverty across the globe - something that is more critical than ever. For more information, see [www.facebook.com/MEDALeamington](http://www.facebook.com/MEDALeamington)

### ◆ 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](mailto:principal@umei.ca).

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for **Leamington United Mennonite Church** and their pastors; David Dyck, Mike Williamson and Zach Charbonneau.

**Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada,** prays for one of our congregations. This summer we are encouraged to pray for the churches in our Essex Cluster; Leamington United Mennonite Church, Harrow Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, Windsor Mennonite Fellowship and North Leamington.

*Cindy Epp* sends her best to you all and wants to sincerely thank you for all the prayers and best wishes being sent. It means a lot to her and her son, *Nicholas Lasi*, to know so many people care. She reads the comments a few times a day when Nick is asleep and she allows herself deal with her emotions and reflect. She says it brings her comfort and strength. Nicky's case is complicated and uncertain. There are a lot of wait and see moments. The effects of the disease in his bowels cannot be repair so we pray it can at least return to how it was functioning before. We are told his condition is rare so the fact that it was functioning so well all these years they say is a miracle. Where there is one maybe there will be two? As said before this will be a journey. But Nick has stated that he accepts what it is. He is extremely tired from the constant pain and morphine. This has restricted his desire to move. Mom's goal is to help him through that as at this point it is not a request but a necessity. Nick is very aware that you've all prayed for him, so thank you. While this journey is unwanted and scary, we will continue to appreciate all the support and fight.

*If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, or in case of emergency,  
contact Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829  
Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514 or*

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