



Sunday, August 16, 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, August 23 . . .

Join us for worship as Pastor Kendall brings the message.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm.** Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, August 19, 7 pm.**

◆ **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!

◆ Financial Update

Our Church Unified Budget is set at \$325,000 for 2020. Currently, we have completed eight months of our fiscal year and yet we have only received donations of \$155,858 which amounts to half of our projected budget. This shortfall puts us into a tight cash-flow situation to meet our monthly obligations.

[Missional fund donations of \$47,000 are included in the unified budget (above) and we want to ensure that we honour these pledged amounts to MCEC, Mennonite Home, UMEI, MCC, etc.]

One very substantial cost savings through the summer has been on the air conditioning electrical bill. We are asking everyone to discuss the topic of stewardship with your families. We encourage people, as they are able, to donate sooner than later in these four remaining months of our fiscal year. We are grateful to God and *we are confident that God who began a good work in us will carry it to completion.* Philippians 1:6

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Move with MEDA!** The MEDA Leamington hub invites you to take part in the social distance-friendly and family-friendly Move-a-thon between **August 14 - 22** to support MEDA's efforts to end poverty and empower entrepreneurs in Ukraine! You can choose to 1) move by participating in your favorite activity; whether its biking, walking, dancing, hiking, climbing, running; 2) donate in support of our Leamington participants; Or, do both! For more information, go to www.meda.org/move-a-thon or email events@meda.org

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Leamington Church (Seventh Day Adventist)** and their pastor Laurentiu Prelipcian.

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.

Our prayers go out to the family of *John H. Dick*, husband of Helen and father of Ern (Nancy deceased) in Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia, Marlene Neufeld (Bob) in Ottawa, Edward (Vanessa) in Denver, Ken (Catherine) in Ottawa and Sharon Johnston (Bill deceased) in Goderich, who passed away Friday, August 7, 2020. The funeral took place at Reid Funeral Home on Saturday, August 15.

*If you are aware of any needs within our congregation,
please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Committee
can offer our support. We are glad to be able to help!*

*We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation
you might have by calling or emailing the church office,
519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 12 noon.
In case of emergency, contact Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829
or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.*

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