



Sunday, November 1, 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

Join our church service by Zoom or by coming to the building! We take safety seriously and will be following research based COVID health protocols.

Please check the email this week for the Zoom 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.

Please contact Susan Klassen to register, by Thursday prior to the Sunday service, if you want to worship in the church building on Sunday morning. See information below for COVID information.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, November 8** – NLUMC is open for in-person worship on November 8! Please contact Susan Klassen **to register in advance, by Thursday, November 5**, if you are planning to attend worship, 519-326-7928, 519-839-5442 or office@nlumc.com. You will be asked COVID screening questions at that time and again when you enter the building. Our Pandemic Team has been careful to come up with new safety protocols for worship.

Safety measures include:

- COVID screening upon entry to the church
- only the West parking lot doors (with handicapped button) will be used
- masks **must** be worn over the mouth and nose at all times
- floor markings and seating assistance by ushers to maintain physical distancing
- hand sanitizer at entrances and washrooms
- disinfectant available in washrooms for users to clean what they touch
- access to the basement areas closed
- no congregational singing

Looking forward to seeing you in-person soon!

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, November 4**, 6:30 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Call for Participation — “Do Not Be Afraid!” A Virtual Christmas Pageant** is coming to North Church this year, and we are inviting all our families to participate. We love the script and think it has lots of potential for flexibility and creativity in these covid times. Participation will involve recording your child/ren in a short vignette, in your home setting, with possibility for parents getting into the action. Some scenes may be recorded on Zoom. There are options for children/families to sing or perform Christmas carols on instruments. No group rehearsals (with the possible exception of that Zoom scene?) Costumes, if necessary, will be provided

by the church from our supplies - or you can create your own. Each scene will be submitted to Kendall and it will all be pulled together into one virtual pageant in time for Christmas Eve. Please let Charleen know if your family is in - and are you in for speaking parts, a musical contribution (or both!) so we can start assigning scenes and roles. Questions? Please ask! Contact: charleen@nlumc.com or 519-329-3829. **Please respond by Wednesday, November 4 to reserve your family's spot!**

◆ **Budget Update.** To date, we have received donations toward the Church Fund of \$233,459 of the \$325,000 budget. We have 30 days left until our year end of November 30. Please give generously as you are able.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include donation # in the message
- 3) leave donation in the nightly drop box at Kindred Credit Union – labelled NLUMC - include donation #
- 4) mail donation to church address

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

◆ **Kindred Members Support North Leamington United Mennonite Church.**

Thanks to your investments in Kindred Credit Union's Church Builder GICs last year, we have received a donation of \$1,052.69. Since Church Builder GICs were introduced in 1998, Kindred has donated over \$788,000 in bonus interest to churches and organizations in Ontario.

◆ **New Address for — Bill Willms**

33 Pickwick Drive, Leamington, Ontario N8H 4X5. Phone number remains the same.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI High School News**

▶ **UMEI's Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, November 11** at 7 pm via Zoom. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in attending. Copies of the AGM report are available from the church via email as we are not distributing paper copies this year. You can also contact the UMEI office by emailing office@umei.ca. The Zoom Link for the AGM is below!

Topic: UMEI AGM 2020

Time: Nov 11, 2020 07:00 PM America/Toronto

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87512538269> Meeting ID: 875 1253 8269

▶ **Cabbage Roll-Thru.** We are excited to bring you a favorite UMEI community dinner, drive thru style, on **Thursday, November 19** from 5 – 6:30 pm! The meal will be cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner rolls, and apple crisp! You can call your orders in to Shelley Enns, 519-796-0252, and she will arrange a pick-up time. Please note that orders will be taken until Friday, November 13.

▶ **Our Annual Open House** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 24** from 6 – 8 pm. Please note that it is by appointment only – please email office@umei.ca to register!

◆ **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) News**

▶ **Join the Online Screening of Jingle Dress - First Dance.** On **Thursday, November 5**, join filmmaker James Buffin, Jules Koostachin, and MCC's Indigenous Neighbours team for an online screening of Jingle Dress - First Dance. This biographical film documents the healing journey of Jules Koostachin (Cree, Attawapiskat). Register at mcco.ca/events.

▶ **Registration Open for Becoming Peacemakers: MCC's Virtual Peace Conference.** Join MCC staff and friends as we discuss what it means to be a peacemaker, especially in the midst of a global pandemic and

increasing racial tensions. This year's Peace Conference will take place online on **November 20 & 21**. Register at mcco.ca/peace-conference.

► **MCC Centennial Celebration.** You're invited to gather with MCC across Canada to celebrate a century of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Join us for a time of storytelling, music, prayer and thanksgiving on **November 21** at 8pm EST. RSVP at mcccanada.ca/centennial-celebration.

◆ **MCC Meat Canner News**

The current pandemic has not stopped requests to MCC for food. In response, the MCC Meat Canner is on the road and canning in the U.S. on a reduced schedule, reduced capacity and with as few volunteers as possible. The Leamington Meat Canner Committee has started to look at the possibilities and obstacles in front of us for canning safely here in Leamington. We ask you to please pray for the safety of everyone involved with the Meat Canner in the U.S.

◆ **Looking for an Anti-Racist Learning Opportunity?** Did you know that MCEC has a Working Group on Truth and Reconciliation? This group has put together a monthly series inviting Indigenous and Mennonite speakers to reflect on issues of Land, Covenant, and Treaties. You can sign up for one session, or several, and participate from the comfort of your own home! For more information check out the link below or contact Pastor Alicia. https://mcec.ca/programs/truth-and-reconciliation?fbclid=IwAR2AxMLdiQ9XjfAh-p8YegsyEDLpoxHFu7ZPdG_NPmVhJJ0NNr3R5D_4Jbg

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

We are doing well here at the Leamington Mennonite Home. We continue to contemplate how the effects of a second wave of COVID-19 may affect our Home. We continue to prepare for the potential onslaught of a second wave. We kindly ask that you continue to hold our residents, resident families and staff in your thoughts and prayers. Thank-you!

Youth . . .

Jr Youth Make a Difference Day, Sunday, November 8, 3-5 pm.

Topic: Making a Difference for Creation: Stories for your Great Great Great Great Grandchildren

Where: Two Creeks Conservation Area

The traditional MCEC Jr Youth Make a Difference Day event has moved local. NLUMC Jr Youth are invited to an outdoor, socially distanced retreat reflecting on how we can make a difference for creation, leaving a legacy for the great great great great great grandchildren of their generation. Please RSVP to Charleen at 519-329-3829.

Attention Youth! Virtual coffee time is back!

Join your North Church friends to touch base about how back to school stuff is going next **Tuesday,**

November 3 at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86391330139?pwd=UDdLMWFYdzYzVTNCOVo1eTVTcjNBZz09>

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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 **Waters Mennonite Church** in Lively, Ontario.

*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 3 pm.
In case of emergency, contact Pastor Alicia at 519-819-3772,
or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.*

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