



Sunday, October 11, 2020 Thanksgiving Sunday & Communion

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.



Today, we hope to hold a Zoom service using our church building. Please join in anytime after 9:45 am with the service beginning at 10 am.

Order of Worship

Announcements with song — *You are holy*
Welcome
Call to worship
Prayer
Song, HWB #96 — *We plow the fields and scatter*
Children's time
Song, Thankful — from Roar, VBS 2019
Offering and prayer
Sharing time
Scripture reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Message — Can we be grateful during a pandemic?
Song, *All things bright and beautiful* with Kim DiLaudo
Communion
Song, HWB #86 — *Now thank we all our God*
Benediction



Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, October 18** — The Pandemic Team is working hard at figuring out how to safely reopen our church building for worship. Due to rising COVID case counts and a few technical problems we still need

to solve, we will not be able to reopen safely for October 18. We will continue to have our worship service available on Zoom or on another platform.

Please continue to follow our email and social media updates. We will share more information about reopening as it becomes available.

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 pm.** Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Thursday, October 15, 7:30 pm.**

◆ **Socktober.** Now that it is October, the **Missions & Service Team** is working on our annual ‘Socktober’ event. Under the current circumstances it will look a little different this year. We are suggesting two options —

1. Drop off new socks (or underwear) to: The Bridge, 310 Sherk Street, Leamington between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm

or

2. Financial donations can be made online at www.thebridgeyouth.ca

We hope that you are all staying safe and healthy. . . *The Missions & Service Team*

◆ **Personnel Team News**

Pastor Kendall and Pastor Charleen have been with us for two years and it is time for a pastoral term review. Personnel Team engaged MCEC, our church conference, for support in preparing for a review that would involve you, members of the congregation, in small groups.

With the ongoing pandemic and the challenges of the new school year for parents, teachers and their families, we have determined that a simpler, mini review will be used, rather than the Appreciative Inquiry approach of focus groups. Personnel Team would like to thank everyone who agreed to be focus group leaders! It is our intention to pursue the Appreciative Inquiry approach in a future pastoral term review of Pastors Kendall and Charleen and we hope you will again consider being a focus group leader at that time.

A link to a brief online survey was sent to you by e-mail on Thursday, October 1. You can also print and complete the survey and mail to Joanne Brown, 1010 Rd 6, Leamington Ontario N8H 3V8. Please complete the survey **by Friday, October 30.**

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 pastors going forward. . . *Thank you, Personnel Team*

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020** (83.3% of year) \$209,325.40 (64.4%) 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**

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.

**The staff of NLUMC will have Tuesday, October 13 off
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
They will be back as work as usual on Wednesday, October 14.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

As we celebrate the abundance that we have in our lives over this Thanksgiving weekend, we ask that you continue to hold our Home in your thoughts and prayers. Please pray for the staff and residents, that we all continue to be safe. Thank you.

Junior 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 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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Deer Run Church** and their pastors: Ike Unger, Peter Klassen and Quentin Unger.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Warden Underground** in South Scarborough, Ontario.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Jake Hamm*, husband of Erica and the late Katie (1999) and father of Vicki & Dennis Dick, Jayne & Tim Latam and Ken & Terri Hamm, who passed away Friday, October 2. Funeral service to celebrate Jake's life took place at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

*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 Alicia at 519-819-3772,
or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.*

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