



Sunday, October 18, 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.

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

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

HWB #26, *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Children's story

Prayer for offering

Congregational prayer

Scripture reading — Exodus 3:12-23

Song — *Rock of Ages*

Message

HWB #526, *In the rifted rock I'm resting*

Sending

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, October 25** – NLUMC is ready to reopen our building for worship on October 25! Please contact Susan Klassen to register in advance 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, October 21**, 6:30 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **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.** To date, we have received donations toward the Church Fund of \$226,483.90 of the \$325,000 budget. We have 45 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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

Recently the LMH Board approved the development of a strategic plan to assist our Home in setting priorities for the near future. The Board, together with the Leadership Team, are excited about an upcoming Zoom planning session that will be facilitated by Carolyn Warkentin in mid-November. Carolyn comes with significant expertise in assisting organizations regarding governance and planning. We will begin by sending

out a survey, developed by Carolyn, to a pre-determined group of people who are representative of the stakeholders for the Home. This list includes, but is not limited to, Corporate Members, Residents, Resident Family Members, and Staff. This information will be used by the Board and Leadership Team to develop a strategy to focus our energies and resources for the future. After the session in November, our strategic plan will be presented to the Board of Directors in January and to the eight governing churches at the annual meeting in March 2021. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us for this upcoming meeting, please contact the front office at the Home.

◆ **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

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

▶ **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.

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 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 **Salvation Leamington Community Church** and their pastors: Phoungern & Olidaovanh Sombounkhanh.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Waterloo North Mennonite Church** in Waterloo, 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 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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