



Sunday, October 25, 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.

Order of Worship

Announcements & prelude
Call to worship
Hymn #6, *Here in this place*
Children's story
Prayer for offering
Song, *Blessed be your name*
Congregational prayer
Scripture reading - Psalm 90
Message
Hymn #336, *When peace like a river*
Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, November 1** – NLUMC is open for in-person worship on November 1! Please contact Susan Klassen **to register in advance, by Thursday, October 29**, 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 28, 6:30 pm.** Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, October 28, 7:05 pm** via Zoom.

◆ **Kids Virtual Costume Party, Saturday, October 31, 3 to 3:30 pm** over Zoom. Show your costumes and pumpkins to your church friends!

◆ **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 36 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 . . .

◆ **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.

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,**

October 27 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 **Meadow Brook Church** and their pastors: Chris Walker, Xavier Avila and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

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

Thank you to each and every one who brought us meals or food before or after the passing of Jake Hamm. Also a special thank you to the people who visited or phoned or prayed with us or for us. God hears all our prayers.
. . . *Erica Hamm and families*

Congratulations to *Anne Kroeker* on the birth of her great-grandson, *Kayden Coppola*, born Wednesday, October 7, to parents Kerri & Mike Coppola, and grandparents Joan Epp and Paul Epp.

*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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