



Sunday, October 4, 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. The Pandemic Team will be practicing the safety protocol in the church building to ensure all is ready for the **actual opening on Sunday, October 18. Please keep in mind that the October 18 date is subject to change with the ever-changing municipal and provincial government guidelines.** More details will be available as we approach that date.

Order of Worship

Song — *Christ be all around me*
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Children's time
Offertory prayer
Song — HWB #545, *Be thou my vision*
Congregational prayer
Scripture reading — Philippians 3:4-14
Message
Song — STJ #96, *I'm pressing on the upward way*
Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ Thanksgiving Sunday, October 11

▶ We plan on having a worship service at 10 am from the church building on Zoom which includes communion. Please have your communion elements, bread and juice, prepared before the worship service so we can all share in communion together, while we are apart.

► On Thanksgiving Sunday we want to celebrate with a virtual song, *We plough the fields and scatter*, which is number 96 in Hymnal a Worship Book. This is your invitation to participate in this virtual singing together. Attached in the October 2 email you should have found —

- a recording of the piano part for this hymn
- copy of the music from our hymnal (pdf format)

The idea is to listen to the audio of the piano through some headphones and then record on a separate device. You sing and record while listening through headphones. Sing along with all three verses and pick any part you'd like! If you have other people in your home who would like to sing, you may all sing together in the same video or send separate videos.

Uploading Files — You can send the recording to Kendall Jongejan Harder by Facebook messenger or pcloud by **Thursday, October 8.**

The pcloud link is <https://u.pcloud.com/#page=puplink&code=kQt7ZB4041MBNreSRI8B6rBLSQ5i5hWFV>

Here is the recording of the piano part for the hymn —

 [IMG_4189.mp4](#)

Thank you for taking part in singing together, even while we are separated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm.** Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Socktober.** With October fast approaching, 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.**


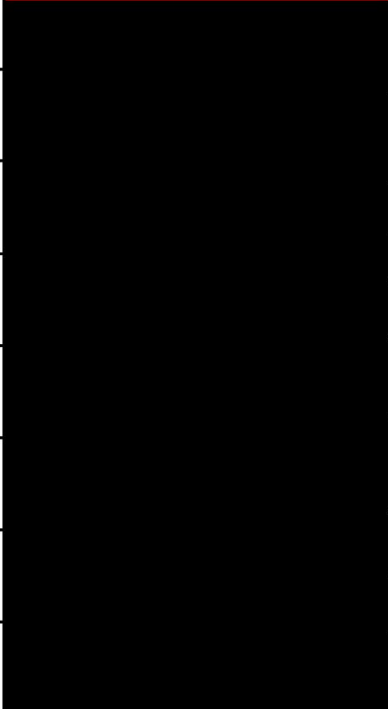
Your participation is very important for us to discern God's call for our community. You are the community that receives our pastors' ministry so your feedback will help to shape and guide their work and development as pastors going forward. . . *Thank you, Personnel Team*

◆ **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.

| TARGET | 2020 | ACTUAL |
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| Nov 30—\$325,155 | | |
| Nov 1—\$298,056 | | |
| Oct 1—\$270,960 | \$284,554 | |
| Sept 1—\$243,864 |  | |
| Aug 1—\$216,768 | | Oct 1—\$209,325 |
| July 1—\$189,672 |  | Sept 1—\$181,866 |
| June 1—\$162,576 | | Aug 1—\$155,858 |
| May 1—\$135,480 | | July 1—\$142,059 |
| Apr 1—\$108,384 | | June 1—\$126,626 |
| Mar 1—\$81,288 | | May 1—\$109,308 |
| Feb 1—\$54,192 | | Apr 1—\$83,099 |
| Jan 1—\$27,096 | | Mar 1—\$62,765 |
| | | Feb 1—\$43,551 |
| | | Jan 1—\$22,972 |
| Dec 1—0 | | Dec 1—0 |

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

As we continue to navigate this time of COVID-19 we are very much aware that the province has gone into a second wave of the virus. We know that COVID-19 is knocking on our backdoor again. That said, we continue to be appreciative of the Community support around us. We appreciate that once again we can have a few

resident family members back into the Home as essential caregivers. We appreciate that we are able to provide indoor/outdoor visiting and we are appreciative residents are able to leave the Home for outings with family and friends. We are also grateful that we were able to have our Annual General Meeting on September 29 and the business of the Home from 2019 was completed. We have much to be thankful for! As we begin to prepare for Thanksgiving Celebrations with family and friends I want to thank-you for your continued support of the Leamington Mennonite Home!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **South Point Community Church** and their pastor David Bretzlaff.

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