



Sunday, November 15, 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

Welcome & announcements
Call to worship
Song — *You are holy* (STS #34)
Litany of Thanksgiving
Children's time
Offering prayer
Prayer of Confession
Congregational sharing and pastoral prayer
Scripture reading
Message
Song — *All things bright and beautiful* (HWB #156)
Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ **Memorial Sunday, November 22** – We plan to celebrate Memorial Sunday on November 22 in person and online. Priority for in person attendance will be given to families from our church who have experienced a loss this year (pre-registration required with Susan to abide by covid guidelines). Families will also have the option to have a candle lit for them on their behalf in the sanctuary, while they remain home. We will be honouring those from our faith family who have died in this past year: Amanda Walsh (daughter of Linda Driedger), Bill Neufeld, Henry Reimer, Henry Janzen, Daniel Epp, Lydia Lehn, Frank Klassen, John H. Dick and Jake Hamm. There will be opportunity for other candles to be lit, either in person, or by virtual request to

honour other griefs and losses we carry. (text/zoom/email). We welcome questions or suggestions as we move forward this year.

NLUMC is open for in-person worship on November 22! Please contact Susan Klassen **to register in advance, by Thursday, November 19**, 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 18**, 6:30 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Senior's Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 24**. This year NLUMC is putting together a special online event to celebrate our Senior's Christmas Social in a covid safe way.

Here's how you can participate:

1. You can participate by watching a half hour pre-recorded program link that will be posted to YouTube on **Tuesday, November 24**. The link will be sent out by email and posted to our church Facebook, Instagram, and Webpage on November 24. Don't worry, if you can't access the link that day, it will still be available online until December 25!
2. You are invited to join together live on Zoom with your NLUMC friends on **Tuesday, November 24** from 3 — 4 pm for a virtual coffee hour! Make yourself a tasty snack and enjoy some online time with our community.

Please contact Pastor Alicia with any questions.

◆ **Community Meals Update**. Due to Covid precautions, our contribution to the community meals has changed, but the program continues. Despite not being able to participate on site, we have continued to support this program financially and also through the provision of baked goods weekly as we are able. We hope to pick it up where we left off when it is possible for us to safely participate. We appreciate your continued support of this program and while we will not be displaying the "Christmas Donation Table" this year, we welcome donations to this program in order that we continue to financially support one meal per month as well as provide desserts as able.

◆ **Budget Update**. The Finance Committee have re-worked the budget for 2020 to \$303,000. Ultimately, due to the covid virus, many of our committees did not spend what was initially planned. As of November 13, we have received donations of \$263,588.90, Therefore, we still require \$39,411.10 before the end of November. Thank-you, everyone, for donating generously to the work of our church.

◆ **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.

◆ **New Address for —**

Rudy & Louise Tiessen, #126 - 29 Pickwick Drive
Leamington, Ontario N8H 5C4

— **Upcoming Event** —
First Sunday of Advent — Sunday, November 29



Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI High School News**

▶ **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!

◆ **The Southwestern Ontario Gleaners' 2020 Christmas Campaign** is now underway. From November 1 to December 31 the SWO Gleaners aims to raise \$50,000 to cover costs to dry and package 500,000 servings of Soup mix before the end of the year. COVID 19 has cancelled all our fundraising events for 2020 and we hope to cover some of those losses during this Christmas season. Your donations go directly to providing nutritious food to those in need both locally and internationally. Thank you for partnering with us in this way. Donations can be made by drop-in, mail or through our website swogleaners.ca.

◆ **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.

◆ **26th Annual Lights of Life** at Erie Shores HealthCare, **Sunday, December 6** at 7 pm. Dedicate a bulb and let the Christmas spirit shine on your hospital and your community. Funds raised will be used for spiritual care for families and friends in their time of need. Please contact Kerstin Kay at 519-322-2501 x 4445 for more information.

◆ **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.

◆ **2023 Russlaender Centenary Tour.** To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the migration of 21,000 Mennonites from Russia to Canada beginning in 1923, a committee of the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada is organizing a cross-Canada train tour for summer 2023. The tour comprises three segments, 7-days from Quebec City to Kitchener, 8 days from Toronto to Winnipeg and on to Saskatoon and 5 days from Saskatoon to Abbotsford, BC. Each leg of the tour includes informative historical presentations, tours and events, plus banquets, Sangerfests and interaction with local Mennonites. Travelers can join one, two or all three segments. A short 5 question survey has been developed to get input from people who may be interested. The Survey includes more detailed information on the planned tour and can be accessed

at: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/hzbCIY>

Youth . . .

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 17** at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **St. Anthony's Maronite Parish** and their pastor Namatallah Eid.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **West Hills Mennonite Fellowship** in Baden, 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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