



Sunday, January 3, 2021
Celebrating Epiphany

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. 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.

Church Life . . .

◆ Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time!

Join your North Church friends to touch base about school stuff, and life! **on Tuesday, January 5th** at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

◆ Prayer Time – each Wednesday evening 6:30 – 7:00 pm on Zoom.

◆ Financial Update 2020

Thank-you to all of our NLUMC participants for your financial donations received during the previous year Dec 1, 2019 - Nov 30, 2020. We successfully covered our Unified Budget, as well as receiving several other designated giving's and we completed the year with a \$17,000. surplus which will be discussed in the upcoming proposed budget 2021 at the AGM Feb. 7, 2021. We are very grateful to God for His steadfast guidance to NLUMC throughout the 2020 year.

◆ Financial Donations toward 2021

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact church office
- 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 your donation #
- 4) mail donation to church address

Contact office@nlumc.com; or Louise Neufeld treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

◆ Are you considering baptism? Membership at NLUMC? Now is a great time to talk to our pastors about these processes. Baptism in the Anabaptist tradition is for any mature

person who wants to commit to a lifelong relationship with God and God's church. We will start baptism/ faith exploration classes in the New Year, on Zoom. We will also work with any individuals or families wanting to transfer membership from another church.

Got questions? Ask us! More details will come in the new year.

◆ **North Leamington United Mennonite Church - AGM**

Our Annual General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 2021 during the Worship Service 10:00 am – via Zoom.

Requesting all Executive & Team Chairs to submit their annual report to office@nlumc.com by January 5, 2021.

◆ **Voices Together Hymnal**

We are blessed to have received the first part of our *Voices Together* order.

If you are interested in purchasing a personal copy of the new *Voices Together* song book, please contact Sandra Warkentin to place your order. Song books are available to purchase at a cost of \$37.00 CAD a book (\$32.99 + tax and shipping?). Payment can be made in the following ways:

- e-transfer to treasurer@nlumc.com (include “Voices Together order” in the message)
- mail payment to the church (cheques payable to “NLUMC”) att: Voices Together

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

This has been quite the extraordinary year for our Home. We remain very grateful for the many gifts given to our Leamington Mennonite Home over the past year. The prayerful support, together with your financial assistance have allowed us to continue to provide exceptional care to all of our Residents. We thank our supporting congregations and wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year!

◆ **MCC Ottawa Office Student Seminar**

February 16-18, 2021- MCC's Ottawa Office is hosting its legendary Student Seminar again - but this time it's virtual! Perfect learning and networking opportunity for university students interested in international development, policy, and advocacy. Learn how local communities and organizations are key actors for change around the world; engage in MCC and faith-based advocacy with students from across Canada; meet with parliamentarians civil society advocates; and so much more! Register before January 15, 2021.

◆ **MCC Online Workshop**

Practical Peacebuilding – a 5 month program Jan. to May 2021. Learning the skills of “peace” is a lifelong journey. This skill-building program seeks to teach and develop peacemaking skills, and apply these skills within today’s context of home, work, and community. Together we will be engaging in skill-building sessions and ongoing reflective practices to connect what we are learning to our faith, to scripture, and to Jesus as our foundation for peace.

◆ **The South Essex Community Council** offers both hot and frozen meal delivery options for anyone interested. All meals are \$8 apiece and include a range of dishes such as shepherd's pie, roast beef, lasagna, honey garlic chicken and chicken and dumplings. Meal delivery is available five days per week, Monday through Friday, during the lunch hour. Online ordering for hot and frozen meals will be available soon at www.secc.on.ca. For now, anyone interested in this service is encouraged to call the office at 519-326-8629 for more information or to register. This year, The South Essex Community Council is proudly offering completely subsidized hot meals and grocery cards to people in Leamington, Kingsville and Wheatley who are experiencing food insecurity directly as a result of COVID-19. This has been possible through generous community donations. Anyone in need can call 519-326-8629 to speak with a member of the Community Services department.

◆ **MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY**

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 2 pm. Due to current constraints for in person meetings, this is via online webinar only, so please register for AGM at top of our web site. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2020 results, 2021 levies and benefit payments, and future plans. Board and committee positions are available. Further details available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com, or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Leamington United Mennonite Church** and their pastors Mike Williamson & David Dyck.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Committee can offer support. We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation by
phoning: 519-326-7928 or emailing: office@nlumc.com
In case of Emergency, contact a Pastor - listed below.

Pastors

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No Regular Office hours at this time due to covid