



**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

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

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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 as we Worship Together.

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◆ **Our Winter theme of worship: "Being Anabaptist"** - This Sunday we will be exploring the baptism of Jesus and baptism within the Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition as we begin a series on Mennonite essentials.

- *Please have ready a basin/container of water that you can dip your hands in as we reflect on baptism at the end of the sermon.*

### **Order of Worship**

Prelude

Words of Welcome – Pastor Charleen Jongejan Harder

Call to Worship

Prayer

Sing: Oceans VT 456

Confession of Faith

Offering/Prayer

Sing: I sing with Exultation VT 444 / HWB 438

Children's Time - The first "Anabaptist" baptism

Sing: I have decided to Follow Jesus VT 443

Scripture: Mark 1:7-13

Message: Into (and out of) the Waters - Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder

Sing: From the Waters I Will Rise VT 442

First Sending

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

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**Next Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday - we will celebrate the global community who now identify as Anabaptist. The Theme this year is "Following Jesus together: Across Barriers." Worship materials were prepared by member churches in Asia.

- *We will celebrate communion; please prepare your own communion elements at home.*

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## Church Life . . .

### ◆ Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time!

Join your North Church friends to touch base about school stuff, and life! **on Tuesday, January 12th** 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.

◆ **Worship Team** - At North Church we want to Grow Relationships in Christ. Worship is at the heart of who we are. We really appreciate feedback about how you experience worship. With it, we can keep growing better. Worship Team is looking for feedback on our Memorial Sunday, Advent and Christmas worship services. If you would like to share your thoughts, please go to the following link to respond. Thank you for taking your time to help us!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetyyleCI9UVQREGMoEn\\_XgDgP6oObC9FPE8PfvfR3t5IV0sg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetyyleCI9UVQREGMoEn_XgDgP6oObC9FPE8PfvfR3t5IV0sg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### ◆ Financial Donations toward 2021

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact church office
- 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Louise Neufeld [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto: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.

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

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Conrad Grebel University College** has two virtual events planned for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> featuring the new **Voices Together Hymnal**:

- **at 12:30** – the Grebel **Noon Hour Concert** series will feature **Voices Together** committee member Anneli Loepp Thiessen “Still Singing - Women Composers and the *Voices Together* Hymnal sharing stories and songs from Women.” Also, featuring Joanna Loepp Thiessen, soprano. This free event can be accessed online at <https://uwaterloo.ca/music/events/noon-hour-concert-still-singing-women-composers-and-voices> The video will go live on Youtube Channel on Wednesday, January 27th at 12:30pm. You can watch it anytime.
- **at 7 pm** – Join the Grebel Community for a special virtual chapel service to celebrate the new hymnal **Voices Together**. This special service is open to the public and will feature a homiletic reflection by Distinguished Alumni award winner Sarah Johnson. The service will include music and worship resources from *Voices Together*. For more details and to Register, visit <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/hymnal-celebration-sarah-johnson> Click on this link in advance of Jan. 27th to Pre-Register. A meeting link will be emailed directly to you.

◆ **Coming soon to a Zoom near you: UnMute** is a forum theatre piece by Theatre of the Beat that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19. "While a family's life may seem normal from the other side of the screen, abuse is lurking behind closed doors. Immerse yourself in this important and timely piece that gives audience members the chance to rehearse scenarios for real life." Audiences will learn skills and resources for how they can make a difference. The Leamington Ministerial is sponsoring a Zoom performance of UnMute on **Saturday February 20 at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are free. Registration is limited to the first 100 screens. Priority is given to Leamington / Windsor-Essex community members until January 29, 2021. Representatives of local organizations will be present to discuss questions of domestic violence unique to Windsor-Essex. More details, including how to register will come next week. For more about the show, see [www.theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute](http://www.theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute)

◆ **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](http://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.

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp - Summer 2021 ([www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca))

- **Silver Lake Adventures Day Camps:** This summer, Silver Lake is coming closer to you with **local day camps** so that kids across the province can enjoy Silver Lake experiences! These camps are generally for campers ages 5-15, as well as some canoe camps for campers ages 9-15 and one week of Teen Camp for ages 12-16 in Waterloo! Check out [Information About Offsite Day Camps](#) to see a list of locations across Ontario and to register now!
- **Overnight Camps:** Mark your calendars for **February 1 @ 7am** for the opening of registration for overnight camps at Silver Lake. Visit [Information About Overnight Camps](#) for summer schedule and registration link.
- **NOTE:** due to the uncertainty with Covid-19 in the months ahead and the possibility of cancellations, no payments for day camps or overnight camps will be due until April at the earliest.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for **Leamington Christian Centre**, Elliott Street and their pastor Dan Tamburo.

Our prayers go out to the family of Harold Klassen, husband of Susan Klassen and father of Debbie & Ken Srigley, Becky Klassen, and Jennifer & Andrew McKeown, who passed away Friday, January 8, 2021. Funeral details are incomplete at this time.

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](mailto:office@nlumc.com)  
In case of Emergency, contact a Pastor - listed below.

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No Regular Office hours at this time due to covid