



Sunday, January 17, 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

Pandemic Update:

NLUMC continues to be in compliance with the stay at home order issues by the provincial government this week. Our Staff continue to work from home, and our meetings happen by Zoom. We also limit our worship and recording groups less than 10 people in the building at a time, and we wear masks and practice social distancing throughout that time. We look forward to seeing you online! Join our church service via Zoom.

◆ Order of Worship

Our Winter theme of worship: "Being Anabaptist" - Today is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. The Theme this year is **"Following Jesus together: Across Barriers."**

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

Please review the following link before Sunday's service: 2020 Year in Review from Mennonite World Conference https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eY5x-TsguU&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=MennoniteWorldConference

Order of Service

Prelude & Announcements

Words of Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: Jesus we are here

Responsive Reading

Song: Som'landela (We Will Follow) - VT #566 or STS #40

Children's Time

Responsive Prayer

Offering

Greetings from Sharon Dass

Prayer for Mennonite World Conference

Song: Make us one

Scripture

Message

Song: Naege itneun hyanguy (To My Precious Lord) - VT 755

Communion

First Sending

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ **Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time!**

Join your North Church friends to touch base about school stuff, and life! **on Tuesday, January 19th** at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

◆ **Jr. Youth! - Connect, Jr.**

Tuesdays at 7 p.m., starting Tuesday, January 19th on Zoom for approximately 30-45 minutes

- connecting with other Jr Youth and a pastor
- a little fun (Whacky Auction, Scribl.io, Charades, and more)
- a little spiritual connection
- sending off with a bedtime prayer.
- RSVP to charleen@nlumc.com appreciated, but not required

The link will be posted on Facebook, Instagram and in the church email. Parents, we thank you in advance for helping your kids stay connected with the church, even in these strange virtual times. Developmentally, junior youth are ready to connect in deeper and new ways with God and the church. We can be a part of that spiritual growth. We are going to launch this outreach from January 19 through March 9 (8 weeks). At Spring Break we will re-evaluate. We're also dreaming up a Junior Youth crafting event in the next month or so, we'll keep you posted.

◆ **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

◆ **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.

◆ 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.

◆ Voices Together Hymnal

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

Please continue to keep our Home in your thoughts and prayers. Currently, our Home remains in outbreak status. This is a tough time for our Residents and Staff who need to see their families and return to some semblance of normalcy. Given the level of vaccination that has taken place in our Home this seems close, but not close enough. On behalf of the Staff and Residents thank-you for your continued support and thank-you for your continued prayers.

◆ **Conrad Grebel University College** has two virtual events planned for Wednesday, January 27th 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 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

◆ **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.

◆ **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)**

- **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.

◆ **Summer Camp is back at Hidden Acres - New Hamburg, ON**

We are looking for fantastic young people to join our staff team. If you are at least 17 years old, enjoy working with children and youth, love being outside and want to serve God and others in a safe, fun and welcoming space, then Hidden Acres is the place! Upcoming Events:

Family Day Open House - February 15; Virtual Seniors Retreat - March 10

For information and to apply, visit www.hiddenacres.ca.

Camper registration begins on February 1st. There will be limited spaces this summer so mark your calendars!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Parish - Elliott Street** and their pastors Tom Ferrera, Steve Marsh, and Kazimierz Lortencowicz.

Each week Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) prays for one of our congregations. Today, we invite you to pray for Agape Fellowship, London, ON.

Thank you for all the cards, food, flowers, condolences and expressions of kindness that so many of you extended to our family during the passing of Harry (Harold) Klassen. In our grief we could feel all of your prayers and virtual hugs surrounding us with your love and comfort.....

Susan Klassen and family

Our prayers go out to the family of Edward Enns who passed away this week. Edward is the son of *Walter and Hilda Enns*.

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