



Sunday, January 31, 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

◆ **Our Winter theme of worship: “Being Anabaptist”**

Order of Worship

Prelude and slideshow

Announcements

Welcome and Call to Worship

Song: VT 566 - We will Follow (Wiens Family)

Children's Time

Litany: MWC Shared Convictions

Offering, from VT #1022

Song: VT 540 - Will you Come and Follow Me (Joan Willms)

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 2:21-25 and Romans 12:9-21.

Message by Pastor Kendall

Song: VT 797 - We are People of God's Peace (Jongejan Harder family)

First Sending prayer

Congregational Sharing and Prayer - Pastor Charleen

Second Sending prayer

Church Life . . .

◆ **Preparing for Lent - Lenten Guided Prayer 2021: Deep Calls to Deep**

This is an opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. This year's theme invites you to go deeper, to that place within where you experience God's calling from even greater depths of mystery and grace. You will be encouraged, in the midst of uncertainty, to respond to, and find security in, God's call to relationship, commitment, wisdom, healing, growth and hope. Engage scripture readings on your own, then share from your experience in a weekly small group. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Kendall by February 14, 2021.

◆ **Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time! Each Tuesday at 8:00 pm on Zoom** for approximately half hour - Join your North Church friends and Pastor Alicia to touch base about school stuff, and life! See you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

◆ **Jr. Youth! Connect, Jr.**

Each Tuesday at 7 pm on Zoom for approximately 30-45 minutes - Connect with other Jr Youth and Pastor Charleen

- 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. Each Tuesday, from January 19 - 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

◆ **Are you considering baptism? Membership at NLUMC? Faith Exploration Classes begin Jan. 31st via Zoom.** Baptism in the Anabaptist tradition is for any mature person who wants to commit to a lifelong relationship with God and God's church. Contact a Pastor with any questions!

◆ **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. The 2020 Report Booklet will be emailed.

- Please read the reports in advance, as they will not be read during the worship/meeting.
- There will not be a time of open mic. sharing. Therefore, if you have a prayer request, please ensure that you notify one of the pastors in advance of the Feb. 7th service.

◆ **Financial Donations** needed toward our 2021 operating budget

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 treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **MCC - Ontario Meat Canner Update** - We are disappointed to announce that we will not be able to bring the mobile cannery to Ontario this Spring. This is now the second year that we have needed to cancel due to Covid-19. For a more detailed report please see the Leamington MCC Meat Canner Facebook page.

◆ **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. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIcuutqDkpHdVyNzaeaAIWSD4vhEvJDTCv>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

◆ **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.

◆ **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 **South Mersea (Hillman) United Church** and their lay leaders.

Each week Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) prays for one of our congregations. Today, we invite you to pray for **Bethany Mennonite Church**, Virgil, Ontario.

Erna Broom – Thank-you to everyone for your prayers. The Dr. performed a successful procedure this past week and I am so grateful that surgery is not necessary.

Mennonite Home Prayer requests:

-That the Home continue to be successful in keeping Covid from infecting any Residents. Please pray for guidance for the internal Covid management team and for all staff as we continue to prevent Covid from settling in.

-Please pray for the Vaccination rollout. Residents are scheduled to receive their 2nd vaccine during the first week of February. Please pray that in the midst of vaccine shortages that both Residents, Staff and Essential Caregivers are able to receive their vaccine.

-Please pray for continued Resident/Staff Well-being - overall staff and residents are doing well but everyone has a breaking point from time to time and that is evident right now. Residents are under stress from being isolated for so long and staff are under stress because working under these conditions is tough. Please pray for continued patience and compassion.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Team 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.

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