



**Sunday, February 14, 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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## **Order of Worship**

### *Being Anabaptist*

Prelude  
Announcements  
Voices Together, #2 *Come all you people*  
Welcome  
Call to worship  
Voices Together, #420 *God of the Bible*  
Children feature  
Offering  
Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV  
Message  
Voices Together, #797 *We are people of God's peace*  
Sharing  
Pastoral prayer  
Voices Together, #840 *God be with you till we meet again*  
Sending

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ Jr. Youth! Connect, Jr.**

**Each Tuesday** at 7 pm on Zoom for approximately 30-45 minutes - Connect with other Junior 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](mailto: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 and will keep you posted.

**◆ Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time! Each Tuesday** at 8 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.

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

◆ **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 **today, Sunday, February 14.**

◆ **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. Please include your donation #.
- 4) Mail donation to church address.

Contact office@nlumc.com or treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

◆ **Personnel Team News**

We are pleased to advise that Susan has returned from Compassionate Care leave effective February 2, 2021. Susan will work from home for the time being and will pick up mail and voice messages from the church on a regular basis. We want to extend our sincere thanks to Brenda Fischer and Brenda Klassen for their exceptional volunteer service covering administrative and financial responsibilities during Susan's leave. Stephanie Santos has returned from an extended maternity leave and will be returning to the caretaker role that Mike Santos has been covering since June 2019. Welcome back Susan and Stephanie and thanks Brenda, Brenda and Mike!

— **Looking Ahead** —

**Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday, February 21 – First Sunday of Lent & Communion**

**Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday**

**Friday, April 2 – Good Friday & Communion**

**Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday**



**The church office will be closed Tuesday, February 16  
for the Family Day holiday.  
Susan will again be at work (from home)  
on Wednesday, February 17 at 9 am.**

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**Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence.** Leamington Ministerial, Hogs for Hospice, The Bridge and SECC are proud to present Theatre of the Beat's newest production, Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence. UNMUTE is a forum theatre piece that addresses the rise of

domestic violence and gender-based assault during Covid-19. Immerse yourself in this important and timely piece that gives audience members the chance to rehearse scenarios for real life.

This interactive, theatre show allows viewers to stop the action of the play and suggest different approaches to navigating these difficult situations around gender-based violence. The show is FREE and will be happening on **Saturday, February 20** from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm EST. *Content Advisory: UNMUTE* deals with abuse and assault. Not recommended for audiences under the age of 13. Register for your free ticket at <http://theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute> or at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIcuutqDkpHdVyNzaeaAIWSD4vhEvJDTCv> (or if you have the link someone else for people to register feel free to add it)!

#### ◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

**The Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, April 10 at 2 pm via ZOOM**. All life-time members will be allowed to participate and vote on items in the agenda. If you are not a member and would like to be a member, please contact the office (519-326-7687 or [swogleaners@gmail.com](mailto:swogleaners@gmail.com)). Membership also gives you the opportunity to run for our Board of Directors. We are looking for a few energetic supporters to join our Board. For membership and to let your name stand for the Board, please contact the office before February 22. In early March a package including mail-in ballots will be sent to all members ahead of the April 10 meeting. We hope to have as many people involved as possible. If you have any questions, please call Joel, 519-326-7687, at the SWO Gleaners office.

◆ **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.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for **Faith Mennonite Church** and their pastor Ruth Boehm.

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

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](mailto:office@nlumc.com)

In case of emergency, contact a Pastor listed below.

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