



Sunday, February 7, 2021 Annual General Meeting

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

Because we believe that all the work of the church is to glorify God, we have our annual meeting in the context of worship and bring the work of the meeting and the work of worship together. It will be different to gather online for our annual meeting this year, but the work of the church continues. As we present the reports of the church and the slate for the next year, we will give thanks for the work that has been done and commission the volunteers for the work ahead. With our regular offering we will also offer our financial statements and our spending plan to God. As we talk about the next year at NLUMC, we will acknowledge that God is present and part of all of it. The meeting will begin at **10 am**. We will have a short stretch break in the middle.

Agenda

Gathering for worship and work

- Welcome
- Call to worship and work
- Prayer
- Song VT 62 - God is Here among Us
- Children's time

Thanksgiving

- Scripture Jeremiah 32:9-15
- Song VT 419 - Great is Thy Faithfulness
- Acceptance of Agenda and 2020 Minutes
- Reports
- Litany of leadership transition
- Meditation - Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder

Break (5 minutes)

Responding to God's invitation

- Song - VT 813 Heart with Loving Heart United
- Reports
- Financial statements for 2020 and Budget proposal for 2021
- Offering
- Additional Business

Sent as God's People

- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song - VT 848 Christ, Be all around Me.
- Benediction

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 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.

♦ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, February 10, 7 pm.**

♦ **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 **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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

♦ **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 pm**. Tickets are free. Registration is limited to the first 100 screens. 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/join/9158660866>

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

◆ UMEI News

► **Registration is Open** for the 2021-22 School Year! Our early registration deadline is February 28. If you submit your application before that date you will receive a \$200 tuition credit as well as a UMEI t-shirt! For more information please visit our website www.umei.ca or email office@umei.ca!

► **We're Hiring!** UMEI is looking for a Music Director. For more information and to access the job posting, please visit www.umei.ca/careers!

◆ 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). 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. 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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Leamington Church (Seventh Day Adventist)** and their pastor Laurentiu Prelipcean.

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

In case of emergency, contact a Pastor listed below.

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