



Sunday, March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Order of Worship *Deep into the Earth*

Prelude
Announcements
Land acknowledgment
Welcome
Call to worship
VT #49, *All Who Are Thirsty*
Children's feature
VT #120, *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Offering
Scripture reading
Prayer of confession and assurance
VT #302, *Unless a Grain of Wheat*
Message
VT #777, *Seeds*
Response ritual
VT #670, *In the Bulb There is a Flower*
Sending
Sharing & congregational prayer
Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ **Let's Build Our Song Library!** We would love to include **you** in our music making at NLUMC. You are invited to sing and record a favourite hymn that we can use in worship. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kendall at kendall@nlumc.com.

◆ **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.

▶ **Feedback Requested: CONNECT JR NLUMC Jr Youth.** We are looking for feedback on our Junior Youth weekly virtual connection; if you would like to provide feedback we would be grateful! Please click here to provide feedback: [Feedback on Connect Jr](#)

◆ **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! Please contact the church or Pastor Alicia if you need help with the Zoom link.

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

◆ **Wednesday, March 24**

▶ **Care Giving Team meeting**, 9:30 am via zoom.

▶ **Church Council meeting**, 7:05 pm via zoom.

◆ **Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday**

◆ **Holy Week. Self-Guided Prayer Walk:** Nature is all around us; and this coming Holy Week you are invited to take time to reflect as individuals, couples, households and families upon Jesus' journey to the cross. This tradition is called the Stations of the Cross, or the Way of the Cross. The stations of this journey will be easy for you to find - a spout or flowing water, a heavy log or rock, a quiet place to sit, a flower, a tree leaning against another tree.... The guide comes with scripture references, prayers - simplified for the kids' version, with wondering questions. Though we are apart, we can do this "together". Perhaps we can also share pictures of our Way of the Cross. The Jongejan Harder family will likely go to Two Creeks on Good Friday. Click the following links —

[The Way of the Cross - Adult](#)

[The Way of the Cross - Kid](#)

◆ **Friday, April 2 – Good Friday & Communion**, 10 am via Zoom.

◆ **Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday**

▶ **Easter sunrise service**, 7 am on Facebook Live.

▶ **Easter morning worship service**, 10 am via Zoom.

◆ **Virtual Hymn Sing.** For Good Friday and Easter, we would like to have a virtual hymn sing of two songs. On Good Friday we will sing together Voices Together #138, *Christ We Do All Adore Thee*, and on Easter we will sing Voices Together #355, *Thine is the Glory*. **Please see Thursday, March 18 email for full details on how you can participate.**

◆ **Personnel Team and Church Council** are pleased to advise that Susan Klassen will be taking on the caretaker role that Harold Klassen fulfilled until November 2020. We are grateful for Harold's commitment over the two and a half years that he held the position and appreciate Susan's willingness to take on the role, sharing caretaker responsibilities with Stephanie Santos. Susan will begin the caretaker duties, in addition to her Church Secretary responsibilities, when the decision is made to re-open the church for Sunday worship. Please join us in expressing appreciation to Susan for taking on the caretaker role.

◆ **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 . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Virtual Open House Week.** UMEI is hosting a virtual open house week on their Instagram and Facebook pages from **March 22 – 27**. Throughout the week there will be opportunities to hear from staff and students as we explore the themes of: Faith, Community, Academics, Athletics, and Extracurriculars! There will also be prizes and an opportunity to win \$\$ off your first year of tuition!

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Follow us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/umei_chs/?hl=en

▶ **Open House Appointments.** UMEI is hosting an in-person open house event on **Tuesday, April 6**. Come and meet the teachers, discover classes and extracurriculars, and so much more! Please note this open house is by appointment only! Please call Megan in the office at 519-326-7448 or email her at office@umei.ca to book a time slot!

▶ **Please keep UMEI in your prayers** as we continue the process of hiring a new music director! Pray for the hiring committee and the applicants involved!

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ The LMH Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting will take place by way of Zoom on **Tuesday, March 30** at 7 pm. We invite the participation of all supporting members as we conduct the business of our Leamington Mennonite Home. We kindly ask that you contact the Leamington Mennonite Home front office at 519-326-6109 to advise of your participation by noon on Thursday, March 25. You will be asked to provide an e-mail address for a Zoom invitation. Please note that a copy of the annual report will be sent electronically to your respective church offices on Friday, March 19. A hardcopy of the annual report will also be available for pick-up in the foyer after 12 noon in the Long Term Care Home on Pickwick.

▶ **As our Home is back in outbreak status** because of COVID 19 we ask for your continued prayers and support for residents, resident' families and staff.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **United Pentecostal Church** and their pastor Andrew Sich.

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

Dear friends,

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the warm welcome and acceptance we received when we moved here nine years ago. It has been a pleasure to re-establish old friendships and an honour to forge new ones. Your caring hearts have been so evident and appreciated. We wish you God's blessings as you continue to grow closer to Him. . . *Jim and Lorna Wiebe*

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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