



Sunday, March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

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

Prelude
Announcements
Land acknowledgement
Welcome
Call to worship
VT #313, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
Children's feature
Membership ritual of welcome for John Harder
VT #436, *How Great Thou Art*
Offering
Scripture reading — John 12:12-16
Prayer of confession and assurance
VT #314, *Holy Lord*
Message
Response ritual
VT #605, *My Life Flows On*
Fred's story
Words of sending
Sharing & congregational prayer
Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ **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. As part of our Good Friday worship, we will be sharing communion. Please have your communion elements, bread and wine or juice ready prior to worship on Friday.

◆ **Easter Storywalk — Saturday, April 3**, 10-12 noon and 1-3 pm. Experience the Easter Story in a fresh new way as a family by walking through a simple rendition of Easter morning around our NLUMC parking lot. Socially distanced, outdoor; come as individual households. Easter treats will be offered to the children.

◆ **Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday**

- ▶ **Easter sunrise service**, 7 am on Facebook Live.
- ▶ **Easter hymn sing**, 9:45 am via Zoom.
- ▶ **Easter morning worship service**, 10 am via Zoom.

◆ **Calling for Jokes!** For the Sunday after Easter, **April 11**, we will once again be celebrating Holy Humour Sunday, a light-hearted celebration of the joy of Easter, when Jesus has the last laugh on death. In that spirit of levity, we would welcome submissions of clean, short jokes, memes or funny stories by adults and kids. Please submit to charleen@nlumc.com either in video, audio or written form. Bonus points if the joke, meme, or story includes fish, water or humour in the Bible.

We are glad to be welcoming Allan Rudy-Froese to preach; he has done quite a bit of serious work on the humour of the Bible. He's preached on Jonah at NLUMC before; now he'll draw connections between Jonah and humour, and Jonah and the resurrection.

◆ **Congregational meeting, Sunday, April 11**

Following the regular Zoom worship service, we will have a short membership meeting to present the final 2020 Financial Statements. The Financial Report will be attached to the Friday, March 26 email.

We will also be announcing our cabinet shuffle as we have had a few changes to representation on Council since the February 7 meeting and will require membership approval.

◆ **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.

◆ **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 or worship song that we can use in worship. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kendall at kendall@nlumc.com.

◆ **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

▶ **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!

▶ **Ground Beef Order.** We will be doing our April ground beef order on **Wednesday, April 7**. If you would like to order, please call the office at 519-326-7448 or email office@umei.ca to place your order! Please note that orders are due on the 7th by 12 noon.

▶ **Registration is open** for the 2021-22 school year and we still have spots available in Grades 9-12! For more information or to request an application package, please email office@umei.ca!

◆ 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.

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

The first fundraising campaign to honour SLMC's 60th Anniversary has been launched! 60 Years. \$60,000. Let's Build a CILT Cabin! Our camper in leadership training cabins are the last cabins at camp that need replacing. Please consider donating to this important project as we support young leaders and meet the demands of an expanding leadership program. For more information and to make a donation, visit our [60th Campaign Page!](#) Also, please join us for the SLMC Annual General Meeting which will take place remotely on May 8 at 10am. Visit www.slmc.ca for more details!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **South Point Community** and their pastor David Bretzlaff.

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

We pray for *Jerry, son of Rosemarie Tiessen*, who is in hospice in Toronto. We pray for the whole family as they walk this journey with him.

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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