



Sunday, April 11, 2021 Holy Humour 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
Words of welcome and introduction
Call to worship — Psalm 100
Easter Carol — *Hark, the Herald Angel Said*
Fishing story #1
Hymn of confession — *Christ Joyful / We Lack the Gift of Laughter*, vs 1, 4
Children's time
Fishing story #2
Preparatory hymn — VT #340, *Lift Your Glad Voices*
Scripture reading — Jonah 1
Message — Allan Rudy-Froese
Song of response — VT #352, *This Joyful Eastertide*
First sending
Congregational prayer
Final benediction

Today . . .

Congregational meeting. Following the regular Zoom worship service, we will have a short membership meeting to present the final 2020 Financial Statements. The Financial Report was attached to the Friday, March 26 and the Friday, April 9 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.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, April 18.** Please join us for our *Voices Together* hymnal dedication and launch. As we celebrate this new hymnal we will also be saying goodbye to the *Hymnal: A Worship Book* that has served us so well for so many years.

◆ **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.

◆ **Youth Ministry Update**

Over the past 2+ years, NLUMC has done a lot of data gathering and discernment with respect to youth ministry. Ministry Team had a significant focus on youth for close to two years. Pastor Alicia prepared and delivered a focus group/workshop in April 2019, Ministry Team gathered data through a survey in August/September that year. A Youth Team was created and a second survey was completed in December/January 2020. Survey results were shared with the congregation at the 2020 AGM and the pastors (Ken Driedger, Charleen and Kendall) completed the Youth Listening Project, interviewing 21 families of youth in the spring of 2020. We have collected a lot of information!

\$10,000 was set aside for a youth leader/pastor position in 2020 and continues to be part of the approved NLUMC budget for 2021.

Advice from MCEC is that other churches have been most successful when sharing job postings within their congregation and the local community.

We are sharing the Youth Leader posting with you and encourage you to share with family and friends who may interested or know someone interested in leading youth ministry at NLUMC. See March 30 email for posting. *Thanks! The Youth Team*

◆ **Sunday School News**

“We thank Creator God for the gift of water and we pray that the most basic human right to clean water will find its way to Indigenous communities everywhere.” *Ontario Indigenous Neighbours Water Program — MCC* While Ontario contains 1/5 of the world’s fresh water, many First Nation communities in our province struggle with accessing clean and safe drinking water. For this reason, our Sunday School decided to commit the collections from September until April to the MCC Ontario Indigenous Neighbours Water Program. Collected funds may be dropped off this Sunday, April 11, at Nathan and Griffin Horne’s house at 2 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville. Thanks for being generous! Our next Sunday School collection project will begin in September.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021** (33% of year) \$65,755.99 has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **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

► **Save the Date for UMEI's Fish Fry!** UMEI is hosting a drive-through fish fry on **Thursday, May 13** at the school! More information regarding ordering will be shared in the coming weeks. For the most up-to-date information, please watch our Facebook and Instagram pages!

► **Registration is Open for the 2021-22 School Year.** We still have some openings in Grades 9-12 for the fall. For more information or to register, please call 519-326-7448 or email office@umei.ca. 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!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Salvation Leamington Community Church** and their pastors; Phoungern & Olidaovanh Sombounkhanh.

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

Congratulations to *Rick & Tessa Bergen* on the birth of their son, *Theodore Bernhardt Bergen*, born Monday, April 5. Thankful grandparents are Keith & Brenda Klassen and great-grandparents Dave & Elfrieda Krueger.

Hello friends of the Ouagadougou Mennonite Church,

Here are the prayer requests sent for this month. Thank you for supporting our sister church in Ouaga with your prayers!

- 1) We thank God for the Covid 19 cases which decrease considerably in our country. Pray that God will bring victory over this evil which is wreaking havoc on the whole world.
- 2) We will have a wedding ceremony of two members of our church on April 10. Pray that this wedding may go well.
- 3) We are in Easter holidays and certain members of our community travel during this period. Pray for safety and God's protection on their travels.
- 4) We ask for your prayers in favour of good rainfall for the rainy season which begins soon.

Our sincere greetings. SHALOM, Pastor Bananzaro

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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