



**Sunday, October 17, 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. You can now see past worship services on YouTube by going to [nlumc.com](http://nlumc.com) and clicking on the links provided. If you would like to be a part of the live Zoom worship service, please contact the church office at 519-326-7928.

## *Growing relationships, in Christ.*

NLUMC Vision Statement

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### **Order of Worship Being God's People — Taking Risks**

Prelude  
Additional announcements  
Land Acknowledgement  
Welcome  
VT #57, *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*  
Call to worship  
Opening prayer  
VT #597, *My Lighthouse*  
Children's time  
VT #163, *Amazing Grace!*  
Prayer — You Break In  
Blessing of the offering  
VT #755, *To My Precious Lord*  
Scripture reading — Acts 9:1-31  
Message  
VT #162, *The Love of God*  
Benediction  
VT #813, *Heart with Loving Heart United*  
Congregational sharing and prayer  
Sending

*Thank you to our participants today including:  
Linda Driedger, Pastor Alicia Good, Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder,  
Pastor Charleen Jongejan Harder, Tobias Jongejan Harder, Keith Klassen, Victor Martens.*

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## **Church Life . . .**

**We have returned to in-person singing!!!** Our understanding of the current science around singing safely indicates that singing is safe with appropriate mitigation measures in place, including masking, distancing, hygiene, ventilation, and limited time. We will be providing masks for everyone entering the sanctuary to ensure uniform quality and will continue with distancing and sanitation while working at good

ventilation. Because most of our worship time is not singing, we are well within the time frames advised. If you are interested in further information about the science of singing at this time, See these links:

<https://www.nfhs.org/media/4716954/international-coalition-performing-arts-aerosol-study-july-2021-update-final.pdf>

[https://www.choralcanada.org/uploads/3/8/9/2/38921071/let%E2%80%99s\\_all\\_sing%E2%80%A6and\\_sing\\_safely\\_updated\\_august\\_10\\_2021.pdf](https://www.choralcanada.org/uploads/3/8/9/2/38921071/let%E2%80%99s_all_sing%E2%80%A6and_sing_safely_updated_august_10_2021.pdf)

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>

The first video here is very helpful.

◆ **Church Website** — for the time being, please go to **northleamington.com** to access the NLUMC website.

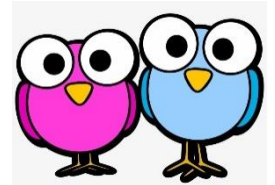
◆ **Prayer Time** — each Wednesday evening 6:30 – 7 pm on Zoom.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, October 20, 7:05 pm.**

◆ **Our Church is Open for In-Person Worship.** We now sing with masks on, health screening and contact tracing are in place, and we refrain from lingering inside the building after worship. Our capacity is limited to 60 people so you are asked to pre-register with the church office, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com), if you wish to attend *by Thursday of the week prior* to the worship service. We offer hybrid services that connect with people on Zoom as well as in the sanctuary. We are glad to be together!

#### ◆ **Connect Group: Birds and the Bible**

This group will meet weekly until the end of October. Weather permitting, we will explore the natural areas of Essex County (ie. Point Pelee, Kennedy Woods, Hillman Marsh) and meditate on what the Bible teaches about God’s creation, especially birds.



- What you will need to participate: a Point Pelee Park Pass or willingness to pay for entry at the gate, weather appropriate clothing, your favorite small Bible or phone app, binoculars and bird identification guides optional, a mask for when social distancing is not possible.
- All ages and genders are invited to participate.
- **Proposed time: Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 10:30 am** (If this time doesn't work for you but you want to join this group, please contact Pastor Alicia).
- You can come for just one week, or all of them!

Contact Pastor Alicia to find out where to meet as we will explore different places, but you do not have to make a regular commitment. Check the NLUMC Facebook group or contact Pastor Alicia for weather cancellations.

#### ◆ **Socktober**

Missions Team is collecting new socks and underwear for the month of October. Drop offs can be made at the church during open office hours (9 am – 3 pm, Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm on Friday) or on Sunday morning (a laundry bin will be in the lobby) or they can be dropped off at the Gualtieri’s home – 78 Hodgins St. Leamington. There will be a laundry bin on the front porch. All socks and underwear will be donated to The Bridge in Leamington in the beginning of November.

#### ◆ **Kindred Members Support NLUMC**

Thanks to your investments in Kindred Credit Union’s Church Builder GICs last year, NLUMC received a donation of \$445.64. Since Church Builder GICs were introduced in 1998, Kindred has donated over \$850,000 in bonus interest to churches and organizations in Ontario.

### ◆ Donations to NLUMC are accepted by —

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include donation # in the message
- 3) leave donation in the nightly drop box at Kindred Credit Union – labelled NLUMC - include donation #
- 4) mail donation to church address

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) with any questions.

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ Coats for Kids

SECC will again be collecting new and gently used winter coats and winter accessories (hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants, etc.) Drop offs can be made directly to SECC Leamington office (215 Talbot St E) weekdays between 8:30 — 4:30 and Saturdays 8:30 — 12:30 and to SECC Kingsville office (313 Main St E Unit 21) weekdays 8:30 — 4:30 from October 12 — 29. If you or someone you know is in need of a coat, distribution of the coats will be done on November 13, 15 and 16. You will need to call SECC main office (519-326-8629) to register and book an appointment to receive a coat. Coats are kept on hand year-round. Clients can call in to book appointment.

### ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Drive Thru Fish Fry** — UMEI is hosting a drive-thru fish fry on **Saturday, October 23**. Pick-up times will be scheduled between 5 and 6:30 pm. Orders will be taken from Sunday, October 17 to Wednesday, October 20. To order, please email [UMEImeals@gmail.com](mailto:UMEImeals@gmail.com) or call/text Shelley at 519-796-0252! There will be Halloween goodie bags for kids, and we promise much shorter wait times for this event!

▶ **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, November 10** at 7 pm. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in attending. Copies of the AGM report will be available next week!

### ◆ Mennonite Central Committee News

▶ **Undercurrents**. Season 2 of Undercurrents is around the corner! Join us as we dive deeper into remarkable stories coming from MCC's program participants, staff and others in Ontario. Listen and subscribe on Spotify, Apple, Google and others, or listen to the [trailer here at https://anchor.fm/undercurrents](https://anchor.fm/undercurrents). Thanks to Kindred Credit Union for sponsoring Season 2!

▶ **We are all treaty people**. Upcoming webinar on **Monday, November 1** at 7 pm. During Treaties Recognition week, join Maurice Switzer, a noted expert on the treaty relationship between First Nations and the Canadian government and Rebecca Seiling, MCC Ontario's Indigenous Neighbours Engagement Associate to discuss the history of treaties and the ongoing impact of those treaties on First Nations. For more info, go to [mcco.ca/events](http://mcco.ca/events).

◆ **South Essex Community Council (SECC)** is looking for a new Meals on Wheels provider. Please go to [secc.on.ca/rfp](http://secc.on.ca/rfp) to access the Request for Proposal.

### ◆ Employment Opportunity

**UMEI is Hiring!** We are looking for someone with a background in bookkeeping/accounting for the position of **Finance Manager** starting in January 2022. This position requires 20-30 hours per week. Please contact the office by emailing [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca) to apply!

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## Youth

**Junior Youth** – Friday, October 22 (note change of date)

**Senior Youth** – Senior youth campfire and games night **has changed to Thursday, October 21**, 6:30-8:30 pm at the home of Fred and Linda Driedger, 930 Road 4 East, (County Road 18) Kingsville. If the weather is bad, we'll just make it a barn party!

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are praying for the **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Grace New Life Mennonite Church** in Hamilton, Ontario.

*Margy Friesen* and her son *Philip Friesen* offer a deep thank you to our church family for the prayers, meals, and offers of support over the past several difficult weeks.

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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