



Sunday, January 15, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer

Speaker — Al Rempel

Where have you met God this week?

Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Hymn #34, *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

Call to worship

Opening prayer of discernment

Special music — Come Follow that Star

Children's time

Offering with hymn #240, *Joy to the World*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Matthew 14:22-33

Message — Wild Hope! Faith for an Unknown Season

Hymn #722, *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Sharing time

Congregational prayer / lunch prayer

Special music — God Be With You till We Meet Again

Today . . .

1. Morning worship service - follow-up sermon by Al Rempel
2. Potluck lunch - bring your favourite dish to share with our church community in the basement
3. Afternoon meeting after lunch (approx. wrap-up 2:15) - congregational input and creating next steps. *This meeting will not be livestreamed.*

Al looks forward to sharing in both the morning and early afternoon with the congregation. We will revisit some ideas from December 11 as we prepare to engage further on clarifying God's call for us. We may be invited to step out of the boat like Peter in some ways. Al hopes you come knowing that together we can hear more of what God is inviting us to experience and also to live into.

We are grateful to God for leading us with His unending grace! Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

With thanks, NLUMC Church Council

Church Life . . .

◆ **Annual General Meeting of NLUMC on Sunday, January 22** at 10 am. The AGM/Worship Service will be in person only; not livestreamed on YouTube. Report books were emailed on Friday, January 6. A limited number of hard copies are available in the foyer.

◆ **Faith Exploration Class.** For all who may be interested in getting baptized this spring, David and Ken are planning to lead Faith Exploration classes beginning on **February 5**. Stay tuned for more details!

◆ **Community Building Team News.** The Community Building Team has re-introduced ‘**Pizza Night**’ at the Roma Club. Let’s plan for the **second Friday of each month** (mark your calendars!) Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, February 10** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Community Health Update.** We, at NLUMC, feel it is necessary to follow public health recommendations and so we also suggest wearing a mask indoors in public settings. We welcome the use of reusable masks. Disposable masks are available in the church foyer.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC are Accepted by —**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in message
- 3) Mail donation to church address
- 4) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

Junior Youth News

Junior Youth Gathering, Sunday, January 22 in Kitchener, Ontario. Contact David Hrynyk for more details.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples. In Leamington, we gather on the traditional, unceded territory of the Caldwell First Nation, and the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations comprised of the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat peoples. We give thanks to the Creator and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Grief Share

Have you lost a loved one? Are you having a hard time working through your grief? To help you with this, St. John de Brebeuf and St. Michael's churches will be offering a place to help you deal with your grief offering you encouragement and support after the death of a loved one. Wednesday mornings, 10-12 noon beginning Wednesday, January 18 – April 19 at St. John de Brebeuf Church, Kingsville, or Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm beginning Thursday, January 19 – April 20 at St. Michael's Church, Leamington. If you have any questions, want to register, or would like to learn more about the program, please contact: Veronica Costa, 519-324-6796 or Tony Fellbaum, 519-792-7171. See bulletin board for more details.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

Experience Day is Friday, January 20. This event is for Grade 7s and 8s and it is a PA day in the GECDSB board. We will have "preview" classes and chapel in the morning, lunch included, and then games, dodgeball, and prizes in the afternoon. Details and registration are here: <https://umei.ca/experience-day/>

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

- ▶ **Saturday, January 21: Super Soup Night** at UMEI at 6 pm.
- ▶ **Friday, January 27: Travelogue, Oberammergau & Iceland** by Hugo & Linda Tiessen at 7 pm at Heritage Centre. Admission by donation to all events.

◆ Rescheduled Workshop – Saturday, February 18, 11:30 – 4 pm

Theme: God's Calling for the Church in Post-Christendom Canada

Presenter: Colin McCartney, founder of Connect City – www.connectcity.org

Location: Leamington United Mennonite Church

There once was a time in Canada when the church held a prominent place in society. Churches were growing, most people belonged to a church, and the Christian religion was highly esteemed. Those days are gone. Many churches are in decline today and others may soon close. What has happened? In this workshop we will explore the reasons why we are living in a post-Christendom world. Then we will ask how the church can remain faithful to God's calling in this changing world. And finally, we will look at some practical ways we, as the church, can not only exist, but function as the body of Christ serving our neighbours in Leamington and beyond.

We will begin with a lunch at 11:30 followed by the workshop from 12:30 to 4 pm. There is no cost for this workshop, but we would ask that you pre-register to give us an idea of how many to prepare lunch for. To register call the LUMC office at 519 326 2727 or email office@lumc.ca

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

► **Volunteer Opportunity.** Our Meals on Wheels program provides a warm, home-cooked meal to seniors in our Complex from Monday to Friday. We are currently in need of a handful of volunteers who are able and willing to make a weekly mid-day commitment to Meals on Wheels delivery. If you are interested in becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer or would like more information, please contact Samantha at 519-326-6109 ext.234 or samantha@mennonitehome.ca.

► **Fundraising Update.** Our Home is extremely grateful to the many donors that continue to support our Home. At the beginning of the year, we began a fundraising project to renovate the kitchens in the Homeview Apartments. These kitchens were original from when the building was built in 1970! As you can imagine they were in desperate need of replacement. As the planning for this project continued the Home expanded the scope of the project to refurbish each apartment in its entirety, and we decided that the hallways, lounges, stairwells, and lobby should all get a facelift too. We are very pleased to report that the Home has been able to raise over \$412,000 toward this project! We're even more happy to report that the first apartment renovation is almost complete, and it looks great! A big thanks to everyone who contributed to this project, which provides safe and secure housing for lower income seniors. Thank you!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Seventh Day Adventist Leamington Church**.

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

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at nlumc.com, including YouTube videos of our past services.
 - Watch our Sunday morning service via YouTube livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdn1sLuXDZYqHsEyd92k0g/featured>
 - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
 - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
 - Contact the church office, pastor or Council members for more information.
-

Care . . .

If you are aware of any crises needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

Contacts . . .

Ken Driedger cell 519-329-6215 ken@nlumc.com

David Hrynyk cell 613-743-9299 youthleader@nlumc.com

Church Council Chairperson; Brenda Fischer; Council members; Dennis Dick, Dennis Driedger, Brenda Klassen, Sandra Warkentin, Sonya Cornies, Paul Tiessen, Louise Neufeld, Fred Driedger, Linda Driedger, Kevin Fischer, Barb Fischer, Ken Hamm, Lindsey Ecker, Joanne Brown, Maida Tiessen, Greg Driedger.

Church phone: 519-326-7928 Email: office@nlumc.com

Facebook: North Leamington United Mennonite Church

Website: www.northleamington.com Instagram: [wethenorthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/wethenorthchurch)

Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm