



Sunday, January 22, 2023

Annual General Meeting

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — John Harder

Where have you met God this week?

Order of Worship & AGM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship & work

Opening prayer

Hymn of gathering and preparation, VT #10, *Here in This Place*

2022 pictorial review

Acceptance of agenda and 2022 motions of meetings

REPORTS

Hymn of admonishment, VT #297, *You Are Salt for the Earth*

REPORTS

Hymn of assurance, VT #588, *We Walk by Faith*

Scripture reading — Psalm 19

Commissioning our leaders

Offering & prayer

Financial statements for 2022 and budget proposal for 2023

Additional business: a)

b)

c) open forum discussion

Congregational prayer

Hymn of comfort and peace, VT #644, *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Benediction

Today . . . 10 am, The Annual General Meeting/Worship Service will be in person only; not livestreamed on YouTube. Report books were emailed on Friday, January 6 & 19. Please bring your report book to the meeting. A limited number of hard copies are available in the foyer.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Community Meal.** We look forward to our next Community Meal on **Wednesday, January 25** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start

at 12 noon. All volunteers must be double vaccinated for covid and wear a mask. We are planning to serve banana cake (nut free) for dessert for the meal. If you are able to donate a cake or volunteer on that day, please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com .

◆ **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.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

▶ As we enter this new year, have you considered increasing your automatic transfer donation amount?

▶ Your donations to NLUMC can also be offered through Abundance Canada if your family is setting up a Gifting Fund through charitable stocks and bonds in-kind. Visit <https://abundance.ca>

▶ Donations 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

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

◆ **Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21**, 4-6 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, 60 Erie Street North, Leamington. See bulletin board for more information.

◆ **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.

◆ **The Bridge Volunteer Opportunity.** Are you interested in serving your community? Do you like spending time with youth and participating in fun activities. The Bridge is looking for mentor volunteers for Wednesday and Friday night. Your responsibilities would be to supervise youth during our drop-in time, engage the youth in activities, and assist our Youth Recreation Coordinator with maintaining the cleanliness of our drop-in space. If you are interested in this opportunity email Kim at kim@thebridgeyouth.ca.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

▶ **Winter and Spring Retreats now open for registration:** Come to Silver Lake in 2023 for some fun camp experiences! Coming up soon are... Women's Retreat (Feb 3-5), Couples' Retreat (Feb 10-12), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (Mar 3-5). Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register.

▶ **Summer Camp Registration Opens on February 1 at 7 am:** Visit the SLMC website for more details about overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. New this year – March Break Day Camp in Kitchener (Mar 13-17). Click here for [Camp Info and Registration](#)

◆ Employment Opportunity

Looking for a summer job? **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp** is hiring for Summer Camp 2023! Located just outside of Shakespeare, ON, Hidden Acres provides opportunities for you to impact the lives of young people, serve God and others in a safe and fun environment, grow in your ability to be a great leader and have fun through it all! We are accepting applications for all positions until February 1. For more information or to apply, go to www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Emily Taylor at 519-625-8602 or emily@hiddenacres.ca

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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Faith Mennonite Church** and their pastor Ruth Boehm.

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

Congratulations to *Ken & Debbie Srigley* on the birth of their son, *Milo Elliot Srigley*, born Friday, January 13, 2023. Milo's grandmother, *Susan Klassen*, and great-grandparents, *Walter & Lydia Warkentin*, are thankful to God for his safe arrival.

Please pray for *Richard & Kathy Epp* as they transfer their church membership to Leamington United Mennonite Church effective February 11, 2023. May God continue to bless their faith journey in their new church home.

Please be praying as some of our Junior Youth are on their way to the "Come Together" event at Rockway Collegiate in Kitchener. Pray that this would be an impactful experience for them!

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 . . .

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