



North  
Leamington  
United  
**Mennonite**  
Church

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Lindsey Ecker

Speaker — Ken Driedger

Where have you met God this week?

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## Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Hymn #7, *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

Call to worship — Psalm 8

Opening prayer

Children's time

Offering with hymn #162, *The Love of God*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Genesis 1:26-28, 31; Lamentations 3:19-25; John 3:16-17

Message — Who Are You?

Hymn #421, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Sharing time

Congregational prayer

Closing hymn #737, *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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## Church Life . . .

♦ **Coming up —** On Sunday, February 5 & 12, the Re-Learning Community group of Joanne Brown, Sandra Warkentin, Judy Cornies, & Brenda Fischer will be leading us in worship; Pastor Ken will bring the message.

♦ **Education Team News.** We are looking for a few people to serve in Sunday School once a month this winter and spring! Whether your gift is in teaching, games, crafts, or even just in assisting the main teacher, we all have different strengths that we can use to serve God. If this interests you, please contact David Hrynyk at [youthleader@nlumc.com](mailto:youthleader@nlumc.com).

You can sign up to help with Sunday School here on this google document. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1etLEIQTk81-8Ob9GEZ29R3Sam3JpcePX1AcYOSarrys/edit>

- ◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** is set to begin next **Sunday, February 5**, at 8:30 am. It's not too late to join, just call Pastor Ken or David for the location.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Tech Equipment.** At the AGM it was agreed for NLUMC to proceed to purchase a high definition confidence monitor to augment our current tech equipment system. We will be accepting special donations toward this fund over the next six weeks (until end of March 12, 2023.) We are hoping to raise approximately \$7,400. *Please mark donation envelopes: technical equipment.*

- ◆ **Missing – one man’s winter coat** on Sunday, January 22. Please check the coat you left with on Sunday and if it is not yours, return it to the church to find yours.
- ◆ **The church office** will have **shortened office hours** for the next four weeks. The office will be open 9 am – 1:45 pm, January 31 – February 24.

## ◆ **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](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message
  - 3) Mail donation to church address
  - 4) Offering on Sunday morning

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

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Friday travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome.

- **February 10:** Switzerland by Jim and Lorna Wiebe

- **February 17:** Honeymoon in France by Sam Dyck and Olivia Toews
- **March 3:** Scotland by Lois Konrad

## ♦ **UMEI Christian High School News**

► **Student Open House, Wednesday, February 15,** 6:30 — 8:30 pm. Come and tour the facility, speak with faculty and learn how your student can benefit from an array of academic opportunities, experiences and community support. All grades are welcome to this event. Students seeking admission for the 2023-2024 school year can now apply.

► **Community Fundraiser Lunch, Sunday, February 26,** 11:30 am — 1 pm. Join us for a sit-down lunch. The meal includes delicious Mennonite sausage, chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, corn, fresh buns, and dessert. Admission by donation. Take-out is also available.

► **Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, March 25,** beginning at 9 am. This is a co-ed, 6 versus 6, event (with a minimum of 2 girls per team), and \$300 per team minimum or by donation. All athletic abilities are welcome! Pizza lunch will be provided. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Email [driedge1@gmail.com](mailto:driedge1@gmail.com) before March 12 to enter.

► **UMEI Lawn Mower Upgrade: Over 25 years and 9000 engine hours later,** it's time for the UMEI lawn mower to be replaced. The mower was purchased in the early 90s and has been asked to do a lot over the last two and a half decades, holding up well to the demands put on it. We hope to purchase an updated lawn mower by the spring to have it ready to go for the new season. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the school to assist with this purchase so that we may continue to keep the grounds at UMEI looking beautiful.

## ♦ **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Ontario, 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](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact Emily Taylor at 519-625-8602 or [emily@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:emily@hiddenacres.ca)

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## 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.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **First Baptist Church** and their pastors; Mike Sealy and Jason Peasley.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Tree of Life/Arbre de Vie** in Monetteville, Ontario.

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://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.
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## 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.

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