



**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — David Hrynyk

Speaker — Ken Driedger

*With voice and heart we worship God together at NLUMC.  
We strive to be a welcoming community who live our faith  
in active and practical ways of discipleship and service.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome

Announcements

Call to worship

Song: VT #29, *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Children's time

Offering prayer

Song: *Give me Oil in my Lamp*

Scripture readings — Hosea 2:16-20; Revelation 19:6-8; Revelation 22:17

Sermon — Many Waters Cannot Quench Your Love

Song: VT #540, *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Sharing time/congregational prayer

Song: VT #841, *As You Go Out from Here*

Benediction

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service.*

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **First Sunday of Lent, February 26**, join us for worship as Judy Cornies leads worship and Paul Cornies brings the message.

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, February 22** 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 dessert squares (nut free) for dessert for the meal. If you are able to donate dessert or volunteer on that day, please contact Debbie Janzen, [janzendeb@gmail.com](mailto:janzendeb@gmail.com), Vicki Dick, [vicki.dick@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.dick@gmail.com), or Tammy Warkentin, [tamwark@gmail.com](mailto:tamwark@gmail.com).

◆ **Games Night.** We are planning another intergenerational games night at the church. Everyone is welcome, **Wednesday February 22**, at 6:30 pm. Bring your favourite board games. There will be a crokinole board set up and popcorn. See you there!

◆ **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, March 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. We have already received over 1/3 of our goal! *Please mark donation envelopes: technical equipment.*

◆ **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/1etLEIQTk81-8Ob9GEZ29R3Sam3JpcePX1AcYOSarrvs/edit>

◆ **Vacation Bible School** is returning this summer! LUMC, NLUMC, and Faith Mennonite will join forces to host a VBS program from **July 10-14** (from 9 am-12 pm daily) at LUMC (on Oak Street). Stay tuned for further details!

◆ **NLUMC Donation Tax Receipts** are now available. Please check your church mailslot for your 2022 receipt.

### ◆ **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)

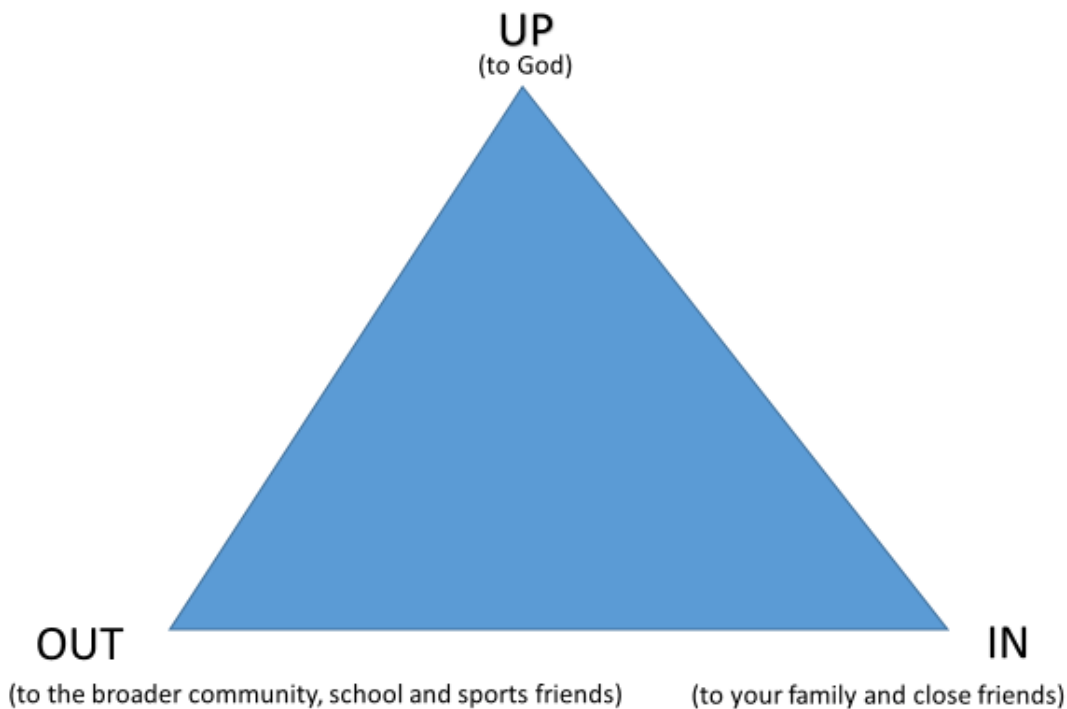
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**The Relearning Community Group** shared some of our Relearning experience as part of the February 5 and 12 worship services. Here is a brief summary of the concepts and shapes we talked about to further our understanding of building a discipling community.

Brenda encouraged us to listen for God in our lives as learned from the Accessible Prophecy workshop speaker and author, Cath Livesey. Ephesians 4:11-12 tells us that Christ gave the Church the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and the teachers, to equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up.

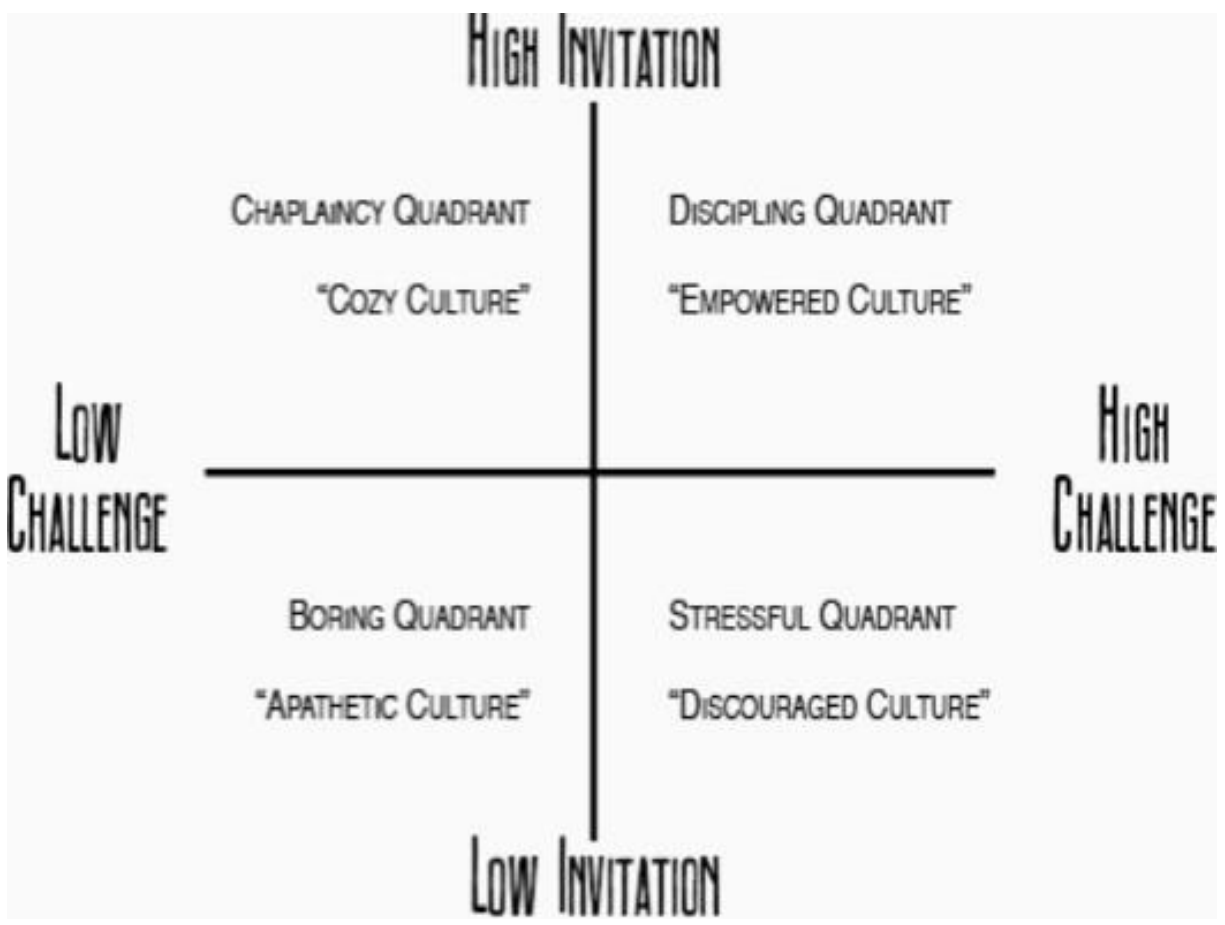
Judy also reflected on Cath Livesey's work, to take time from our hectic busy lives to listen for our loving God. Judy shared breathing meditations with us during both services, referencing Psalm 42:1 and Psalm 23 and words of love, praise and hope.

Joanne referenced Micah 6:6,8 and shared the triangle shape during the children's time. The triangle reminds us that being a disciple is living our lives like Jesus lived and wants us to live. Jesus teaches us and models for us all three relationships in our lives, UP with God, IN with our family and closest friends and OUT to our community.



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Sandra shared the concepts of Invitation and Challenge, that to be a discipling culture, we need to experience high invitation and high challenge, to feel empowered to engage in church life.



Ken also shared reflections on Matthew 28:18-20 and Mike Breen's Building a Discipling Culture. "If you make disciples, you always get the church, but if you make a church you rarely get disciples." For more resources, check out the INNOVATE website: <https://innovatebethechange.ca>

## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **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.

### ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **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 [driedgel@gmail.com](mailto:driedgel@gmail.com) before March 12 to enter.

◆ **World Day of Prayer 2023.** "I Have Heard About Your Faith" from Taiwan, **Friday, March 3, 1 pm** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sherk and Seacliff Drive. For additional information, contact Rose, 519-712-8601.

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

**Friday, March 3** travelogue at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm, *Scotland* by Lois Konrad. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome.

◆ **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** is accepting donations to support people affected by the **February 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria**. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/mcc-responds-earthquakes-syria> by calling 800-313-6226 or by sending a cheque earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1

## ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp has held a Day Camp at Faith Mennonite Church for the last couple of years and we are considering doing so again on July 17-21 and 24-28. We are trying to assess interest in it so if you have children ages 5-12 and would be interested in having them participate, please reach out to [daycamp@slmc.ca](mailto:daycamp@slmc.ca) or register now at <https://slmc.ca/summer-camp/day-camp/>! Please forward to other families that might be interested. The timing of our staff contracts means we need to proceed with a decision by the end of February.

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## **Youth Events . . .**

**Junior Youth Converge! Friday, February 24, 7-8:30** at UMEI. A night of games, Bible lesson, worship, and snacks!

### **Youth**

We are having a youth board games night **Saturday February 25, 6:30 pm at the church**. Anyone grades 9-12 is welcome, so bring your friends! Contact David if you have any questions or thoughts.

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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 **new churches in Leamington.**

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Hilda Enns*, wife of Walter and mother of Peter & Veronique and mother-in-law of Karin Baker-Enns, who passed away Sunday, February 12, 2023. A memorial service was held Saturday, February 18 at NLUMC.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Rudy Tiessen*, husband of Louise and father of Laura Keck (Ed), late Brian Tiessen (2006) (Lisa) and Kori Tiessen (Steve), who passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Memorial visitation at NLUMC on Tuesday, February 21 from 1 pm until the time of memorial service to celebrate Rudy's life at 2 pm. Following the memorial service, all are invited for coffee time in the church basement.

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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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## Contacts . . .

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