



Sunday, February 5, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Joanne Brown

Meditations — Brenda Fischer, Judy Cornies,
Ken Driedger

Where have you met God this week?

Order of Worship
Naming Our Identity

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Hymn #638, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Call to worship & opening prayer

Hymn #420, *God of the Bible*

Children's time

Song – Joan Willms and children on bells — *The Friendly Beasts*

(congregation sings the last line of each verse)

Offering & prayer

Meditation — Prophets, Ephesians 4:12-13

Meditative breathing — Psalm 42:1

Scripture reading — 1 Peter 2:4-10

Meditation — Receivers of Mercy

Hymn #809, *Sing a New World into Being*

(the lyrics of this song commission us as a church - set to a very old melody, Beethoven's 9th)

Sharing time

Congregational prayer

Hymn #718, *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*

Sending prayer

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** began today, Sunday,
February 5, at 8:30 am.

◆ **Next Sunday, February 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.

◆ **Sunday, February 12**

All interested church members are invited to a discussion meeting on **Sunday, February 12**, after the service to have a conversation around LGBTQ+ inclusion and affirmation within NLUMC. In discussions with the In This Together Network, we have chosen to facilitate discussion around three questions, which you are invited to consider before attending. As you think about your conversations about LGBTQ+ affirmation at NLUMC....

What are your fears?

What are your hopes?

What do you perceive as the obstacles to realizing your hopes?

All are welcome to attend, and feel free to bring your own snack and/or lunch to the basement as we discuss.

◆ **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.

You can sign up to help with Sunday School here on this google document. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1etLEIQTk81-8Ob9GEZ29R3Sam3JpcePX1AcYOSarrvs/edit>

◆ **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.***

◆ **Save the Date! Vacation Bible School** is returning this summer! LUMC, NLUMC, and Faith Mennonite will join forces to host a VBS program from **July 10-14, 2023** (from 9 am-12 pm daily) at LUMC (on Oak Street). Stay tuned for further details!

◆ **The church office** will have **shortened office hours** for the next three weeks. The office will be open 9 am – 1:45 pm, February 7 – 24.

◆ **Budget Update**

December 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023 (16.6% of year) \$40,269 (14%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **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 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Email 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

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.

◆ **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.

Youth Events . . .

Junior Youth

God, Games, and Gargon Night!

Friday, February 10, 6:30-8:30 at NLUMC. Can you assemble the flashlight before the gargon gets you? This will be a night of fun, food, and a short Bible study.

Junior Youth Converge!

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

Youth

Youth Event on **Saturday, February 25**. Any youth who are interested in participating, let David know. Feel free to share any feedback of what you would like to see at a youth event!

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 **LakePoint Family Church** and their pastors; Nathan Albrecht, Drew Mercer, Michael Bessette, Ethan Stein, Rachel Albrecht, Roy Hyde, Erin Gagne, Lisa Cocks and Michaela Stein.

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

Please pray for *Andrew Derksen* as he transfers his church membership to First Baptist Church, Leamington effective February 26, 2023. May God continue to bless his faith journey in his new church home.

Please pray for *Anne Kroeker* as she transfers her church membership to Leamington United Mennonite Church effective February 27, 2023. May God continue to bless her faith journey in her new church home.

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.

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1:45 pm