



Sunday, April 16, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer

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.*

Order of Worship

Announcements

Words of welcome

Call to worship & opening prayer

Opening hymn #22, *What Is This Place*

Children's time

Bell ringers — Amazing Grace, congregation to join in singing

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Luke 24:13-35 'The Walk to Emmaus'

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

Hymn #797, *We Are People of God's Peace*

Message —

Hymn #580, *To Leave the Stones Unthrown*

Sharing our joys, concerns and prayer

Hymn #827, *Move in Our Midst*

Sending prayer

Today . . . NLUMC membership meeting Sunday, April 16, at 11:15 am.

From Vic Martens — "I forward an amendment to my earlier motion to read: That NLUMC refrain from offering a verbal Land Acknowledgement on the first Sunday of each month, to be offered only on the two nationally prescribed dates. One in June and another in September each year. The printed version in the bulletin to also only be printed on those same Sundays in the bulletin."

Members of NLUMC are invited to attend in-person only for this general meeting which was called on January 22, 2023.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** continues **today, Sunday, April 16**, at 8:30 am.

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, April 19**, 9 am. All are welcome to join with the church staff for prayer time.

◆ **Sunday, April 23**, join us for worship as David Hrynyk leads worship and Pastor Ken Driedger brings the message.

◆ **Care-giving Team Meeting, Thursday, April 27**, 7 pm at the church.

◆ **Community Building Team News**

Let's plan for Pizza Night the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. (mark your calendars!) Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, May 12** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Learning Community Workshop**

All are invited to a one-day workshop **Saturday, May 13** at the MCEC office, 50 Kent Avenue in Kitchener. There is a registration fee of \$100 however, since our congregation is a past participant of Re-Learning community, we will receive a further discount. Please let Brenda Fischer know if you are planning to attend so we can inform INNOVATE of how many we have attending to determine our discount. We will plan to car-pool from NLUMC. At the workshop we will discover how to imitate Jesus in building a disciple-making culture; listen to stories and teachings; be encouraged to ask questions like "What is God saying to me? and What am I going to do about it?" and be motivated with inspiring practices as to how to be a current day follower of Jesus!

◆ **Education Team News**

We are looking for a few people to serve in Sunday School once a month this 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>

◆ Donations to NLUMC

▶ 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 . . .

◆ **An Afternoon of Song, Sunday, April 16**, 3 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, 269 Sherk Street, Leamington. Listen to the music-making of local musicians including, but not limited to, County Classic Chorale, The Baileys, classical pianists Olga Nesterenko & Michael Oddy, Da Capo Vocal Trio, and more. This is a fund-raising concert for the new piano at Faith Church. Admission is by donation. Receipts will be issued.

◆ **The Southwestern Ontario Gleaners** is having their annual Fundraising Banquet on **Saturday, April 22** at the Portuguese Club. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available through the office (519-326-7687 or swogleaners@gmail.com). This event is our largest fundraiser of the year and we are accepting sponsorships, donations and silent auction items. If you wish to donate, please contact us or e-transfer to the email above. We look forward to a fun evening supporting the ongoing mandate of the Gleaners; to produce dehydrated vegetable soup mix for distribution through local and international partners to help eradicate hunger. Thank you for your ongoing support!

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers** concert “We Are Not Alone” on **Sunday, April 23** at 3 pm at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak Street E, Leamington. Suggested donation of \$15 at the door.

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

On **Tuesday, April 25** we will have our Annual Meeting in the Heritage Centre Auditorium located at 31 Pickwick Drive at 7 pm. Anyone interested in the affairs of the Home is invited to attend. Annual reports will be presented, and LMH Voting Members will be voting on several items on the agenda. If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact the LMH front office by phone or

email (519-326-6109 or samantha@mennonitehome.ca) by Friday, April 21 to RSVP. The meeting package will be sent out on April 11 and paper copies will be available at the front office. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at this meeting!

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **Experience a real "day in the life" of a high school student on April 21.** See for yourself the difference that Christian education makes. The small class sizes, caring and supportive teachers, and dynamic, welcoming community make UMEI a truly amazing place to learn and grow! With Enriched Robotics, the Arts, great sports teams, and more than 40 field trips, you will gain confidence and have fun while getting a rigorous academic education in a Christian environment. The best way to see if UMEI is for you is to be here, so join us for Shadow Day and imagine yourself here. During the day, you will attend classes and chapel along with our Grade 9 and 10 students. You will get to try out: Phys Ed or French, Choir or Business Technology, Science, History and English. We can't wait to welcome you! <https://attend.umei.ca/shadow-day/>

► **Camp ExploreU** (Grades 3 – 6) July 31 – August 4, 9 am – 3 pm (with early drop off and late pick-up available) This camp has a bit of everything – sports, games, arts & crafts, robotics, drama... the list goes on! Explore your interests and have a ton of fun at Camp ExploreU! <https://umei.ca/camps/>

► **Senior Robotics Camp** (Grades 7 & 8) July 31 – August 4, 9 am – 3 pm (with early drop off and late pick-up available) Our Senior Robotics Camp is for students who are passionate about progressing their skills in building and programming robots! Program a robot in LABVIEW (and potentially JavaScript) language, become confident in designing and creating unique robots that serve a function, acquire problem solving skills while diagnosing robotic failures, and have a lot of fun! <https://umei.ca/camps/>

► **Junior Robotics Camp** (Grades 4 – 6) July 10 – 14, 9 am – 3 pm (with early drop off and late pick-up available) Our Junior Robotics Camp is for students who are passionate about learning new skills in building and programming robots! Program a robot in LABVIEW language, become confident in designing and creating unique robots that serve a function, acquire problem solving skills while diagnosing robotic failures, and have a lot of fun! <https://umei.ca/camps/>

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 **St. Anthony's Parish (Maronite)** and their pastor Michel Kassas.

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

Thank you for the generous donations, beautiful flowers, many prayers, cards and for the meals sent to our family on the occasion of Herm Dick's passing. Herm and I were grateful for the lovely visits from friends and family both at our condo and at the Leamington Mennonite Home during his illness. Special thanks to all who contributed in making the funeral service meaningful for us.

. . . *Sincerely, Elizabeth Dick and Family*

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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