



**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Education Sunday**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer

Speaker — Paul Cornies

*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**

Prelude

Announcements and welcome

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

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Children's time

Presentation of Bibles to Grade 2's and Graduating Grade 8's

Welcome to the new Sunday school year

Welcome to the youth program

VT #514, *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside*

Offering and prayer

Scripture reading — Luke 2:41-52

Message — Learning with Mind and Heart

VT #761, *I Love to Tell the Story*

Sharing time and prayer

VT #847, *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

Sending

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ Next Sunday, September 17**

Join us for worship at 10 am with Chani Wiens leading worship and Pastor Chris bringing the message.

### **◆ Sunday School News**

It's Education Sunday and time to launch a new **Sunday School/Missions Team** donation project for the year. The children have suggested **The Bridge**

as their new focus. **The Bridge Youth Resource Centre** offers support services for youth in the Leamington and surrounding area like daily hot meals, laundry and shower facilities, a clothing closet, a nutrition program and much more. The mission is to provide youth with hope for their future. We will all learn more about the work of **The Bridge** as the year progresses. Thanks for sharing to this worthy local cause.

### ◆ **Community Missions Announcement**

The Community Meals group is grateful for congregational support in providing baked goods for our monthly meals, as well as to those who plan, prepare, cook, and package the meals. We have been fortunate in having a consistently healthy balance in our Community Missions Account. When we first began, we prepared and served between 40 and 60 guests, and packaged around 20 take-out orders. Monthly meal costs usually totalled between \$200 and \$250. As you are aware, grocery costs have increased. As well, although we are not serving customers in the building, we now prepare and package 200 plus meals. The cost of a meal has risen to between \$450 and \$550. We are asking for donations to our Community Missions/Meals project, so that we can continue to fill this increasing need in our community.

Donations can be made —

1. by e-transfer (with a note “Community Missions”)
2. by cheque, in a donation envelope for the collection plate (“Community Missions” in the subject line)

◆ **Question ?????** Does anyone know where the NLUMC time capsule is? Please let Susan, in the church office, know of its whereabouts.

### ◆ **Budget Update**

**December 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023** (75% of year) \$167,068 (58.4%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

### ◆ **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](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message
  - 3) 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 . . .

### ◆ **Join us for a Heartfelt Butterfly Release Memorial**

The Erie Shores HealthCare Spiritual Care Committee invites you to a special Butterfly Release Memorial on **Sunday, September 10** at 1 pm at the serene Erie Memorial Gardens cemetery. This touching event is a beautiful tribute to the precious little ones who left us all too soon. Let's come together as a community to remember and honour these little souls. The butterfly release symbolizes the delicate and fleeting nature of life as we release these graceful creatures in their memory. Feel free to bring your friends and family as we remember and cherish the lives that touched our hearts.

[#ButterflyReleaseMemorial](#) [#HonoringPreciousLives](#) [#CommunitySupport](#)  
[#ErieShoresHealthcare](#)

### ◆ ***Spirit of Christmas* Musical**

You are invited to take part in another Christmas musical put on by Faith Mennonite Church with the Bank Theatre! Adults and children 5+ welcome! Musical director: Janice Founk; director: Linda Collard. Please phone or email Sara Garnet for more information, 226-345-9622, [saralgarnet@gmail.com](mailto:saralgarnet@gmail.com)  
Casting call — Sunday, September 17, 1 pm at FMC  
Auditions — Monday, September 18, 6:30 pm at FMC  
Rehearsal times — Sundays, 1- 2:30 pm  
Show times — December 8 & 9, 7 pm, December 10, 2 pm at the Bank Theatre.

### ◆ **MEDA Event**

Join us for an event that brings together the power of community, philanthropy, and innovation. We are thrilled to invite you to a **Networking Social Event** in support of MEDA, taking place at Cured Craft Brewing Co., located at 43 Mill Street W, Leamington, on **Tuesday, September 19**. Time: 6:30-8 pm, FREE event, appetizers will be served. Come learn about MEDA's initiative – the Resilience and Inclusion through Investment for Sustainable Agriculture (RIISA) project in the Philippines. **Register by September 10** at:

<https://www.meda.org/events/>

### ◆ **The Southwestern Ontario Gleaners** invites you to their Annual "**Food for All**" **Community Luncheon** on **Wednesday, September 20** at the Roma Club, Leamington, from 11:30-1:30 pm. Tickets for the pasta and salad lunch are available at the SWO Gleaners for \$12, or for \$15 at the door. Come for lunch and support the work of providing nutritious dried soup mix and apple snacks to local and international partners for distribution.

## ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Homecoming Weekend 2023! September 22-24.** Calling all Alumni & Friends! Join us for this action-packed weekend where you can reconnect with your UMEI family.

**Friday, September 22, 8 pm** — Trivia at Crave Leamington! Form a team of four and test your trivia knowledge at this fun event hosted by Mat Suta.

**Saturday, September 23, 9 am** — UMEI Lightning Bolt! Run 5K or 10K or walk 5K and sign up the kids for a 1K run or 400M dash!

**Saturday, September 23, 6 pm** — Homecoming Banquet at Roma Club, Leamington. Featuring the Class of 1973, 1998 & 2013! All are welcome. \$50/ticket.

**Sunday, September 24, 2 pm** — All ages pick-up baseball game at UMEI! Bring a glove and running shoes and enjoy a fun game.

Tickets & registration can be purchased through the UMEI office ([office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca)) or through the website [umei.ca](http://umei.ca) under the Events tab.

▶ Join us for the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lightning Bolt!** You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, September 23** at Point Pelee National Park. All ages can register for the 5K or 10K run, or the 5K walk, and kids can sign up for the 1K run or 400M kids dash. Registration includes free entry into the park, a race t-shirt, awards, hot dog lunch and door prizes. Visit <https://umei.ca/lightning-bolt-run-walk/> to register.

## ◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

Registration is now open for a wide variety of fun retreats coming up this fall. Click here for more info about the retreats below... [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats)

▶ **Men's Retreat, September 15-17** – A relaxing weekend away to connect with others and enjoy a variety of fun camp activities. Saturday features a Russian Mennonite dinner with many favourite traditional dishes. Stories and reflections presented by host Mike Schmidt.

▶ **Bruce Trail Hike, September 18-21** – Join us for a series of short-loop hikes near Owen Sound and learn about the cultural and natural history of the Niagara Escarpment. Accommodations and meals at Silver Lake.

▶ **Fall Hike Retreat, September 29-October 1** – Stay at camp and enjoy a Bruce Trail hike on the Saturday. Everyone welcome, including families.

▶ **Fall Work Weekend, October 27-29** – Help get camp ready for the winter season!

▶ **Book Launch, October 1** at 3 pm – SLMC is hosting the book launch of “Childhood Unplugged” by Katherine Johnson Martinko. Join us to discuss and hear advice about how to get kids off screens and find balance. Location: Community Room at 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener.

◆ **The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to a student who —

1. will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2023-2024);
2. is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and
3. has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community.

**Applications must be received by September 22, 2023.** For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at 519-884-3072 or [lbrubacher@sympatico.ca](mailto:lbrubacher@sympatico.ca)

◆ **The Leamington Mennonite Home** will be hosting our first in-person fundraising event since 2019 on **Saturday, October 14** at the Leamington Best Western Plus. It will be an evening of good food, great company, and many laughs! Tickets are \$200 per person and we have tables of six, eight, and ten available. Call the LMH front office at 519-326-6109 to buy your tickets and reserve your seat/table. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of the vacant lot at the corner of Pickwick Drive and Heritage Lane. Click here for more information: <https://www.mennonitehome.ca/2023-fundraiser-promo>

◆ **The Salvation Army** is looking for volunteers to help with their Christmas Kettle Drive starting November 17 to December 23. Kettles will be provided at different locations throughout Leamington and Kingsville. Each shift is two hours long and they run from 10 am to 8 pm each day Monday to Saturday. This is a wonderful way for individuals and families to give back to their community and help those in need. If you wish to volunteer or require more information, please contact Veronica Costa, Volunteer Coordinator, at 519-326-4901 or 519-999-2108 or by email at [Veronica.Costa@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Veronica.Costa@salvationarmy.ca)

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## Junior Youth

► **Friday, September 22: Mini Golf Night.** We will be heading to On the Water in Tecumseh for some mini golf! More details to come.

► **Friday, September 29: Converge at UMEI is back!** The Junior Youth of LUMC, NLUMC, and FMC will come together for a time of worship and fun! 7-8:30 pm at UMEI.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger, Peter Klassen, and Quentin Unger.



**MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada ask for prayers** as they seek someone to fill the key leadership position of **Operations and Finance Director**. Pray for those who view and apply to the opportunity, those involved in the interview process and for the individual who will accept the call to this position. We ask for God’s wisdom and leading.

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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 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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