



Sunday, January 21, 2024

Annual General Meeting

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader – Brenda Fischer
Speaker – Chris Hutton

*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

Prelude
Welcome – Call to worship and work
Opening prayer
VT #4, *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*
Review of agenda & reports
VT #377, *New Earth, Heavens New*
Reports
Commissioning our leaders
VT #387, *We Are One in the Spirit*
Offering & prayer
Financial statements for 2023 and budget proposal for 2024
Reports
Scripture reading — Psalm 95:1-7
Meditation
VT #837, *Lead Me Forth*
Benediction

Today . . . Annual General Meeting, during the morning worship service.
The AGM/Worship Service will be in person only; not livestreamed on YouTube. Annual Report books were emailed out on Friday, January 5 & 19. A limited number of hard copies are available in the foyer.

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

Church Life . . .

♦ **Church Council Meeting**, Wednesday, January 24, 7 pm.

◆ **Looking to Learn the Basics of What it Means to be a Follower of Jesus?** Considering baptism as the next step in your spiritual journey? Join us for our upcoming session of **Jesus 101!** Sign-ups are available at the welcome table. Time and place will be determined based on what serves all interested people best. All ages and stages are welcome to attend! If you have questions, you can also contact Pastor Chris at 519-613-1971.

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, January 24** at St. John's Anglican Church. Our menu is borscht, crusty rolls and a dessert. We are looking for volunteers for the following times:

1. Tuesday, January 23, 9:30 – 12 noon to start the soup broth and prepare vegetables.
2. Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 – 12 noon to finish the soup, and then at 1:30 - 5:30 for final preparations of the meal for takeout.

Please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com.

◆ **Klaibi Family Get Together**

About fifteen years ago, NLUMC sponsored the Klaibi family to come to Leamington. Since then the children have grown, some have gotten married, and the family has moved to Windsor. All are invited to come to an Open House in the church basement on **Saturday, February 10** at 2 pm for a visit with the family. Coffee/tea and cold drinks will be served. Please bring a plate of finger food/sweets. If you have any questions, contact Helga Enns at 226-757-4543.

◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2024: Hungering for Hope**

An opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. This year's theme invites you to embody trust, beauty, rebirth and more as you walk through Lent in a world that seems very weary. Where can authentic hope be found? This year Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 14**. You can sign-up for this year's Lenten Guided Prayer by following [online registration](#) or through the [CommonWord website](#).

◆ **Missing Jacket**

On Sunday, January 14, a men's black jacket was mistakenly worn home. If you notice that the jacket you wore home is too big, please contact Paul Cornies for your jacket.

◆ **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) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Carolinian Wild Church, today at 4 pm.** Rest. Rest is the theme for the January outdoor service of worship with creation with personal time for wandering and reflection. All are welcome! Meeting at the parking lot at Cedar Creek Conservation Area at 874 Arner Townline, Essex.

► Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Meeting snow, rain or shine. Dress accordingly. Washrooms not available. Facilitators: Karen Sheil, Susan Kennel Harrison, Ruth Boehm. For more info: carolinianwildchurch@gmail.com

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Book Launch, Friday, January 26 at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre, *The Thiessen Family Story* by Sandy (Froese) Callahan. Everyone welcome, admission by donation.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **Small School Symposium, Saturday, January 27.** Does your child need: More support? Smaller groups? More resources and connections? Come to UMEI for a morning of learning, connecting and feeling supported by other families who are curious about alternative options for school. No need to register, just save the date on your calendar, tell your family and friends and come visit us that day! There will be fun activities for kids while parents learn from the panel discussion, guest speakers, table talks and more! Picnic, Lego, Train, Craft and Robot areas to explore.

► **Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, February 4, 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. Take-out is also available. Admission is by donation and don't forget you can SKIP THE LINE! Complete an online form and send in your donation in advance via e-transfer to office@umei.ca. When you arrive at the school on Sunday, go to the special "Skip the Line" table to check in, and then enter the gym for your meal. Register here: <https://forms.gle/gcqKzJbeftXG2K148>

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

After 30 years of dedicated and excellent service, the Leamington Mennonite Home’s Chief Financial Officer, Irene Collard, has announced her intention to retire sometime in the Fall of 2024. Our Home is seeking qualified candidates for the position of CFO. This senior management position plays an integral role in the day-to-day functioning of LMH. Candidates should possess a business degree from an accredited university/college. Qualified candidates will demonstrate a high level of energy and commitment with an understanding of the senior population we provide care for. The Leamington Mennonite Home is a senior’s community that provides safe and secure housing to over 350 seniors from a variety of backgrounds and traditions. Qualified candidates will understand our Home’s Christian background rooted in Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition and show a commitment to maintaining this organizational identity. Applications will be received until April 1, 2024. Only applicants demonstrating the proper qualifications will be contacted for an interview. Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application to Human Resources Specialist, Jacquie Turnbull (jacquie@mennonitehome.ca). A full job description for review can be requested by contacting Jacquie Turnbull.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

- ▶ **SLMC Winter and Spring Retreats.** Come to Silver Lake in 2024 for fun camp experiences! Coming up soon are... Women’s Retreat (February 2-4), Valentine’s Day Getaway (February 9-11), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (March 1-3). Go to slmc.ca/retreats for more info.
- ▶ **SLMC Summer Camp.** Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 7 am. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp for more details. Outtrip registration is already open – sign up before February 1 to get \$100 off!

Junior Youth Events . . .

Junior Youth are in Kitchener today, for a MCEC Junior Youth gathering at Rockway Collegiate.

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, and Ethan Stein.

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

Please pray for *Hayden Epp* as he transfers his church membership to Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church effective February 10, 2024. May God continue to bless his faith journey in his new church home.

Missions — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, www.mcc.org

To view more information from MCEC go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mcec.ca\)](http://News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (mcec.ca))

To view the MCEC Annual Report, go to MCEC Year in Review 2023 - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

To view the MC Canada Annual Report, go to [2023 Mennonite Church Canada Annual Report: Update to Regional Churches and Congregations \(commonword.ca\)](http://2023 Mennonite Church Canada Annual Report: Update to Regional Churches and Congregations (commonword.ca))

Thought for the Day

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.
Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
Psalm 95:2

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 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 Pastor Chris, 519-613-1971, at this time.

Contacts . . .

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