



Sunday, February 11, 2024

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader – Sandra Warkentin

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

Welcome & announcements

VT #28, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Call to worship, VT #853

VT #32, *God Welcomes All*

Children's time

Offering & VT #298, *What Is the World Like* (v. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Scripture reading — Colossians 3:1-17

Message — Radical Roots #4: Reconciliation is the Centre of our Work

STJ #94, *Blest Are They*

Sharing and prayer

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

Benediction

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

Today . . . 11:30 am right after our service, join us in the church basement for a Theology After-Party with Pastor Chris! Got questions about our Radical Roots series or questions about anything concerning the church, God, or faith? Hang out with Chris and ask him your toughest questions for discussion. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch!

Church Life . . .

◆ Home Church

Did you miss your chance to sign up for Home Church last Sunday? Home Church is an inter-generational group of 6-20 people who meet once a week to grow relationships, have fun, serve others, and experience God. Send Chris an e-mail at pastor@nlumc.com to sign up for one today or to ask any questions you may have!

◆ **First Sunday of Lent, February 18**, join us for worship with Paul Cornies leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message. There will be no children's Sunday School on February 18.

◆ **Worship Team Meeting, Tuesday, February 13**, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

◆ **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](#).

◆ **Missions Team News**

► **Missions Team is excited to share a new local project** that everyone can get involved in! The Leamington Community Hope Centre (LCHC) is participating in the **Coldest Night of the Year** fundraiser and we are inviting everyone to join the NLUMC Team to support this local organization providing much needed services in our community. LCHC opened in January 2023 as a drop-in program for those experiencing homelessness and hardships of any kind. They offer a hot meal daily (even weekends and holidays) from 6 -10 pm, currently serving between 50-70 people/night. They also provide addictions counseling and support, AA, NA, and Al-Anon programs.

We are inviting you to join our team - North Leamington United Mennonite Church and walk with us on **Saturday, February 24**. What's involved? Go to the CNOY website to register for our team at this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1011736&langPref=en-CA>

Team members will spend some time over the next few weeks fundraising toward our team goal of \$1000. We think we can exceed this goal!

On **Saturday, February 24** we will meet at the **Leamington Community Hope Centre**, 58 Erie Street South, at 4 pm and walk, either 2 km or 5 km, starting at 5 pm. All funds raised by our Team will go to the Leamington Community Hope Centre.

If you aren't able to join us on February 24, you can still participate, either by fundraising and walking at a time and place that works for you, or by donating to the NLUMC Team, at the link above. Thank you for considering this meaningful local project! . . . Missions Team

P.S. Last year, over 37,000 walkers across Canada joined this event, raising \$13.1 million dollars - it's Canada's National Walk for Homelessness.

► We also invite you to show you care, by joining a carpool to view an exhibit at the Caboto Club on **Saturday, February 24** between 11 am and 7 pm. **The**

Women's Movement for Palestine presents "Gaza will Rise." We are all part of the global family, and this is one way we can show our Muslim brothers and sisters that the Christian Community cares and sees their suffering. Many in Windsor have family who have died in Gaza. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

▶ **The Walk for the Coldest Night of the Year and the Gaza Will Rise presentation both take place on February 24.** To accommodate those who feel committed to doing both, we will have a carpool in the morning leaving at 10:30, and one in the afternoon leaving at 2 pm. Please call Barbara Martens at 519-324-3116 to indicate your participation.

◆ **Thanks** to Gloria Thiessen who has volunteered to bring an arrangement of fresh cut flowers to the sanctuary each week.

◆ **For Your Winter Reading Pleasure**

Come downstairs and browse the shelves for your winter reading selections. New additions are displayed on the carousel for your convenience. Please sign the bookcard and leave it in the box on the desk. Enjoy your reads!

▶ ***Her Daughter's Dream*** by Francine Rivers. Sequel to *Her Mother's Hope*. Explore the relationship between daughters, mothers and grandmothers by following four generations in one family.

▶ ***Tiffany Girl*** by Deane Gist. In preparation for the 1895 Chicago World's Fair Louis Tiffany designed a stained-glass chapel. A glassworker's strike halts construction and Tiffany turns to the female students of the New York School of applied Design. See how these young ladies rise to the challenge and become the "Tiffany Girls".

▶ ***Who Will be a Witness*** by Drew G. I. Hart. Join the author in exploring the church's role in social change/justice and being a faithful witness to the way of Jesus.

◆ **An Investment for You, Bonus Interest for What You**

Believe In. Kindred Credit Union offers you a unique way to invest through Community Inspiration GICs. You invest in a guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) that earns a competitive interest rate and, in return, Kindred donates an additional quarter percent interest to your congregation or qualifying charity. This offer is available for a limited time. If you are interested in investing, please contact Kindred before June 30 and consider naming NLUMC as the bonus interest recipient. For more information, call or visit Kindred in Leamington or kindredcu.com/CI-GIC.

◆ **Vacation Bible School. Save the date! July 8-12** is SCUBA VBS together with LUMC. If you are interested in volunteering, let David know.

◆ 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 . . .

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Travelogue at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. **Friday, February 23: *Prague and Budapest*** by Luise Taves. All are welcome. Admission by donation.

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

▶ **SLMC Summer Camp** – Registration is open! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to view all programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp this summer.

▶ **Winter Camp for Grownups** – This “choose your own adventure” weekend at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is the perfect winter escape. Co-hosted by PiE (Pastors in Exile). March 1-3. Register at slmc.ca/retreats.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9 am. This is a co-ed, 6 versus 6, event (with a minimum of two girls per team), and \$450 per team minimum. 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.

◆ **Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Annual Meeting & Niagara Russlaender Centenary Tour, Saturday, June 15**. Join the Society for a day tour of sites in the Niagara region to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of *Russlaender* Mennonite immigrants in Ontario. Visit www.mhso.org and fill out a form to be notified when registration opens.

◆ **Save the Date – Watermelon & Rollkuchen fundraiser**, for the local growing project of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, will take place **Sunday, June 23** at the Tiessen family farm.

◆ Employment Opportunity

The **Leamington Mennonite Home** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Chief Financial Officer**. 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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **United Pentecostal Church** and their pastor Andrew Sich.

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Hilde Sawatzky*, wife of *Peter* and mother of *Ron Sawatzky (Pat Myers)* and *Carol Sawatzky (Tim Ford)*, who passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The funeral took place at Leamington United Mennonite Church on Wednesday, January 31.

The *Sawatzky Family* extends thanks for the acts of kindness and words of sympathy on the passing of their mother and wife, *Hilde Sawatzky*, January 25. You helped in our grief. The funeral was at LUMC due to mobility problems.

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))

Thought for the Day

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Colossians 3:13

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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Website: www.northleamington.com Instagram: [wethenorthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/wethenorthchurch)

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