



Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Judy Cornies
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.*

Order of Worship
Christ Among Us

Welcome and announcements

VT #170, *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Call to worship

Prayer

VT #158, *Gott ist die Liebe*, vs 1 in German, vs 2, 3, 4 in English

Children's story

Offering and VT #156, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Prayer

Scripture reading — John 3:1-21

Message — The Way of Mercy

VT #162, *The Love of God*, vs. 1 & 2

Sharing and prayer

VT #162, *The Love of God*, vs. 3

Benediction

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

There is no children's Sunday School today and next Sunday, March 17.
Children's Sunday School will resume Palm Sunday, March 24.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17**, join us for worship with David Hrynyk leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

◆ Check Out Home Church!

Looking for a place to connect with others, have fun, serve others, and experience God outside of Sunday morning? Then feel free to drop in and check out a home church. All ages are welcome, and you can drop in as you feel able to!

▶ Marshwoods Home Church

22 Marshwoods Blvd, Kingsville, Wednesdays 6:30 — 8 pm

▶ Cherokee Home Church

30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, Thursdays 6:30 — 8 pm

Contact Chris Hutton if you have questions!

◆ Paska for the Food Bank

NLUMC is doing a Paska fundraiser again this year and we are looking for paska bakers to make a few extra paska for **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Please contact Joanne Brown by text or phone 519-817-5929 or email

jclifbrown@gmail.com if you are able to bake paska. We are suggesting the Salvation Army Food Bank for this fundraiser. No receipts will be issued for funds given.

◆ Urgent MCC Appeal - Myanmar

This Easter, families in Myanmar need our help, especially as the rainy season will soon be upon them. The military has overthrown the government and has stormed villages, burning crops and homes and imprisoning humanitarian workers. People have been forced to flee and are hiding and trying to survive in the jungle. What they need the most now are food, first aid and shelter.

Missions Team invites you to make a direct donation to MCC during this Lenten season at mcc.org/Easter. Information sheets can be found in the foyer.

◆ Sharing Time

Church Council wishes to reiterate that our 'Shared Concerns or Joys' is live-streamed and recorded on YouTube which is available in perpetuity. We remind people to always ensure that they have permission to share any details during sharing time. *NOTE: If you have a prayer request that you prefer to keep within our congregation, it could be printed in the bulletin for our NLUMC participants, or you may reach out to the pastor and we will arrange to mute our livestream during your prayer request.*

◆ Tuesday Email

We no longer plan to send out an email on Tuesdays to share the link to the previous Sunday's YouTube church service. If you have watched on YouTube, you will see that NLUMC is in your 'search history' and it is easy to locate each new worship service. If you have any questions please check in with Susan in the church office.

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 26 & 27** in Leamington at UMEI Christian High School. NLUMC is asking for three delegates and possibly a Youth delegate to represent us at this annual meeting. Please contact Susan in the church office if you require more details or if you would like to represent our church membership as a voting delegate. Anyone who wants to attend the sessions is asked to go to www.mcec.ca to register online (even if you are not a voting delegate for our church.) They require dietary details as well as attendance numbers for meal and snack planning in advance.

◆ **Budget Update**

December 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024 (25% of year) \$57,638.75 (20.4%) of our \$283,113.97 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 - include member # in message
- 3) Offering on Sunday morning

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday March 24 – Palm Sunday Worship Service

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday Worship Service

Thought for the Day

I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices.
I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.
Hosea 6:6

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **UMEI Robotics Team 8081** is travelling to Barrie from **March 15 — 17** for the First Robotics Competition. Keep watch on our social media pages for updates and links to watch them compete live!! Go Lightning!

▶ **Save the date!** Our Student Trips Fundraising Pasta Lunch is happening on **Sunday, March 24** at 11:30 am – 1 pm. Join us for a delicious pasta meal, silent auction, and performance by the UMEI Choir.

▶ **UMEI Summer Camp Registrations are open!** Register at <https://umei.ca/camps/> today for one of our exciting summer camps (limited spots are available).

- **Senior Robotics Camp** (Grades 7 & 8) July 8 – July 12
- **Junior Robotics Camp** (Grades 4 – 6) July 15 – 19
- **Music Moves Kids Musical Theatre Camp** (Grades 4 – 8) July 22 – 27
- **Camp ExploreU** (Grades 3 – 6) July 29 – August 2

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ **The LMH Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7** at 7 pm in the Heritage Centre Auditorium at 29 Pickwick Drive. Please RSVP to the front office at 519-329-2737.

▶ We will be having a **Pasta & Pizza Night Open House** as our Spring Fundraiser on **Wednesday, May 8** at the Leamington Roma Club. Dinner will be available from 4:30-7:30 pm with live music throughout the evening. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time from the front office with cash, cheque, or credit card with a cut-off date of Monday, April 22. Ticket prices are \$50/person, \$25 for ages 5-12, and ages 4 and under are free! We will also be selling raffle tickets until May 8. The prize is four tickets to the May 25 Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays game at Comerica Park. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

◆ Employment Opportunities

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

▶ **Faith Mennonite Church** is looking for an **Administrative Assistant**. Ten hours a week. Advanced computer, video editing, financial and organizational skills required. Begin May 1. If interested, contact Art Krueger, 519-398-8384 or forazekrueger.ak@gmail.com.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Meadow Brook Church**.

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

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

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

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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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm