



**Sunday, April 21, 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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Hymn #4, *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Children's time

Hymn #100, *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Offering & offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Luke 14:15-24

Message — We Are All Looking for Home

Hymn #545, *Here I Am, Lord*

Sharing time

Hymn #832, *The Lord Lift You Up*

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

**Today** — **Membership Informational Meeting**, immediately following the worship service, at 11 am. This is an opportunity for our membership to join together to hear updates about Spring programs and to ask questions and discuss future goals of our church.

**For Further Reading.** If you would like to learn more about the topic of faith and homelessness, check out the following books and authors:

**God in the Alley** by Greg Paul

**The Twenty-Piece Shuffle** by Greg Paul

**Bent Hope** by Tim Huff

**The Irresistible Revolution** by Shane Claiborne

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# Church Life . . .

## ◆ Next Sunday, April 28

Join us for worship at 10 am with Chris Hutton leading worship and Reynold Friesen bringing the message. Reynold Friesen is the Director of Alumni, Church and Donor Relations at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) in Winnipeg.

## ◆ Our Next Community Meal is on Wednesday, April 24 at

St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 12 noon. We are looking for volunteers and donations of cookies (no nuts) for dessert on that day.

Please contact Debbie Janzen, [janzendeb@gmail.com](mailto:janzendeb@gmail.com), Vicki Dick, [vicki.dick@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.dick@gmail.com), or Tammy Warkentin, [tamwark@gmail.com](mailto:tamwark@gmail.com).

## ◆ Home Church Update

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, will meet Wednesday evenings May 1 - June 5, 6:30 – 8 pm.

► **Cherokee Home Church**, 30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, meet Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8 pm.

Contact Chris Hutton if you have questions!

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 26 & 27** in Leamington at UMEI Christian High School. **Registration closed April 19.**

► For those not attending the entire Annual Church Gathering in Leamington, we extend the invitation for all to come and join in worship during the worship times! **These times are:**

Friday evening – beginning at 6:45 pm which will include congregational milestones as part of worship.

Saturday afternoon beginning at approximately 2:15 which will include Communion with each other.

**We ask that those coming to worship also check in at the registration table to sign in (no payment required) for purposes of safety for all.**

◆ **Care Giving Team meeting, Tuesday, May 14, at 7 pm at NLUMC.**

## ◆ Church Council News

▶ **The Church has an upright Heintzman piano.** If interested, you just need to provide the moving crew! Please contact Susan in the office if you are interested in obtaining this piano.

▶ **SMILE!** NLUMC is planning to compile a **church photo directory** this Spring. A sign-up sheet for photos will be made available after Easter. We plan to have the photography company here on-site from **Tuesday, June 4 to Saturday, June 8.** Please alert other NLUMC family members and friends to mark the date in their calendar. More details to follow.

▶ NLUMC Council has been researching samples and pricing for aesthetic improvements to the **church's four washrooms:** paint, wallpaper, counter tops/sinks, taps, light fixtures, etc.

At this time, Church Council brings forward a recommendation to accept **'special donations'** earmarked for the "Washroom Renovation Project." Once we have received 80% of the estimated \$8—10,000, we will then proceed, asking for volunteers to help in various ways. Sign-up sheets for people to assist this Spring with wallpaper removal, painting, minor construction, and minor electrical work, etc. will be made available so that we can keep the costs at a minimum.

Several suggestions for improved 'comfort height' toilets and new flooring for the washrooms have also been mentioned by several members. At this time, we do not have definitive plans but we are looking to see how the 'special donation funds' come in.

▶ **Church Council supports the following delegates** to represent NLUMC at the annual MCEC gathering to be held in Leamington on **April 26 & 27, 2024;** Judy & Paul Cornies, Mary Krueger, Brenda Fischer. Please extend words of encouragement and thank our delegates for being willing to attend and vote on behalf of NLUMC.

▶ **Church Doors** — The Church will be opened at 9 am on Sunday mornings. If you require entrance earlier than 9 o'clock, you should make arrangements through the office, prior to Friday noon of that particular weekend.

## ◆ 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)

## ◆ Book Notice

Church Council is providing the opportunity for you to pick up past issues of our hymnals and the NKJ version of the Bible. They are available for free on a table in the foyer.

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ The UMEI Choir is performing at the CAMS National Music Festival in Winnipeg today, **Sunday April 21**, at 3 pm (Central Daylight time) which is 4 pm (Eastern Daylight time) for Leamington. You can livestream the event at <https://www.youtube.com/@mennonitebrethrencollegiat1882/streams>

▶ **UMEI Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch! Sunday, May 5**, 11:30 – 1 pm. Enjoy a family-friendly meal of perch, chicken tenders, french fries, baked potatoes, salad, fresh buns, and dessert. Admission is by donation through cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca).

◆ **County Classic Chorale** presents *All These Angels*, **Saturday, May 4** at 7 pm and **Sunday, May 5** at 3 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, 269 Sherk St. Leamington. Artistic Director will be Dr. Adam Adler and Collaborative Pianist will be Michael Oddy. Admission by free-will offering.

### ◆ 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.

▶ **Only one more day to get your tickets for our Spring Fundraiser!** Hope to see you there! Monday, April 22 is the last day to buy tickets for the **Spring Fundraiser, Pasta & Pizza Night Open House**, at the Roma Club on **Wednesday, May 8!** Dinner will be available from 4:30-7:30 pm with live music throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each at the LMH front office. Raffle tickets for the Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays game in Detroit on May 25 will continue to be available at our front office for \$20 each until 4 pm on May 8. We will also be selling raffle tickets at the fundraiser that evening up until 7:30 pm (cash only). Get your tickets before they're gone!

### ◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

▶ **SLMC Annual Meeting** - Silver Lake Mennonite Camp will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting on **Saturday, May 11** at 11:30 am on Zoom (link at [slmc.ca](https://www.slmc.ca)). There will be voting on by-law changes that can be found on the SLMC website. All are welcome!

► **Spring Teen Camp** – High school youth ages 13-17 are invited to Silver Lake from **May 10-12** for a fun weekend of waterfront activities, campfires, games, great food and more! Register at [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats)

► **SLMC Grand Paddle & Hike** - Silver Lake is holding its annual fundraiser **May 10-12**. Visit the [fundraising site](#) to create/join your team or donate. All participants are welcome to join scheduled group paddles/hikes/bike rides on Saturday, May 11 at 2 pm (details at [slmc.ca](http://slmc.ca)).

### ◆ **Employment Opportunity**

UMEI is now accepting applications for our **French teaching position**. Join our team of dedicated, passionate educators. UMEI teachers can truly make a difference in the lives of our students through our whole person education model. Be part of a community that cares, where your voice is heard, and you can be creative in your classroom! Inquire today by emailing principal Sonya Bedal at [principal@umei.ca](mailto:principal@umei.ca).

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## Thought for the Day

Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town  
and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.  
Luke 14:21

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda**.

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

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

**Missions** — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org)

Thank you for all of the love and support that was shown to Walt and our family during his illness and at the time of the funeral. Your caring words, floral tributes and gestures of kindness, certainly were appreciated. Thank you also, to the Karen community who have become so very special to us. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered. . . *Marlene Dick*

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

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## Contacts . . .

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