



**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Chris Hutton

Speaker — Troy Osborne

*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**

Announcements

Call to worship

VT #64, *As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On*

Offering with VT #131, *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

Offering prayer

Children's story

Scripture reading — Deuteronomy 26:4-9, 16-19

Message — Wandering and wondering with the Arameans

Song — *Alleluia No. 1*

Sharing time

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

Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ Next Sunday, April 14**

► Join us for worship with Paul Cornies leading worship and Stephen Roy, Church and Community Relations Associate with MCC Ontario, bringing the message.

### **► Parents Pizza Lunch: Sunday April 14 after worship service**

For parents of Junior Youth and High School youth. Enjoy some pizza and a chance to share input as we set the direction for student ministries this fall.

RSVP by Thursday to [youthleader@nlumc.com](mailto:youthleader@nlumc.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 not meet this week at their usual time of Wednesday night, but they will resume meeting again soon.

▶ **Cherokee Home Church**

30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, will not meet this week at their usual time of Thursday night, but they will resume meeting next week.

Contact Chris Hutton if you have questions!

◆ **Community Building Team News.** Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, April 12** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 26 & 27** in Leamington at UMEI Christian High School. Anyone who wants to attend the sessions is asked to go to [www.mcec.ca](http://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.

◆ **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.*

◆ **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)

## ◆ Budget Update

**December 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024** (33.3% of year) \$79,039.25 (27.9%) of our \$283,113.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

## ◆ Church Council News

▶ **Membership Informational Meeting, Sunday, April 21**, immediately following the worship service at 11 am. 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.

▶ **The Church has an upright Heintzman piano** — if there is a family from our church who could put it to good use. 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 out 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. *If members could kindly donate before April 16* so that Council can have further discussion at our monthly meeting on April 17, in order to bring recommendations forward at our April 21 membership meeting after church. Thanks for considering a donation by April 16 so that we have direction as to how to proceed on the washroom renovations.

▶ **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 from 9 am onward 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.

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

### **◆ The Giving Spoon Fundraiser**

**Today, Sunday April 7** by the Soup Guru and The Bridge Youth Resource Centre, 11 am – 2 pm at 310 Sherk Street, Leamington. Take-out available. Event is by donation only.

### **◆ UMEI Christian High School News**

► **Experience a “day in the life” of a UMEI high school student on Friday, April 12.** Come experience the UMEI difference for yourself and shadow our students for the day. Open to all grade 8's starting grade 9 in September and all grade 9 through 11 students looking to transfer. For more information and to register visit <https://umei.ca/shadow-days/>

► **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 – 12 \*\*Full – Wait List Only
- **Junior Robotics Camp** (Grades 4 – 6) July 15 – 19 \*\*Full – Wait List Only
- **Music Moves Kids Musical Theatre Camp** (Grades 4 – 8) July 22 – 27
- **Camp ExploreU** (Grades 3 – 6) July 29 – August 2

### **◆ Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Choral Concert**

“Letters from the Past” by Elaine Penner on **Sunday, April 14** at 3 pm at LUMC, 78 Oak Street East, Leamington. Admission by donation to: *Friends of the Mennonite Centre Ukraine* for Humanitarian Aid

### **◆ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

Tickets are also available for the **Annual Spring Banquet** on **Saturday, April 20**. Sponsorships and donations are very welcome, as this is the largest Fundraiser for the Gleaners in 2024. For tickets and more information, please contact the office at 519-326-7687.

### **◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

► **Remembering Henry Pauls** – A CILT Cabin Dedication Service will be held on **April 28** at 10am at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp to honour Henry Pauls' legacy with the camp.

- ▶ **SLMC Summer Camp** – Registration is open! Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) to view all programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp this summer.
- ▶ **Spring Work Weekend** – Enjoy a family-friendly, free weekend at Silver Lake to help open the camp for the summer. All meals provided. **April 26-28.** Register at [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats).

## ◆ 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.
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## Junior Youth

**Trip to Aerosports Windsor: Friday, April 19.** \$10 per student for a fun time jumping on trampolines!

Contact David [youthleader@nlumc.com](mailto:youthleader@nlumc.com) for details or to rsvp.

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## Thought for the Day

Afterward you may go and celebrate because of all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Remember to include the Levites and the foreigners living among you in the celebration.

Deuteronomy 26:11

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Mount Zion Full Gospel Church**.

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

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

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Walter Dick*, husband of *Marlene*, who passed away Friday, March 29, 2024. The funeral was held at NLUMC on Friday, April 5, 2024.

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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