



Sunday, August 11, 2024

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Paul Cornies

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 and announcements

VT #31, *Come, We That Love*

Call to worship

Offering with VT #759, *Take My Life, and Let it Be* (vs 1, 2, 3)

Story time

Scripture reading — Revelation 3:10-13

Message — Summer Blockbuster 3: Is the Rapture Real?

VT #667, *Shall We Gather at the River*

Sharing and prayer

VT #417, *Seek Ye First*

Benediction

*Please bring your own coffee
and join us for fellowship in the foyer after the worship service.*

Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, August 18

Join us for worship as we wrap up our Summer Blockbuster Series on the book of Revelation with John Harder leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

◆ Worship Team Meeting, Tuesday, August 13, 10 am at the church.

◆ Children's Sunday School

We are looking forward to another great year in Sunday School! If you would like to be a part of it, while teaching God's love to the children, please contact David Hrynyk at youthleader@nlumc.com to volunteer.

◆ Church Photo Directory

1. **For those who ordered digital images from IPC.** The email will be from “WeSendit” and you should double check your junk folders. Sometimes the email goes straight to junk. If that is not the case, whoever did not receive their digital images, can contact IPC. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact by email customerservice1@ipcphoto.ca or by phone 1-800-391-5161 ext. 114.
2. **There is one last opportunity to schedule your family to be photographed** in our church on **Saturday, September 7** from 10 am – 3 pm. Some people who indicated they would submit a photo may also wish to take advantage of the opportunity to come onsite here at NLUMC. Please alert other NLUMC family members and friends of this extended opportunity. Contact Jayne Latam - jtlatam@gmail.com now to book your time slot for September 7.

◆ Care Giving Team News

Aggie Langeman is retiring from the NLUMC Care Giving Team. We will miss her spiritual gifts and her devotion to our people. Thanks for everything you have done, Aggie! We are in need of another person to be on the Care Giving Team. If you would like to contribute in this way, please contact Linda Driedger, 519-733-6130.

◆ 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 . . .

◆ Sing-Along for Peace in Gaza

At this extraordinarily painful time in history, the Anabaptist church has an important message to share. Violence will not create the peace that everyone yearns for in the Middle East.

We invite you as part of the Essex Mennonite cluster churches to get involved at a weekly Sing-Along where we will sing, pray, and learn more

about asking for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the occupation of Palestine. **We will meet at Faith Mennonite Church on Thursdays from 7 – 8 pm.** For those who are comfortable singing hymns and praying in public, there will be an opportunity for you to participate in a public action in Leamington in the near future.

As Christians, we are called to be Christ's peace and love in the world, especially for the oppressed. Our well-being is connected to others, even if they are across the world. In our Anabaptist heritage, we have over 500 years of practice at living and working for peace. As we hope and pray for an end to the violence in Gaza, may we look to and draw close to the Prince of Peace that is Jesus who teaches us to love our enemies, and who modelled a life of sacrifice and love that transforms hearts so that peace is not something that is forced from the outside, but grows from within the hearts of changed people. As we gather here in our community, may we be a witness to the transformative love of Christ that heals wounds and restores relationships across the divides of nation, culture, and race.

Come as you are able with your voices, your questions, your prayers!

◆ **Carolinian Wild Church** will meet on **Sunday, August 18** at 4 pm at the John R. Homestead Conservation Area, 915 County Road 50. For more information call Karen at 519-738-2148. Come and worship with creation!

◆ **All are invited to a Saengerfest (Song Festival)** at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener on **Sunday, August 25** at 3 pm to commemorate the centenary of the 1920s Mennonite immigration to Ontario from settlements in present-day Russia and Ukraine. Song leader is Mark Diller Harder. For more details, see <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/saengerfest> Sponsored by The Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario along with the Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies at Conrad Grebel University College.

◆ **Wild Church** is a way to worship outdoors with creation. You are invited to a Wild Church Workshop on **Sunday, September 8** at Faith Mennonite Church 269 Sherk Street, Leamington.

Learn more about it with Wendy Janzen, one of the pioneers in the Wild Church movement. She is the Eco-Minister for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada and pastor of Burning Bush Wild Church in Kitchener. Outdoor worship at 10:30 am. Tasty lunch. Workshop 1-3 pm – Explore questions such as –What is Wild Church? How is the church inter-connected with the physical place in which we meet? Register by calling Faith Mennonite Church at 519-326-6391 or clicking to register at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Join us in person or online for all or part of the day. The event is possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **The 8th Annual Lightning Bolt.** You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, September 21** at Point Pelee National Park! The UMEI Lightning Bolt consists of a 5k / 10k Walk or Run, a kids' 1k run and a 400m kids' dash. Registration includes free entry into the park, race shirt, awards, and door prizes. Early bird registration deadline ends September 8, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/88570/8th-annual-umei-lightning-bolt> to register today!

► **UMEI Community Players Presents: The Sound of Music - Spring 2025!** We are thrilled to announce that UMEI Community Players is returning with a spectacular production of "The Sound of Music," set to grace the stage in Spring 2025! We are looking for volunteers to assist with marketing, costuming, set building, backstage assistance, and more. Auditions will be held September 21 & 22. For additional details on how to participate, please visit our dedicated page on the UMEI website or email Jill Suta at communityplayers@umei.ca.

◆ Montreal River Alternative Service Camp Historical

Plaque to be installed! The Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust will install a commemorative historical plaque at the site of the WW2

Alternative Service (Conscientious Objector) Camp at Montreal River, just north of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. All are invited to the official unveiling of the plaque on **Thursday, September 26** at 4 pm at Conrad Grebel University College. The next day, **September 27**, the MHSO has arranged for two buses to go from Waterloo to Montreal River for the installation of the plaque on September 28. Overnight accommodation has been reserved for bus participants for Friday, September 27 so they can take part in the Plaque installation the next day at the Montreal River site. The buses will then return to Waterloo. For further details, and to reserve a spot on this trip (accommodation deadline is August 27), go to

<https://www.mhso.org/content/montreal-river-alternative-service-camp-bus-trip>

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

Please join us on **Saturday, October 26** for our **Fall Fundraiser** as we enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment by the Great Canadian Dueling Pianos at the Leamington Best Western Plus. All proceeds from the event will go towards our Pickwick Apartment renovation project. Tickets are \$200 each and tables of six, eight, or ten can be purchased at our front office.

◆ Employment Opportunity

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is seeking a committed individual to serve as the new **Executive Director**, beginning Fall 2024. The ideal candidate is an

excellent communicator with strong financial management and people skills. They will live and lead the camp's mission of fostering personal/spiritual growth, community, and environmental care. Those interested can view the job description at slmc.ca. Please send your resume and cover letter to boardchair@slmc.ca by August 20.

Thought for the Day

And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.

Revelation 3:12b

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering South Point Community Church and their pastor David Bretzlaff.

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

To view more information from MCEC go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mcec.ca\)](http://www.mcec.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 Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

Contacts . . .

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Summer office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 12 noon.