



Sunday, August 18, 2024

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — John Harder

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

Special music — Open Thou Mine Eyes

Call to worship

VT #76, *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Children's time — VT #377, *New Earth, Heavens New*, vs. 1 & 2

Offering with VT #638, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Scripture reading — Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27, 22:1-5

Special music — Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Message — Summer Blockbuster 4: A Tale of Two Trees

VT #65, *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Sharing and prayer

VT #668, *Oh, Have You Not Heard*

Benediction

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

Theology After-Party today! Join us in the basement after our service today for a chance to ask your questions about the Book of Revelation! Is there anything we've left out in our Summer Blockbuster series? Do you have any burning questions after reading Revelation? Hang out with Chris and others until 12:30 pm as we dig deeper into Revelation and what it means for our lives.

Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, August 25

Join us for worship with Judy Cornies leading worship and Paul Cornies bringing the message.

◆ We Are Looking for Your Input!

Check out the link to our survey and let us know what sorts of things you'd like to hear teaching/preaching on at the North Church in 2024!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26TTSZC>

◆ **Church Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 20, 7 pm** at the church.

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, August 28** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will be making meat filled biscuits served with a greenhouse veggie medley. The preparation will be fairly labour intensive and therefore we hope to have two shifts of volunteers — 9:30 am to 12 noon, and 12 noon to approximately 5 pm. Please let us know if you are able to help out. We are also looking for donations of cookies and Rice Krispie squares for dessert. (No nuts). Please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com .

◆ Education Sunday Potluck

Bring yourself, a dish of food to share, some camping chairs, and your own cutlery and plates as we continue celebrating Education Sunday with a potluck meal under the pavilion at UMEI immediately after the service on **Sunday, September 8!**

◆ 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

We are in need of a person to be on the Care Giving Team. If you would like to contribute in this way, please contact Linda Driedger, 519-733-6130.

◆ 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.

◆ 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 . . .

◆ **Carolinian Wild Church** will meet **today** 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!

◆ 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 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!

◆ **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.

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

The Gleaners are hosting their annual **Food for All Fundraising Luncheon** on **Wednesday, September 11** at the Roma Club, Leamington, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Advance tickets are available for \$12. Tickets at the door will be \$15.

◆ **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.

Thought for the Day

And the one sitting on the throne said,
“Look, I am making everything new!”

Revelation 21:5

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger and Peter Klassen.

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))

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.