



**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Joanne Brown

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**

Announcements

Words of welcome

VT #103, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Offering with VT #670, *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Offering prayer

Children's time

Scripture reading — Psalm 19

Message — Wild Church: Being In Touch with God and the Land

VT #180, *This Is God's Wondrous World*

Sharing and prayer

VT #837, *Lead Me Forth*

Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ Next Sunday, Education Sunday, September 8**

▶ Join us for worship on Education Sunday with Chris Hutton bringing the message.

▶ **Potluck Lunch.** 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! If you can help setting up tables/cleaning the picnic shelter on Sunday morning at 9 am, please contact Barbara Fischer, 519-329-4256.

### **◆ 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>

## ◆ 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](mailto: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](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)

**The church office will be closed on  
Tuesday, September 3 for the Labour Day Holiday.  
We will reopen on Wednesday, September 4  
with regular office hours, 9 am – 3 pm, Tuesday – Friday.**

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **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 with Wendy Janzen, one of the pioneers in the Wild Church movement. She is the Eco-Minister for MCEC 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).

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News.** The annual **Food for All Luncheon** will be held on **Wednesday, September 11** at the Roma Club from 11:30-1:30 pm. Tickets are available through the SWO Gleaners office (519-326-7687) and through their website [www.swogleaners.ca](http://www.swogleaners.ca). The Gleaners dehydrate non-marketable, local produce and make a dried soup mix. This is then distributed through local food banks and international aid agencies. Advance tickets are \$12 or \$15 at the door. Come and enjoy a pasta lunch and support the SWO Gleaners.

◆ **Peace in Gaza.** At this extraordinarily painful time in history, the Anabaptist church is calling for Peace in Gaza! We know that Violence is NOT the answer! We are asking World Leaders for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the occupation of Palestine. We continue to meet **each Thursday** from 7 - 8 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, Sherk St., Leamington for a time of peaceful singing, prayer and discussion and everyone is invited to join us as we prepare for a time of Public Action.

**Public Action:** We are planning to take public action and walk from Faith Mennonite Church to Seacliff Park in Leamington on **Saturday, September 21** (which happens to be the International World Day of Peace.) We will meet at Faith Mennonite at 3 pm to coordinate and then Walk to the Park 4 – 5 pm. We are a group bonded by a common belief that we have a responsibility to use our Voices as powerfully as possible, for the cause of peace and justice. We are using creative non-violent actions to call for a ceasefire; the end of the Canadian/ US/ western funded occupation of Palestine in order to build a lasting peace. We are singing and praying in response to the unprecedented tragedy that continues in Palestine. A 'just peace' cannot be achieved through violence and war. Join us as allies in our call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. *Nathanael Hope - Windsor Mennonite Fellowship - coordinator of local Action committee; Barbara Martens, Brenda Fischer - North Leamington United Mennonite Church, Pastor Ruth Boehm - Faith Mennonite Church*

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

▶ **The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lightning Bolt.** You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, September 21** at Point Pelee National Park! 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! For additional details on how to participate, please visit the UMEI website or email Jill Suta at [communityplayers@umei.ca](mailto:communityplayers@umei.ca).

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Fall Retreats.** Registration is open for Fall Retreats at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, including Men's Retreat (September 13-15), Bruce Trail Hikes, and Work Weekend (November 1-3). Register at [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats).

◆ **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.

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## Thought for the Day

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.  
The skies display his craftsmanship.  
Psalm 19:1

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Meadow Brook Church** and their pastor Matt Harman.

**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](http://www.mcc.org)

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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 Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

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## Contacts . . .

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