



Sunday, September 22, 2024

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Judy 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 #10, *Here in This Place*

Call to worship

Offering and prayer VT #36, *Let Us Build a House*

Storytime

Scripture reading — Acts 2:43-47

Message — Healthy Habits #2: Why You Need Intentional Friendships

VT #722, *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Sharing time

Closing hymn #797, *We Are People of God's Peace*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, September 29

Join us for worship as we continue our series on “Healthy Habits” with Chani Wiens leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

◆ Care Giving Team meeting, Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm at the church.

◆ Our Next Community Meal is on **Wednesday, September 25** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start meal preparation at 11 am. We are serving lasagna rolls, a greenhouse vegetable medley and apple crisp. We will make the apple crisp on site that morning. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out. Please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com .

◆ News from Missions Team

‘Change is good!’ is back! ‘Change for SECC’. More details today!

◆ Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign

Are you interested in getting involved in the organizing of NLUMC volunteers for the Campaign? The Salvation Army is looking for individual congregations to take on possibly one day per week. The entire campaign runs from November 15 – December 24. If you are looking for a short-term project, please contact Veronica Costa, 519-326-0319.

◆ Ride for Refuge

Missions Team and Youth Team invite everyone to **Ride for Refuge** this year. South Essex Community Council is hosting the local Ride for Refuge. Funds raised locally will support SECC's work with refugees settling in our community. This is a walk or bike ride, so come out and join in the fun!

Where — Point Pelee, North West Beach

When — **Saturday, October 5, 10 am**

How to Participate — sign up to join our team "We the North Church" at this link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/regV2/regV2.aspx?eventid=388014&langpref=en-CA&IsFacebookConnected=False&locationid=388902>

If you are unable to attend that day, please consider participating offsite or by making a donation to the We the North Church team at this link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventid=388014&teamID=1017976> Hope to see you there! . . . *Missions and Youth Teams*

◆ 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 . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **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 are held **today, September 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.

► **Robotics Mini.** Introduce your child to the world of coding and robotics with fun challenges and activities on Saturday, September 28 from 1 – 3 pm. Grades 1 to 3, all skill levels welcome. Register at umei.ca/robotics-mini.

► **UMEI Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch! Sunday, October 6, 11:30 am – 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **What Does a Sermon Do? Simple paths to Preach and Hear the Gospel.** On **Sunday October 6**, learn simple preaching tools to enable listeners to hear the good news. Join us for worship at 10:30 am when Allan Rudy-Froese will preach on the dramatic story of the Golden Calf. If you are preaching in your own congregation in the morning, then join us at noon for lunch and the two-hour afternoon workshop will begin at 1 pm. For preachers of all ages and experience. Strengthen your public speaking abilities. Bring a photo of your favourite tiny dog!

Allan Rudy Froese is Associate Professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. He is a dynamic speaker and loves to teach preachers! Register by calling Faith Mennonite Church at 519-326-6391 or clicking to register <https://forms.gle/QfNwBSPFeBcTkUf4A>. Join us in person or via Zoom 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.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

Our **Fall Fundraiser** is coming up on **Saturday, October 26**. We invite you to join us for a great evening of entertainment as we continue to raise the funds needed to continue the renovations in the Pickwick Apartments. This 38-unit apartment building was built in 1979 and provides safe and secure housing for

seniors in our community at a reasonable cost. We look forward to having everyone join us for an evening with the Great Canadian Dueling Pianos. Please don't wait too long as there are only a few tables left. Contact the front office at the Home to reserve your table now, 519-326-6109.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

▶ **SLMC Fall Coffeehouse Fundraiser** – Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is hosting a Coffeehouse Fundraiser on **Saturday, September 28** from 7-9 pm on the second floor of 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener. This will also be a sendoff for former Executive Director Karen Cornies. Visit slmc.ca for more information.

▶ **SLMC Work Weekend** – Help Silver Lake close up camp at Fall Work Weekend on **Saturday, November 2**. Come for the day or stay for the weekend. A family-friendly event with free, delicious meals cooked for you. Registration and more info at slmc.ca/retreats.

Youth

Junior Youth, Friday, September 27, God & Games at the church. Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to come and bring their friends. It will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Senior Youth, Monday, September 23, Bible Study and Games. All students in grades 9-12 and their friends are welcome to attend. 6:30-8:30 pm at the church.

All Junior & Senior Youth — Another exciting announcement is that we will be starting a worship band at NLUMC. Junior & Senior Youth are welcome (and encouraged!) to participate. Practices will be held on some Sundays after service.

Thought for the Day

They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.

And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **St. Anthony's Parish, Maronite Rite** and their pastor Michel Kassas.

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

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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