



**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Education Sunday**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Sandra Warkentin

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**

Welcome & announcements

Opening worship song VT #29, *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Call to worship, VT #13

Worship songs —

VT #11, *Mountain of God*

VT #828, *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

Children's time

Sunday School and Student Ministry updates

Presenation of Bibles

Offering with worship music

Scripture reading — Colossians 3:1-17

Message — Putting on a New School Uniform

Worship song VT #297, *You Are Salt for the Earth*

Sharing time

Closing hymn VT #419, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

***Today . . . 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!

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ Next Sunday, September 15**

Join us for worship as we begin our series on “Healthy Habits” with Paul Cornies leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

◆ **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, September 13** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

### ◆ **News from Missions Team**

‘Change is good!’ is back! ‘Change for SECC’. More details to follow soon!

### ◆ **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.

### ◆ **Address & Contact Change**

**Paul & Shirley Driedger**

### ◆ **Budget Update**

**December 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024** (75% of year) \$164,509.30 (58.1%) of our \$283,113.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

### ◆ **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)

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

### ◆ **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.

### ◆ **Wild Church**

You are invited to the Wild Church worship on **Sunday, September 15** at 4 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, 269 Sherk St. Leamington. We will meet by the fire pit. The fall theme is Releasing and Receiving. For more information call or text Ruth at 519-990-2869.

### ◆ **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! 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](mailto: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](http://umei.ca/robotics-mini).

### ◆ **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**

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves,  
you must clothe yourselves with  
tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12

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# **Youth**

**Junior Youth** is back next **Friday, September 13** with a kickoff party at the church! Students grades 5-8 are welcome to come and bring their friends. It will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Full schedule here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQVACfljn3W2U9emRLJxVM\\_unEqbUMLvQTIPA-Wp1pk/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQVACfljn3W2U9emRLJxVM_unEqbUMLvQTIPA-Wp1pk/edit)

We are looking for a parent helper or two to help with the kickoff event. If you are able to help out please let me know, or you can sign up on the schedule.

**Senior Youth** is starting up on Monday with a *Giant Board Games Night*. We will be playing some giant, extreme versions of classic games. All students in grades 9-12 and their friends are welcome to attend. The event will be Monday, September 9, 6:30-8:30 pm at NLUMC.

See the full schedule here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UpMmB4CyleKsDOhfAz6311bn1LXuATBTUqd8akiBZtA/edit>

**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. Schedule is here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1boeN\\_02CZkKM7gNx5GjOBaBwapH3HyPn47-qX6p89LI/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1boeN_02CZkKM7gNx5GjOBaBwapH3HyPn47-qX6p89LI/edit)

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, we are praying for **Ma Destinée** in Montreal, Quebec.

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](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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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.