



Sunday, November 3, 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

Announcements

Welcome

Call to worship

VT #80, *We Sing to You, O God*

Special music — Goodness of God

Children's time

Offering with VT #605, *My Life Flows On*

Scripture reading — Luke 1:46-55

Message — Grace & Grit #3: The Impossible Courage of Mary

Special music — Breath of Heaven

VT #636, *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Sharing and praying together

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

Benediction, VT #832, *The Lord Lift You Up*

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

Today . . . We are going to have a North Church **worship band practice** today after service. The time will be approximately 11:15-11:45 am. All singers and musicians of all ages are welcome to join! We will be working on the song "My Lighthouse", working towards performing it at church on November 17.

Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, November 10

Join us for worship at 10 am as we conclude our four-part series; Grace & Grit: Women of the Bible. Paul Cornies will lead worship and Chris Hutton will bring the message.

◆ **Heart Songs Sunday — Sunday, November 17**

It's time for another Heart Song Sunday! On Sunday, November 17, we will gather together to sing a number of our favourite hymns during the morning worship service. We are looking for your input. If you have a heart song you would like to have sung during this service, please email or text/call Mary (pmcrew.mary@gmail.com) or Sandra (sandwark@gmail.com) with your request and a short description of why it is a heart song for you **today**. Please submit only one song request per person.

◆ **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, November 8** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Missions Team News**

► You will notice a **Community Meal** table is set up in the foyer. A plate will be set on the table whenever \$600 has been donated, with the hope that 12 settings can be set...one for each month. The table is already half set! Any amount of donation is welcome. We realize that there has been a huge increase ...as there have been increases in numbers of guests served, around 250 people per meal. The cost of groceries has increased as well. We continue to provide healthy meals to those in need.

► **Keeping Heads Warm! Toques for Kids!** According to Major Judi Wickens at The Salvation Army, the need for winter wear in our community is great. The Missions Team is launching a collection of winter hats, mitts and gloves over the next five weeks. Please leave your donations in the bin in our church foyer. Thanks for being generous.

◆ **Christmas Is Coming** and we need your help. Decorating the Christmas tree is getting more difficult as we no longer feel comfortable on ladders. We are looking for an additional person who would be willing to help us decorate the upper parts of the tree. If someone would like to get a group together and do the tree yourself, that would be great. We would still decorate the rest of the sanctuary. We also require two men to take the tree out of the storage area and assemble it. We need to do this the week of November 25, preferably on the Monday or Tuesday, if possible, in order to be ready for the first Sunday of Advent on December 1. If you are able to help us, please call Judy Koop, 519-322-8456, or Carol Koop, 519-791-2792, as soon as possible.

◆ **Mark Your Calendar**

Senior's Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 26, 2 pm at NLUMC hosted by the Care Giving Team.

◆ Home Church Information

▶ **Road 6 Home Church**, Sundays 11:30 am

625 Mersea Rd. 6, Leamington. Contact: Lindsay Ecker 519-322-8340

▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm

22 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville, Contact: Mary Krueger 519-322-9620

▶ **Cherokee Home Church**, Thursdays 6:30 pm

30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, Contact: Chris Hutton 519-613-1971

◆ Budget Update

December 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024 (91.8% of year) \$208,966 (73.8%) 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 - include member # in message

3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Free Concert at LUMC

Sunday, November 3 at 3 pm. Natalie Dorion recently placed first at the Kiwanis Music Festival, both in Windsor and at the Provincial level in Burlington. She, with Helen Brown, will play these pieces by Bach, Mozart and Schumann for anyone who enjoys classical flute and piano music. Everyone welcome.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ Hello Church Family! From **November 4 — 22**, we will be collecting E-waste. We are collaborating with a company called EPRA that recycles E-waste so that it can be reused and not harm the earth. We are accepting things like TVs, speakers, cell phones, and much more. There will be a collection bin at your church and one at UMEI, where you can drop off your e-waste. Please bring your E-waste to UMEI so that we can reach our goal of 500 pounds by November 22.

▶ **Discovery Day for Grades 4-6 on Friday, November 15!** Join us on the PA Day for a day full of fun activities and dynamic learning! 9 am – 3 pm, with

early drop off available. FREE with pizza lunch included (donations appreciated). Registration required: <https://umei.ca/discovery-day-2/>

► **Open House - Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** All ages are welcome to come and tour the school, meet teachers and students, and see for yourself the difference a UMEI Education makes! Grade 8's can get their application packages and learn more about registration for September 2025. See you there!

◆ **Join the Sacred Conversation!**

Reclaiming the art of the sermon as a dialogue in Jesus' way. A dialogical preaching workshop led by Rielly McLaren. He is a chaplain, pastor and spiritual director in Windsor, Ontario. Join us on **Sunday, November 17** from 1-3 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, 269 Sherk St. Leamington. Online or via Zoom. Rielly will be modelling this method in worship at 10:30. Lunch available. Join us as you are able. Register by calling 519-990-2869 or click <https://forms.gle/wvFERZtkpo5yTRF29>. "Dialogical preaching encourages Christ-like discipleship through mutual listening and learning".

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

We are very pleased to announce the success of our Fall Fundraiser! The \$71,000 raised will go towards the continued renovation of the Pickwick Apartments. This building is the third oldest building in our Complex and provides safe, secure, and affordable housing for seniors. We are very grateful for the combined \$82,000 raised from both our Spring and Fall Fundraisers for the Pickwick Project. We are truly blessed to be supported by our churches and community. Thank you!

◆ **Employment Opportunities**

Canadian Mennonite is hiring a publisher, Eastern Canada correspondent and social media curator. See canadianmennonite.org/employment. Applications due November 15.

Junior Youth

God and Games, Friday, November 8, 6:30-8:30 pm at NLUMC.

Senior Youth

Gargon Night, Monday, November 4, 6:30-8:30 pm at NLUMC.

Thought for the Day

Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. . . Luke 1:46-48

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Leamington United Mennonite Church** and their interim pastor Craig Frere.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, we are praying for **Mennonite Disciples Swahili Church (Ottawa-Gatineau)** in the Ottawa area.

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

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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