



Sunday, January 12, 2025

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Lindsey Ecker

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

Justice and Peace Candle lighting

VT #4, *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Offering with hymn VT #570, *When We Walk with the Lord*

Children's time

Scripture reading — 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Message — Kingdom #1: Giving our Gifts Back

VT #437, *The Lord Is My Light*

Sharing time and prayer

VT #837, *Lead Me Forth*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Join us next Sunday, January 19** at 10 am when Joanne Brown leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ Volunteers for Painting

Our Maintenance Team is finishing up repairs and then we are planning to paint the ping-pong room on **Monday, January 13 & Tuesday, January 14** (if needed) Please let Brenda Fischer know if you are available to help paint. Bring your favourite paint brush and share your talents.

◆ **Sunday, January 26, NLUMC Annual General Meeting, 10 am.** The AGM/Worship Service will be in person only; not livestreamed on YouTube. Report books were emailed out on Friday, January 10. A limited number of hard copies are available in the foyer.

There will be lunch available after the AGM in the church basement. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a lunch of Colasanti's chicken, pasta and salad. We would like people to bring cookies or squares for dessert, including leftover Christmas cookies.

◆ **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 . . .

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm.

Friday, January 17 — *Romania* by Luise Taves

Friday, January 31 — “Power of the Past” book launch by Louise Cornies

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

◆ **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, January 19, 2025** 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." The cost is free as this 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.

◆ **Support MCEC's Future: Your Help Is Needed!** This season, remember MCEC in your giving. MCEC faces a financial challenge and needs your support by **January 31, 2025** to meet the approved budget. Churches are finding renewed purpose and reimagining ministry, and they're privileged to journey with them—and they can't do it alone. Your donation fuels MCEC's transformational work. Visit mcec.ca/annual-appeal to give today!

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **The UMEI Community Players is Back!** This February, we're thrilled to present *The Sound of Music* on the UMEI stage. To make this production shine, you can invest in the future of the arts by donating to help to upgrade our lighting system. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$10,000, with recognition and complimentary tickets for your generosity. Donations of any amount are also welcome! **Act by February 1**, to be included in promotional materials. For more information or to sponsor, contact us at communityplayers@umei.ca. Tickets and show information can be found at umei.ca/communityplayers.

► **UMEI Open House, Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** All are invited to see what the UMEI Difference is all about! Tour the campus, meet teachers, students, and parents, and learn all about how you can thrive in your high school years at UMEI!

◆ **The Leamington Mennonite Home** is very grateful to the many donors that continue to support our Home. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many individuals and businesses who donated over \$323,000 during 2024. These donated funds will be used to purchase medical equipment, improve facilities, and continue the Pickwick Apartment renovations. Thank you!

Junior Youth

God & Games, Friday, January 17, 6:30-8:30 pm at church.

Senior Youth

Bible Study & Games, Monday, January 13, 6:30-8:30 at church.

Thought for the Day

Then Hannah prayed: "My heart rejoices in the Lord!
The Lord has made me strong. Now I have an answer for my enemies;
I rejoice because you rescued me. No one is holy like the Lord!
There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:1-2

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Erie Shores South Catholic Family of Parishes** and their pastor Tom Ferrera.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Petitcodiac Mennonite Church** in New Brunswick.

Thank you for the loving support during the various transitions and challenges experienced by our family during these last months of our mom's life journey. We have deeply appreciated the cards, emails, visits, phone calls, hand squeezes, visits and other demonstrations of love. We are grateful to have been able to celebrate the rich, full life of our mom, Oma, Omi, with our extended church family, and appreciate the leadership of our pastor, Chris during this time. . . *The family of Irma Janzen*

To view more information from MCEC go to [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.

Care . . .

If you are aware of any crisis 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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