



Sunday, January 26, 2025

Annual General Meeting

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer

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

Prelude

Welcome — call to worship and work

Hymn VT #84, *To God Be the Glory*

Lighting the Peace and Justice Candle and Prayer

Hymn VT #398, *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

Scripture reading — Psalm 145:12-13

Acceptance of Agenda and 2024 motions of meeting(s)

Reports

Hymn VT #389, *Together*

Reports

Devotional thoughts

Commissioning our leaders

Offering

Financial statements for 2024 and proposed budget for 2025

Reports

Additional business

Guided meditation

Hymn VT #397, *The Church's One Foundation*

Benediction

Today . . . The AGM/Worship Service will be in person only; not
livestreamed on YouTube. Report books were emailed out on Friday,
January 10 & 24. 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.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, February 2**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Sandra Warkentin leads worship and Chani Wiens brings the message.

◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2025: Christ Calls at the Crossroads**

An opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. This year's theme encourages us to listen to Christ's call at the crossroads of our lives. A call to draw near, to choose compassion and peace, to disrupt binaries, to pursue wholeness and to risky restoration. Engage scripture readings on your own, then share from your experience in a weekly small group.

Please indicate your interest to Pastor Chris by Sunday, March 2.

◆ **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

◆ **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 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!

▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, February 2**, 11:30 am — 1 pm. Join us for a sit-down lunch. The meal includes delicious Mennonite sausage, chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, and dessert. Admission is by donation through cash, cheque, or e-transfer to office@umei.ca.

► **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.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Friday, January 31 — “Power of the Past” book launch by Louise Cornies at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

► **Summer Camp.** Mark your calendar! Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 8 am. Outtrip registration is already open – sign up before January 30 to get \$100 off! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to have a look at the 2025 schedule. Excited to see your kids at Silver Lake this summer!

► **Winter and Spring Retreats** registration now open at slmc.ca/retreats

Junior Youth

Converge, Friday, January 31, 6:30 - 8 pm at UMEI.

Senior Youth

Bible Study & Games, Monday, January 27, 6:30-8:30 at church.

Thought for the Day

They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign. For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does. . . Psalm 145:12-13

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **First Baptist Church** and their pastors; Mike Sealy and Jason Peasley.

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

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Anita Driedger*, mother of *Jo-Anne & Alan Neufeld, Shirley & Rob Williams, Jamie Driedger & Mireya Campbell, Nancy & Ivano Gualtieri* and *Abby (1978)*, who passed away Sunday, January 19. The funeral service was held at Reid Funeral Home, Leamington, on Saturday, January 25.

The family of *Anita Driedger* are grateful for all gifts of friendship and support. We are grateful for the time we had with our mother.

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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Website: www.northleamington.com Instagram: [wethenorthchurch](#)

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