



Sunday, February 23, 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

Lighting of the Peace and Justice candle

Call to worship

VT #76, *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Children's time

Offering with hymn VT #417, *Seek Ye First*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Romans 12:17-21

Message — Kingdom #5: When We Repay Evil with Good

VT #580, *To Leave the Stones Unthrown*

Sharing and prayer

VT #837, *Lead Me Forth*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, March 2,** 10 am. Join us for worship when UMEI brings the worship service 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.**

◆ **Ash Wednesday.** Please feel welcome to join us **Wednesday, March 5** at 7 pm here at the church for an Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday is a

time when many Christians take time to observe the beginning of Lent and consider the ashes of grief brought on by our actions and our mistakes so that we might understand the grace of Easter Sunday. Talk to Chris, if you have any questions about this time.

◆ **NLUMC Annual General Meeting minutes** were emailed out on Friday, February 21. A few hard copies are available in the foyer.

◆ **Mark your calendars! VBS is scheduled for July 7-11, 2025.** Keep an eye out for more about VBS in the coming weeks!

◆ **Home Church Information**

▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm
22 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville.

▶ **Road 4 Home Church**, Thursdays 6:30 pm
930 Road 4 East, Kingsville. 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 Community Players presents *The Sound of Music!* UMEI Community Players are back on the UMEI stage! Bring your family and friends for an afternoon or evening of music, joy, and theatrical magic! Tickets available at umei.ca/communityplayers or at the door. Join us today, Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm or next weekend: Friday, February 28 at 7 pm; Saturday, March 1 at 7 pm; Sunday, March 2 at 2 pm. Don't miss this heartwarming story filled with unforgettable songs and inspiring moments.

▶ UMEI Summer Camp Registrations are open! Register at umei.ca/camps/ today for one of our exciting summer camps (limited spots are available).

- Senior Robotics Camp (Grades 7 & 8) July 7 – July 11
- Junior Robotics Camp (Grades 4 – 6) July 14 – 18
- Camp ExploreU (Grades 3 – 6) July 28 – August 1

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogues at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

▶ **Friday, February 28:** *Romania* by Luise Taves

▶ **Friday, March 7:** *Danube Cruise* by Rob Konrad

All welcome. Admission by donation.

◆ **The Power of the Past**

A copy of this recently-published book by Louise Cornies is being placed in our church library. John J. Enns' inspirational life journey, as well as his considerable contributions to the founding of our Leamington Church, UMEI and the Leamington Mennonite Home are of historical significance. "Knowing and understanding our past is a powerful tool for meaningfully living in the present, and prayerfully hoping for the future."

Anyone interested in acquiring a copy can do so by making a donation (suggested minimum \$30) to EKMHA. A tax receipt will be issued for full amount. Please contact EKMHA at the Heritage Centre or Louise Cornies at 519-796-9431.

◆ **Mennonite Action**

Our local group of Mennonite Action organized three actions last Fall; in September, October, and November entitled: "Singing for peace in Gaza."

Mennonite Action's slogan is: "God's love knows no borders!"

For more information on Mennonite action (Canada and USA) visit www.mennoniteaction.org and Like Mennonite Action on Facebook.

Junior Youth

Friday, February 28, God and Games, 6:30-8:30 pm at the church.

Senior Youth

Monday, February 24, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

And he said to David, "You are a better man than I am, for you have repaid me good for evil. Yes, you have been amazingly kind to me today, for when the Lord put me in a place where you could have killed me, you didn't do it. Who else would let his enemy get away when he had him in his power? May the Lord reward you well for the kindness you have shown me today . . . 1 Samuel 24:17-19

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Jesus is Lord Church** and their pastor Martin Ceralde.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Rehoboth Inner Healing Church** in Toronto, 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

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 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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