



Sunday, March 2, 2025

Worship Service — 10 am

Speaker — Joel Warkentin

We welcome UMEI to our service this morning.

*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.....	Nico Moynahan	
Welcome to UMEI Christian High School.....	Pastor Chris Hutton	
Choir — <i>Come, Now is the Time to Worship</i>	by Brian Doerksen arr. by Mark Hayes	
<i>Congregation joins on the last chorus</i>		
Call to worship and opening prayer.....	Peter Martens	
Congregational song, VT #456, <i>Oceans</i>		
Student testimony.....	Delaney Dault	
Choir — <i>Hands are Knockin'</i> with Brayden Horne playing djembe	by Kyle Pederson	
Children's story.....	Vivienne Fittler and Amirah Wieler	
Greetings from Principal.....	Mr. Darcy Bults	
Giving our gifts — Congregational song, VT #111, <i>10,000 Reasons</i>		
Prayer	Rachel Neufeld	
Scripture reading— Isaiah 40:29-31, John 5:1-6		Sharon Latam, Avalon Fleming
Message — What Are You Waiting For?		Joel Warkentin
Choir — <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. by Heather Sorensen	
Sharing & prayer	Pastor Chris Hutton	
Benediction	Sawyer Ecker	
Postlude	Michael Gerenda	

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **First Sunday of Lent, March 9**, 10 am. Join us for worship when David Hrynyk leads worship and Chris Hutton 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 today**.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, March 4** at 3:30 pm at the church.

◆ **Pancake Tuesday**

Road 4 Home Church and Marshwoods Home Church invite you to join us for a Pancake Tuesday meal at 6 pm this **Tuesday, March 4** in the basement of our church. Join us in celebrating the beginning of the Lenten season with some free pancakes (gluten-free and sugar-free options will be available).

◆ **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.

◆ **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

◆ **Budget Update**

December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025 (25% of year) \$53,540.50 (18.8%) of our \$284,846 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 . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► UMEI Community Players presents *The Sound of Music!* UMEI Community Players are back on the UMEI stage! Don't miss your last chance to experience this heartwarming story filled with unforgettable songs and inspiring moments. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of music, joy, and theatrical magic! Join us **today, Sunday, March 2** at 2 pm for our last show. Tickets available at umei.ca/communityplayers or at the door.

► **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

Travelogue at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. All welcome. Admission by donation. **Friday, March 7: *Danube Cruise*** by Rob Konrad

◆ Spirit and Screen

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of Apple, Insta and Google....

Canadian Mennonite magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. We'll bring detoxers together by teleconference during Lent and report stories in our June issue. If intrigued, see canadianmennonite.org/detox.

Junior Youth

Friday, March 7, God and Games, 6:30-8:30 pm at the church.

Senior Youth

Monday, March 3, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **LakePoint Family Church** and their pastors; Nathan Albrecht, Drew Mercer, Michael Bessette, Maureen Carder, Ethan Stein.

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

Contacts . . .

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

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