



**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Maida Tiessen

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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

VT #62, *God Is Here Among Us*

Call to worship

Special music — Lord, I Need You

Confession and words of assurance

Offering with song, VT #300, *Far, Far Away/I Will Arise*

Children's story

Special Music — 10,000 Reasons

Scripture reading — Luke 14:7-24

Message — Christ Collides Part 2: Christ Collides with our Priorities

VT #653, *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God*

Sharing time and prayer

VT #718, *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*

Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Maida Tiessen leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **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

◆ **Mennonite Church Canada** has introduced the Legacy Giving program. It is a call for the congregation to remember NLUMC, Mennonite Church Canada or Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada as potential beneficiaries through wills, estate planning, life insurance, securities, stocks, real estate and more. For more information and assistance please look at the poster and brochures on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Dennis Dick, chair of Finance Committee.

### ◆ **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](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message
  - 3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com)

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

### ◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

- ▶ **Annual General Meeting** of the SWO Gleaners is **Saturday, March 29** at 2 pm at the Gleaners, 40 Industrial Rd, Leamington. Yearly membership is \$10 which gives you an opportunity to participate and learn more about our mission.
- ▶ The **Annual Fundraising Banquet and Auction** is **Saturday, April 12** at 5:30 pm (dinner at 6:15 pm) at the Portuguese Club in Leamington. Tickets are \$75 each and are available through the SWO Gleaners website or office. Please consider attending this event, supporting through financial donations, or donating a silent auction item. We hope to raise over \$90,000 around this event. For more information contact Joel at 519-326-7687. Thanks for your support!

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

- ▶ Our **Student Trips Fundraising Pasta Lunch** is happening on **Sunday, March 30**, 11:30 am – 1 pm! Join us for a delicious pasta meal, silent auction, and performance by the UMEI Choir. Gluten free and vegan options available.
- ▶ **UMEI Summer Camp Registrations are open!** Register at [umei.ca/camps/](http://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

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

The Leamington Mennonite Home continues to be grateful for the continued financial support received from the supporting congregations. Last year we used donations received from the churches to paint and replace the flooring and lighting in the Pickwick Apartments. As the Home continues to refurbish the Pickwick Apartments this year, the donations received from the churches will be used toward the continued renovation of all apartment units as they become available. The Pickwick Apartments were built in 1979 and aside from minor improvements these units remain almost original from the time they were built. To date, this has included concrete pads and privacy fences for the first floor residents, complete refurbishment of all common spaces and laundry facilities, an awning for the north entrance, replacement of the building’s fresh air exchange, replacing electric baseboard heating with more efficient heat pumps, renovation of each unit to include an open concept design, replacing tubs with walk in showers, and finally to new building security using facial recognition to gain access into the building coming soon. Overall, this building will remain an affordable option for seniors in our community.

◆ **Local Foodgrains Bank Update.** Many thanks to all that support the effort to promote the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. All together with the Rollkuchen event, the Fall harvest meal and our local growing projects we were able to send a total of \$65,910 to Winnipeg through the MCC for the 2024 year. We trust that these funds will be multiplied by our government in an effort to end world hunger. Thanks and blessings to all of you!

*... Henry Klassen, on behalf of our committee members and volunteers*

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**Junior Youth**

**Friday, April 4, Serve Night at Thrift on Mill, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
at Thrift on Mill, 58 Mill Street West, Leamington.

**Senior Youth**

**Monday, March 31, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
at the church.

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**Thought for the Day**

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life —  
whether you have enough food and drink,  
or enough clothes to wear.

Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?”  
Matthew 6:25

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# Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Leamington Seventh Day Adventist Church** and their pastor Preston Paterson.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Shantz Mennonite Church** in Baden, 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](http://www.mcc.org)

Our prayers go out to the family of *Peter Sawatzky* who passed away Monday, March 10, 2025. The funeral was held on Saturday, March 22 at Leamington United Mennonite Church, Leamington.

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://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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## Contacts . . .

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