



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Marla Dault

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

Announcements

Welcome

Call to worship

Special music — UMEI Worship Band and congregational singing

Praise

My Lighthouse

Living Hope

Children's time

Offering with #759, *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Scripture — John 20:19-31

Message — Christ Collides Part 7.5: Christ Collides with Belief

Special music — UMEI Worship Band and congregational singing

Way Maker

Sharing and prayer

#365, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Benediction

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

Today . . .

Theology After-Party, "It's Complicated" at 11:30 – 12:30 am, The Gaza/Palestine/Israel conflict has been prominent in the news for the past year and a half. Perhaps questions and mixed feelings have surfaced for you as you hear statements like "Israel has a right to defend itself" and "genocide is happening to the Palestinians in Gaza." We want to give an opportunity to discuss these questions and emotions in a safe place. Resource people will be Pastor Chris and Barbara Martens. Below are two questions we will be considering. Come with your own questions. All are welcome.

1. Commonly held views state that there has never been peace in the Holy Land, and that the people hate each other. Is there even a chance for

peace there?

2. We read in the Bible that God promised land (the land of Canaan) to the people of Israel. How do we interpret and understand this promise?
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Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, May 4

Join us for worship at 10 am when Paul Cornies leads worship and John Harder brings the message.

◆ Community Building Team News

Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, May 9** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ Spring “Community Building” Event

Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 23** to join together at Alexander Winery, 1542 County Road 34 Ruthven, for a NLUMC social evening from 7 - 9 pm. Appetizer foods & wine/coffee/water, music, meditation, fellowship! All ages welcome! Bring your friends!

◆ VBS is July 7-11

▶ Consider helping with VBS this summer! The process for police clearances needs to start soon. If you might be interested in volunteering, please reach out to David, youthleader@nlumc.com

▶ To register your child for **DVBS** go to <https://forms.office.com/r/WtWrrP4JQy>

◆ 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

◆ 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

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Our Carolinian Wild Church** gathering is **today, Sunday April 27** at 6 pm (*please note the time change*) at Kopegaron Woods, Talbot Road, Wheatley. Come to worship outdoors with creation and with others who are seeking restorative solitude and community. Call Ruth, 519-990-2869 for more information. Meet at the parking lot and be dressed for the weather.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **UMEI Spring Concert** – Join the UMEI Choir at 7 pm on **Wednesday, April 30** at LUMC for their Spring Concert “Still I Sing Alleluia”. There will be a free will offering. We look forward to singing for you again!

▶ **Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch! Sunday, May 4, 11:30 – 1 pm.** Enjoy a family-friendly meal of perch, chicken tenders, french fries, baked potatoes, coleslaw, and dessert. Admission is by donation through cash, cheque, or e-transfer to office@umei.ca.

▶ **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 (*1 spot left*)
- Junior Robotics Camp (Grades 4 – 6) July 14 – 18
- Camp ExploreU (Grades 3 – 6) July 28 – August 1

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ We will be having our **Spring Fundraiser** on **Wednesday, May 21** from 5-7 pm. Join us at the Leamington Roma Club for an open house LMH Family Dinner with live music and raffle prizes! Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each (\$25 for children aged 5-12 and free for children 4 and under) through our front office until Monday, May 19. Buy a \$20 raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three prizes: tickets to a Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays game on July 26 at Comerica Park in Detroit, a round of golf at Orchard View Golf Course in Ruthven, or dinner and wine tasting at Oxley Estate Winery in Harrow. We're excited for another opportunity to gather with the LMH community for an evening of food and fellowship! All funds raised to go towards the continued renovations in the Pickwick Apartments.

▶ On **Tuesday, May 27** we will have our **Annual Meeting** in the Heritage Centre Auditorium located at 31 Pickwick Drive at 7 pm. Anyone interested in the affairs of the Home is invited to attend. Annual reports will be presented,

and LMH Members will be voting on several items on the agenda. If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact the LMH Front Office by phone or email (519-326-6109 or samantha@mennonitehome.ca) by Friday, May 23. The meeting package will be sent out on May 23 and paper copies will be available at the front office. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at this meeting!

◆ **Sun Parlour Growing Project, Watermelon and Rollkuchen lunch fundraiser, Sunday, June 22, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** Lunch is at Tiessen Acres, 1316 Mersea Road 1, Leamington. Bring a lawn chair and stay awhile. All donations go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The blessing of the fields will take place around 12:30 pm but this is flexible, depending on the meal.

◆ **God's Love Knows No Borders**

A local group of Mennonite Action organized three actions last fall: in September, October and November entitled: "Singing for peace in Gaza". Under the slogan "God's love knows no borders!", Mennonite Action is a movement of Mennonites, Christians, and friends following in the example of Jesus Christ, who called us to live as active peacemakers, standing firmly on the side of the downtrodden and the oppressed. We take peaceful public action against the occupation of Palestine and hope for a world where all God's children are free. For more information about Mennonite Action (Canada and USA) please visit www.mennoniteaction.org and like Mennonite Action on Facebook. For more information about how you can become involved in the local Mennonite Action group, please contact Joanne Brown by email at jclifbrown@gmail.com or text at 519-817-5929.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

▶ **Summer Camp:** Registration is ongoing for overnight camps and day camps! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to have a look at the 2025 schedule and program descriptions. Still spots available in most camps!

▶ **Grand Paddle & Hike (May 9-11):** Join us for Silver Lake's annual fundraiser! Visit our webpage to create a team or to make a donation... slmc.ca/retreats/paddle-the-grand

Junior Youth

Friday, May 2, **God and Games**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, at the church.

Senior Youth

Monday, April 28, **Serve Night at Thrift on Mill**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
at Thrift on Mill, 58 Mill Street West, Leamington.

Thought for the Day

“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

Luke 20:28

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Ministerio Cristiano Hispano** and their pastoral team; Lucas Marroquin and Jose Bonilla.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **St. Jacobs Mennonite Church** in St. Jacobs, 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 *Elfrieda Neufeld* who passed away Saturday, April 19. A graveside burial service was held on Thursday, April 24 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

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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