



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Sandra Warkentin
Speaker — Paul Cornies

*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
Justice and Peace candle lighting
Call to worship
VT #31, *Come, We That Love*
Children's story
Confession and words of assurance
Offering with VT #428, *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*
Scripture reading — Luke 18:31-19:10
Message — Christ Collides Part 5: Christ Collides with Our Blinders
VT #540, *Will You Come and Follow Me*
Sharing time and prayer
VT #718, *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*
Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Palm Sunday, April 13**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Sandra Warkentin leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **Paska for Sudan**

Plan to get your paska on **Palm Sunday, April 13!** Paskas will be displayed in the church foyer and available following the service. Please contact Barb Fischer or Joan Willms if you would like to bake paska this year. The Missions Team is grateful for paska bakers! Donations will be accepted to be directed to MCC to support the people of Sudan who are without food, shelter and basic needs. You can also give online at this link:

<https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/south-sudan>

No receipts will be issued for funds given.

♦ **Caregiving Team meeting Thursday, April 10** at 2 pm at NLUMC.

♦ **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, April 11** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

♦ **Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 17, 6:30-8 pm** at the church.

Road 4 Home Church invites you to join us for a time of snacks and socializing during which we will take some time to observe the Christian tradition of footwashing on the occasion of Maundy Thursday. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Join us, even if you don't have snacks to share! Got questions? Talk with Pastor Chris!

♦ **Theology After-Party, “It's Complicated”**

Sunday, April 27, 11:30 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. On the two Sundays after Easter after the church service from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm we will have a theology after-party entitled “It's complicated.” 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?

♦ **VBS is scheduled for 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

♦ **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 – March 31, 2025 (33.3% of year) \$90,044 (31.6%) 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

◆ **Sharing Time**

Church Council wishes to reiterate that our ‘Shared Concerns or Joys’ is live-streamed and recorded on YouTube which is available in perpetuity. We remind people to always ensure that they have permission to share any details during sharing time. *NOTE: If you have a prayer request that you prefer to keep within our congregation, it could be printed in the bulletin for our NLUMC participants, or you may reach out to the pastor and we will arrange to mute our livestream during your prayer request.*

— **Upcoming Events** —

Good Friday and Communion, April 18 — 10 am

Easter Sunday, April 20 — 10 am

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

- ▶ **UMEI & Rockway - Private Casual Concert, Thursday, April 10, 1 pm.** Rockway Mennonite Collegiate is coming for a visit! Join us in the UMEI Chapel for a casual concert featuring the UMEI and Rockway choirs. Admission is free.
- ▶ **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

◆ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News

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!

◆ 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.

◆ 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](http://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.

Junior Youth

Friday, April 25, Converge UMEI, 6:30 - 8 pm, at UMEI.

Senior Youth

Monday, April 14, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today,
for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.
For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."
Luke 19:9-10

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Leamington United Mennonite Church** and their pastoral team; Craig Frere and Sandra Dick.

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

Congratulations to *Justin Neufeld & Cherlyn Jocson* on their engagement on March 1. We wish them God's blessing as they prepare for their marriage.

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



Join us Easter Sunday

EASTER SERVICE

April 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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