



Sunday, June 29, 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

Announcements

Lighting of the Peace and Justice candle

Hymn #84, *To God Be the Glory*

Call to worship

Children's time

Offering with hymn #437, *The Lord is My Light*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Luke 4:16-21

Message — Breaking Religion Pt. 1: There is Only One Good News

Hymn #585, *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

Sharing and prayer

Hymn #435, *Blessed Assurance*

Benediction

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

Today. . . Membership Meeting, immediately following the morning worship service. As you may be aware, Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) replaced Ontario's Corporations Act on October 19, 2021, providing existing not-for-profits in Ontario with a transition period to make necessary changes to their governing documents.

As NLUMC's By-laws were last reviewed and revised on February 7, 2021, these By-laws require updating to comply with ONCA, to reflect current NLUMC practices and to provide future flexibility.

NLUMC's Articles (previously known as "Letters Patent"), dated 1981, have never been amended and the Articles, not the By-laws, are the appropriate document in which to specify how many Directors/Church Council members NLUMC wishes to have. Accordingly, our Articles require updating to reflect our desired maximum number of Church Council members (fifteen, being our

current maximum) and our desired minimum (three, reflective of the minimum specified under ONCA).

Accordingly, the By-law Sub-committee of NLUMC Church Council, in consultation with its legal counsel, Michael Wiens of Sawatzky's LLP, has prepared the attached By-law No. 1 and Articles of Amendment for Members' review prior to the upcoming Members meeting, when the following motions will be put to Members for a vote: "That the Members of North Leamington United Mennonite Church approve By-law No. 1 *as drafted*" [or *as amended*, if applicable] and "That the Members of North Leamington United Mennonite Church approve the Articles of Amendment *as drafted*" [or *as amended*, if applicable].

Should you have any questions or comments relating to either document, we encourage you to direct them to Dennis Dick by email to ddick1706@gmail.com in advance of the meeting, so that we may have the opportunity to address them in the meantime and run a more efficient meeting.

Thank you, Dennis Dick, Vice-chair Church Council

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, July 6, 10 am**, Join us for worship as Paul Cornies leads worship and Chris Hutton continues in this year's summer series called Breaking Religion.

◆ **VBS is July 7-11** at LUMC. To register your child for VBS go to <https://forms.office.com/r/WtWrrP4JQy>

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

◆ **Canadian Mennonite Subscriptions.** All who attend NLUMC may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCEC. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Brenda Klassen, klassenbookkeeping@gmail.com, by July 13.

◆ CPR - First Aid Certification

► The church would like to have a current list of names of our participants who are trained in first aid response. If you are certified, please email Susan to inform her of your current status dates.

► Maybe you have been considering becoming CPR - first aid certified but just haven't made the arrangements. If so, we invite you to forward your name to Susan and we will look into group training sessions if possible.

◆ Giving to NLUMC

► Donations are accepted by: 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan;
2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in message;
3) Offering plate on Sunday morning

► Your donations help to support the work of our church - both, in our building and in our community!

► 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>

► Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Joel Epp, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

**The church office will be
closed Tuesday, July 1 for the Canada Day holiday.
We will reopen on Wednesday, July 2
with summer hours,
9 am – 12 noon, Tuesday – Friday.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► Join us **today** for the annual **Pancake Brunch** at 11:30 in the UMEI pavilion for a delicious pancake breakfast. Admission is by donation. We hope to see you there!

► **Summer Camp Registration is still open!** Register at umei.ca/camps/ today for our exciting summer camp (limited spots are available). **Camp ExploreU** (Grades 3 – 6) July 28 – August 1

► **The 9th Annual Lightning Bolt.** You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, October 4** at Point Pelee National Park! The UMEI Lightning Bolt consists of a 5k / 10k Walk or Run, a kids' 1k run and a 400m kids' dash. Registration includes free entry into the park, race shirt, awards, and door prizes. Early bird registration deadline ends September 20, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/104350/9th-annual-umei-lightning-bolt> to register today!

◆ Singing for Peace

► A local group of Mennonite Action & friends will take time for peaceful public action against the occupation of Palestine. We hope for a world where all God's children are free and can receive basic human rights in the way of shelter, water, food, and medical aid. **Saturday, July 5** from 2 - 3:30 pm at the corner of Oak and Erie Streets in Leamington (parking lot on Oak Street - east of Erie) For further information contact Joanne Brown, jclifbrown@gmail.com

► 🕊 **Mennonite Action KW** 🕊 **invites us to take part. Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon** are world-renowned **Palestinian and Israeli peace-builders**. After Aziz lost his brother to the IDF and Maoz lost his parents on October 7, both channelled their pain into bringing a just and lasting peace for all people in Palestine-Israel. They've given a viral TED Talk, they've met two Popes, and now they're coming to Kitchener-Waterloo! **Hosted by Mennonite Action, join us at Rockway Mennonite Church July 11-13 for the *Hope is an Action* peace-building retreat with Aziz and Maoz.** If you can't join us for the whole weekend, join us for their **public talk Friday, July 11** (also at Rockway MC). Doors open at 7 pm, event begins at 7:30. Register at HopelsAnAction.weebly.com

If you're able, please consider helping us cover the costs of flying and hosting them here: HopelsAnAction.weebly.com/donate Thanks to each person, for your witness to peace in a broken world!

◆ **The Soli Deo Singers** under the direction of Anna Zaidman will begin rehearsals on **Monday, September 8** at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St. E. at 7 pm. They invite anyone interested in singing to call 519-324-6779 or 519-326-0257 or email: ednhelen67@gmail.com or suzieandrewr@gmail.com. Their Fall concert will be held at LUMC on November 23 at 3 pm.

◆ A Huge “Thank you” from the Canadian Foodgrains

Bank/MCC team! Our Watermelon and Rollkuchen event was well attended and very successful. Approximately 2,000 rollkuchen were rolled out, fried and consumed! Thanks to...the Tiessen family for hosting, the volunteers and the entire community for your continued support. With this kind of support and enthusiasm we hope to be able to repeat next year.

... Henry and Alison Klassen

Senior Youth, Monday, June 30, End of year party,
6:30 - 8:30 at the church.

Thought for the Day

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.”
Luke 4:18a

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **The Salvation Army** and their pastors; Majors Judi & Ron Wickens.

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