



Sunday, January 25, 2026
Annual General Meeting
God's Sustaining Presence
10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer
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

Prelude

Welcome — call to worship and work

Hymn #22, *What is This Place*

Lighting of Peace and Justice candle

Hymn #88, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, vs. 1, 2, 4

Scripture reading

Acceptance of Agenda and 2025 motions of meetings

Reports

Hymn #745, *God, Whose Giving*

Reports

Devotional thoughts

Commissioning of leaders

Offering

Financial Statements for 2025 and proposed 2026 budget

Reports

Additional business

Guided meditation

Sending hymn #397, *The Church's One Foundation*, vs. 1, 2, 4

Benediction

You are invited to bring your coffee tumblers to church and help yourself to coffee before the AGM/worship service begins.

Note to Young Families — we have four young people in the basement to coordinate the kids in fun games with great snacks!!! Jonah, Isla, Emmett and Levi are the willing morning helpers inviting all kids to come and have fun together!!

Today . . . 11:30 am, There will be **lunch available after the AGM** in the church basement. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a lunch of Colasanti's chicken, pasta and salad. We would like people to bring cookies or squares for dessert, including leftover Christmas cookies.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, February 1**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Paul Cornies leads worship and Anna-Lisa Salo brings the message.

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, January 28** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 12 noon. Please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com .

◆ **Jesus 101**

Thinking about baptism? Interested in learning more about the basics of the Christian faith, or maybe taking a refresher course? Then contact Chris today in order to learn more about this 6-week course designed to teach you about Jesus, the Bible, and what makes us unique as Mennonites. It's a great way to start your spiritual journey, learn new things, or just get a reminder as to why you come to church! Dates and times will be decided based on interest. Contact Chris at 519-613-1971 or at pastor@nlumc.com.

◆ **The Personnel Team** has concluded our review process for Pastor Chris. We received 47 reviews representing at least 57 congregants. Thanks to all for your insightful, heartfelt, highly positive comments regarding Pastor Chris's leadership and active involvement in our church in particular, and our overall identity and church life in general. The one overarching impression one gets from reading and compiling the responses is that we have a wonderful, spirit-filled interrelationship between leadership and congregation going on which to build into the future at NLUMC! We certainly feel that God is working among us and blessing us. We heartily recommend moving forward with Chris as our lead pastor!

. . . *In gratitude, John Harder, Mary Derksen, Joel Epp*

◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2026: *Dwelling in Dissonance***

Participating in this seven-week experience will take you on a journey of seeking, discovery and challenge. As you pray with the scripture texts for Lent, you will be invited to go deeper into that place within, where you experience God's calling from greater depths of mystery and grace. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Chris **by Sunday, February 15**.

◆ Home Church Information

▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm beginning February 11, 22 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville. Contact: Mary Krueger, 519-322-9620.

▶ **Road 4 Home Church**, Thursdays 6:30 pm

930 Road 4 East, Kingsville. Contact: Chris Hutton, 519-613-1971.

◆ 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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ The UMEI Community Players return with *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by Tiessen Financial! Join us this February and consider supporting the arts by helping fund a sound system upgrade. Sponsorships range from \$250–\$10,000 (with recognition and tickets), and all donations are welcome. For more information or to sponsor, contact us at communityplayers@umei.ca. Tickets and show information can be found at umei.ca/communityplayers.

▶ **UMEI Open House, Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** All are invited to see what the UMEI Difference is all about! Tour the campus, meet teachers, students, and parents, and learn all about how you can thrive in your high school years at UMEI!

▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, February 1, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** Join us for a sit-down lunch featuring delicious Mennonite comfort food, including Kielke and Mennonite sausage, along with salad and dessert. Admission is by donation. We hope to see you there!

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association Events

▶ **Travelogue Crete & Sicily Islands** presented by Peter & Sue Andrew on **Friday, February 6** at 7 pm.

▶ **Mennonite History Trivia Night** presented by EKMHA on **Friday, February 13** at 7 pm.

Entry is by donation to EKMHA with coffee, tea, snacks and socializing to follow each night at the Heritage Centre.

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

▶ **Summer Camp Registration:** Outtrip (canoe or hike) registration opened on January 6 at 9 am. All other camps and day camps open on February 2 at 7 am. Mark your calendars and visit our camp webpages for full summer schedule and program descriptions... slmc.ca/summer-camp

▶ **Retreat Registrations:** 2026 Retreat registration is now open! For more information and full list, visit slmc.ca/retreats .

Here are a few retreats coming up this winter:

▶ **Women's Retreat (January 30-February 1):** Wendy Janzen is returning to lead this incredible weekend of rest, relaxation and connection.

▶ **Winter Wanders (February 24-26):** Three days of adventuring in the Bruce Peninsula while staying at camp! Skiing, snowshoeing or hiking planned at different trails. Food and accommodations included.

▶ **Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (February 27-March 1):** This weekend is for 20 & 30 somethings who want to get away on a low-key, relaxing retreat. A collaborative project between PiE (Pastors in Exile) and SLMC.

◆ Employment Opportunities

▶ The Leamington Mennonite Home is seeking a compassionate **Registered Dietitian** to support the health, dignity, and quality of life of our residents through safe, nourishing, and meaningful dining. This **part-time role** is an important part of our interdisciplinary care team and aligns with our Residents First, faith-based mission. For full job details and application, please visit **Indeed**. Resumes can also be submitted directly to info@mennonitehome.ca until February 2, 2026.

▶ **Head Cook Position.** Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is searching for a special someone to join the team this summer in this high-energy and meaningful role. Visit slmc.ca/staff for a full job description.

Junior Youth

Friday, February 6, Big Time Entertainment. Details to come.

Senior Youth

Monday, February 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.
Hebrews 13:5

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger, Peter Klassen, Quentin Unger, Annie Bergen and Jona Neufeld.

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

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 *Victor Dick*, husband of *Marie* and father of *Jerry (Owen) Dick* and *Janice (Jim) Cole*, who passed away Thursday, January 15, 2026. The funeral was held on Wednesday, January 21 at NLUMC.

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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