



Sunday, February 15, 2026

10 am

Worship Leader — Natalie Ferguson
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

Welcome and announcements
Lighting of the Justice and Peace candle
VT #10, *Here in This Place*
VT #549, *Be Thou My Vision*, verses 1, 4, 5
Call to worship
Offering with special music — Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Children's time — God keeps his promises
Scripture reading — 2 Peter 3:8-13
Message — Amos Part 4: God's Promise is Restoration
Special music — He Will Hold Me Fast
VT #808, *Between Darkness and Light*, sing through twice
Sharing and prayer
VT #841, *As You Go Out from Here*, sing through three times
Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **First Sunday of Lent, February 22**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Judy Cornies leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

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

Looking for some spiritual practices to accompany the Lenten season? Text or e-mail Chris to find out more about this year's Lenten Guided Prayer produced by the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada. It's free and available to anyone in our church! Please indicate your interest to Pastor Chris **today**.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Tuesday, February 17**, 6:30 pm.

◆ Ash Wednesday

Join us **Wednesday, February 18** at 7 pm in our sanctuary for an Ash Wednesday service to kick off Lent. Ash Wednesday is a traditional way for followers of Jesus to enter into the season of remembrance that is Lent prior to Easter; and will include some times of silence and contemplation.

◆ Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser

Youth and Missions Teams are inviting you to participate in an intergenerational fundraising event in support of people experiencing homelessness and hardship in our local community. Leamington Community Hope Centre opened in January 2023 as a drop-in program for those experiencing homelessness and hardships of any kind. Since then they have been offering a hot meal daily (even weekends and holidays) from 6 -10 pm, currently serving between 70 to 100 people each night. They also provide addictions counselling and support, AA, NA, and Al-Anon programs, and Hope Church, a weekly worship service on Tuesday evenings. In the past year they have opened two recovery homes, one for men and one for women.

Youth and Missions Teams are inviting everyone, children, youth and adults, to join the NLUMC Team, “We the North Church” and walk with us in support of these important services on **Saturday, February 28**. Go to the CNOY website to register to join our team or donate at this link:

<https://cnoy.w-ith.me/WetheNorthChurch> On Saturday, February 28 we will meet at the **Leamington Community Hope Centre**, 58 Erie Street South, at 4 pm and walk either 2 km or 5 km, starting at 5 pm. After the walk we return to the Hope Centre for a light meal.

If you aren’t able to join us on February 28, you can still participate, either by fundraising and walking at a time and place that works for you, or by donating to the NLUMC Team, at the link above. **Thank you for considering this meaningful local project! . . . Youth Team and Missions Team**

◆ AGM Rescheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2026

Due to inclement weather the Annual General meeting was cancelled for Sunday, January 25. We have re-scheduled the AGM to take place on **Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10 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.

◆ 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.

◆ Home Church

► **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm

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.

◆ **NLUMC tax receipts** were emailed out on Thursday, February 5. All others were mailed out by Canada Post. If you have any questions, please call Susan in the church office, 519-326-7928.

◆ 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
is closed Tuesday, February 17
for the Family Day holiday.
We will reopen on Wednesday, February 18 at 9 am.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Myanmar Bombing Incident – Special Appeal

On Wednesday morning, February 11, Mennonite Church Canada released an initial \$5,000 in emergency support for victims of the recent bombing in the village of Tlangkhua, Myanmar. Mennonite Church Canada serves as a global companion to the Bible Missionary Church in Myanmar. Our partners there have shared an urgent need for financial assistance to cover medical costs and immediate needs. If you would like to help, [donate here](#). (designate Myanmar

in the note section of the form) We invite you to stand with our global church family during this time of deep loss. Your prayers and financial gifts will help those harmed in this attack receive the care and hope they desperately need. You can read more in the Mennonite World Conference [news release](#). Thank you for sharing the path with friends in crisis.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **The UMEI Community Players** return with *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by Tiessen Financial! Join us for a magical journey down the Yellow Brick Road filled with unforgettable music, colorful characters, and heartwarming fun for all ages. Performance takes place **today, February 15** at 2 pm. Don't miss this beloved classic brought to life by our talented community cast! Tickets can be found at umei.ca/communityplayers.

► Calling all Grade 7 & 8 Students! **UMEI Experience Day** is happening on **Friday, February 27**. Join us for a fun and engaging day featuring preview classes, games, dodgeball, and prizes in the afternoon. Lunch is included! Visit umei.ca/experience-day for details and registration.

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association Event

Letters to My Grandchildren presented by Janice Founk & Fred Driedger on **Friday, February 20** at 7 pm. Entry is by donation to EKMHA with coffee, tea, snacks and socializing to follow at the Heritage Centre.

◆ **The 2026 World Day of Prayer** will be held on **Friday, March 6** at 1:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church. This year's program was written by the Nigeria WDP committee.

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

► **Summer Camp registration is now open!** Select spaces remain in our day camp (Sauble Beach and Waterloo Region) and overnight programs. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to register today.

► **SLMC Sewing Bee.** We need help making **new cushion covers** for our very used (and loved) couches. If you can sew and have a few hours to give to the cause, please reach out to Karen Buschert at hr@slmc.ca for more details.

◆ Employment Opportunity

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

Junior Youth

Friday, February 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. God & games at the church.

Senior Youth

February 13-15, Winter Retreat at Hidden Acres Camp.

Monday, February 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Youth at church.

Thought for the Day

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth
he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

2 Peter 3:13

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Faith Mennonite Church** and their pastor Ruth Boehm.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Chin Christian Church** in Kitchener, 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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