



Sunday, February 8, 2026

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

Welcome and announcements

Lighting of the Justice and Peace candle

VT #28, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

VT #182, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Call to worship

Offering

Prayer

Children's time

Scripture reading — 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Message — Amos Part 3: God's Calling is Reconciliation

VT #428, *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Sharing and prayer

VT #705, *For the Healing of the Nations*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, February 15**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Natalie Ferguson leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **Home Church Resumes!**

Both of our home churches will resume for 2026 next week! Contact Mary Krueger or Chris Hutton, if you'd like more information on checking them out!

▶ **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.

◆ **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 by **Sunday, February 15.**

◆ **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.

◆ **First Sunday of Lent, February 22**

◆ **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.

◆ Farewell

Church Council is sharing information that Susan Klassen will be retiring from her role as our church secretary at the end of June 2026. Susan was officially hired April 1, 2005. Everyone at NLUMC wishes to extend our heart-felt thanks to Susan for her amazing 21 years serving our church. Susan has always offered great attention to detail in a confidential and prompt manner dealing with the various deadlines. We appreciate Susan's cheerful smile and demeanor! Susan has offered to assist with the training of the new admin assistant when hired. Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts! We offer Susan our well wishes for a wonderful retirement.

*. . . With thanks, Brenda Fischer, Church Council Chairperson,
and all of your friends at NLUMC*

◆ **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.

◆ Offering Update

December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026 (16.6% of year) \$33,225 has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ 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. Performances take place **February 8** at 2 pm, **February 13 & 14** at 7 pm, and **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 Events

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

▶ **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 each night at the Heritage Centre.

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

This Valentine's Day we celebrate love that comes home. John & Helen Bergen's 73-year journey together reflects the faith, care, and community that define life at Leamington Mennonite Home. To read John & Helen's story in full, please visit www.mennonitehome.ca/home#johnandhelen"

◆ **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 for camp programs **is now open!** We have an exciting summer ahead with day camps (located in Sauble Beach and Waterloo Region) and overnight camps like Mini Camp and Specialty Camps (Boating, Woodworking, Music, Sports, and Food & Garden). Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to register today.

► **SLMC Sewing Bee, March 6-8!** Silver Lake is looking for people skilled in sewing to help with a major project. If you have a sewing machine, experience with upholstery fabric, and moderate to excellent sewing skills, please contact Karen Buschert at hr@slmc.ca about using those skills in a community effort and fun weekend away at camp! There is no cost to the weekend for you and food will be provided. Limited spaces available.

► **Music Retreat, April 10-12.** A weekend away at camp filled with singing and instrumental music! Sing through songbooks, hymnals and more in the company of music-lovers! Alissa Bender and friends will lead this weekend. Visit slmc.ca/retreats for more information.

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Advertising Sales Contractor (Remote) *Canadian Mennonite* is seeking a contract-based advertising sales representative to connect values-aligned advertisers, organizations, and ministries with our readership. Full job description and application details: <https://canadianmennonite.org/about-cm/jobs/> Open until the position is filled.

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.

Thought for the Day

And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.
2 Corinthians 5:18b

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Erie Shores South Catholic Family of Parishes** and their pastor Tom Ferrera.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Centre Béthésda Mennonite de Québec** in Quebec City.

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.

Contacts . . .

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