



**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

10 am

Worship Leader – Sandra Warkentin  
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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and announcements

Lighting of Justice and Peace candle

VT #29, *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

VT #195, *No Longer Slaves to Fear*

Call to worship

Children's time

Child dedication

**Aubrey Anna Rose Heinrichs**

Welcoming of new members

**David Hrynyk**

**Ben & Mandy Heinrichs**

Offering and prayer

Scripture reading — Psalm 73:21-26

Message — The Problem of Life Part 1: Finding What You're Looking For.

VT #549, *Be Thou My Vision*

Sharing time and prayer

VT #841, *As You Go Out from Here*, sing twice

Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Next Sunday, May 10**, Join us for worship at 10 am when Lindsey Ecker leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **Personnel Team in conjunction with Council** would like to announce that **Gwyneth Covey** has accepted our offer of employment to become our new Administrative Assistant. Gwyneth came to us with outstanding credentials and references, and we are excited to have someone of her caliber come on board at NLUMC!

Gwyneth's work experience includes being an AA at a Wellness Centre, a teaching assistant at Redeemer University in Hamilton (where she received her BA in Music and Philosophy), and a student intern at Elmvale Community Church in Elmvale ON.

Gwyneth and her husband Zach Howell recently moved to Leamington from Elmvale (near Barrie). Zach is employed at UMEI, teaching history and English. Gwyneth will begin on May 12, working directly with Susan for seven weeks prior to Susan's retirement. We will plan to introduce and welcome Gwyneth at a Sunday service in the near future. We truly believe that prayers for this hire have been answered!

◆ **Theatre of the Beat** is back with their new show *Invisible Threads* on **Thursday, May 28** at 7 pm at NLUMC. This investigative drama follows a well-intentioned retail employee who discovers a factory worker's handwritten note inside the new pair of jeans he's folding. As he begins to pull at the threads, he's entwined in a sprawling overseas network that leads right back home. Before *Invisible Threads*: Theatre of the Beat is hosting a FREE pre-show event called: "Clothing Swap, DIY Mending & UpCycling." More details to come.

◆ **Interest Meeting for Worship Band**, immediately follow the worship service, on **Sunday, May 31**. For more details, contact David Hrynyk.

### ◆ **Celebration of Service, Sunday, June 7**

Please plan to join us in a Celebration of Service as we take time to celebrate the many people who make our church work each and every year! We especially want to celebrate Susan Klassen and her over 21 years of exceptional and dedicated service to NLUMC! Susan will retire from the role of Church Secretary at the end of June. Following the church service on **Sunday, June 7**, we will gather downstairs for a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish for others to enjoy! But also, please join us, even if you don't necessarily bring something. You can contact Joanne Brown for more information, 519-817-5929.

### ◆ **Mark Your Calendar**

**Vacation Bible School** will be held **July 6 – 10, 2026** at LUMC.

### ◆ **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.

## ◆ Budget Update

**December 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026** (41.7% of year) \$77,741 (25.1%) of our \$309,490 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

## ◆ Giving to NLUMC. Donations are accepted by:

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan;
  - 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Joel Epp, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) with any questions.
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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

**Grade 7 Shadow Day** Calling all Grade 7 students! Come experience a day in the life of a UMEI student on **Friday, May 8**. Registration is open to Grade 7 students only. For more information and to register visit: <https://umei.ca/shadow-days/>

### ◆ MCC Meat Canner

We are looking for volunteers as our first group canning opportunity in New Hamburg is being planned for the end of May or beginning of June.

- we will leave Leamington at 7 am in time for orientation and a 10 am start
- there will be a lunch break and you will need to bring your own lunch
- we will head for home 4 pm at the latest
- minimum age is 15 years old
- no open-toed shoes
- no shorts
- a full group is 15 volunteers

We will be carpooling, so please let Martin Rahn know if you have a minivan we can use. To cover the cost of canning, we will be using the funds we collected before COVID. There will be more opportunities to volunteer in the future. If you are interested in donating, please send your donation to MCC Ontario and designate it to Leamington Meat Canning. If you are interested in joining the first canning group, email Martin Rahn at [rahn.acres@gmail.com](mailto:rahn.acres@gmail.com)

## ◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners**

On April 18, the SWO Gleaners had their annual fundraising banquet. Thank you to those who attended, volunteered or donated to the event. Just over \$70,000 (net proceeds) was raised for the work of the SWO Gleaners. Thank you for your continued support for our mission of rescuing local produce and using it to fight hunger in our local communities and around the world.

*. . . Joel Epp, General Manager*

◆ **The Leamington Mennonite Home (LMH)** is pleased to announce the launch of our new website as part of our 2025–2030 Strategic Plan. We invite you to visit [mennonitehome.ca](http://mennonitehome.ca) to explore updated information on our history, living accommodations, careers, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support our Home. We extend our sincere thanks to Daryl Driedger of Cowlick Studios for his excellent work in bringing this project to life.

◆ **UMEI Summer Camps – Registration Now Open!** Exciting summer adventures await! Register today at [umei.ca/camps/](http://umei.ca/camps/) spaces are limited.

- Junior Robotics Camp (Grades 4–6) | July 20 – 24
- Senior Robotics Camp (Grades 7–8) | July 27 – 31
- Camp ExploreU (Grades 3–6) | August 10 – 14
- Sports Camp (Grades 6–8) | August 17 – 21

## ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News** | ([slmc.ca](http://slmc.ca))

We invite you to join us for two exciting events this May in support of Silver Lake!

► From **May 8–10**, our annual **Grand Paddle & Hike fundraiser** is underway. You can help by:

- **creating a team**—raise funds while enjoying a hike, paddle, or even a walk around your own neighbourhood—or by joining our group hike or paddle on May 9 in the KW area.
- **donate in support of one of our staff teams** – they would greatly appreciate your encouragement.

To sign up or donate, visit [slmc.ca/gph](http://slmc.ca/gph).

► On **Saturday, May 9**, join us for our **65<sup>th</sup> Campfire Concert** from 5–8 pm at Breslau Mennonite Church. Enjoy an evening of music spanning many camp eras, delicious food prepared by Arabesque and the Silver Lake kitchen, and great company as we celebrate Silver Lake's 65<sup>th</sup> season. RSVP at [slmc.ca/65th](http://slmc.ca/65th).

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## Junior Youth

**Friday, May 8**, we are going to mini golf at On the Water in Tecumseh! Please RSVP if your child will be attending. We will leave from NLUMC around 6 pm to arrive at the mini golf place before 7 pm. We will need parent drivers. Please let me know if you can be a driver! Cost is \$13.50 (tax included) per child. If cost is an issue please let David or Joanne know.

## Senior Youth

**Monday, May 11**, Big Time Entertainment.  
Contact David for more details.

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### Thought for the Day

Whom have I in heaven but you?  
I desire you more than anything on earth.  
Psalm 73:25

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## Prayer List . . .

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

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Église Jésus-Christ Appelle Tous** in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada.

**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](http://www.mcc.org)

Thank you for the love and support that has been shown to our family during Harry's illness and at the time of the funeral. Your cards, visits, gifts of food, comforting words and many prayers are so very much appreciated. We are grateful to be a part of this caring church community. . . *Liz Dick and family*

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://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 Terri Hamm, Caregiving Team chairperson, [terriynnhamm@gmail.com](mailto:terriynnhamm@gmail.com).

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