

# *Peace*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT





**Leamington United Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Advent - Celebration of Peace**

*Speaker - David Dyck, Worship Leader - Victor Winter*

No Word

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ever fail.

Luke 1:37

Carol Singing

Call to Worship

Instrumental - Tom Overton

Dramatic Monologue - Zechariah (Paul Dyck)

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Song - 'While we are waiting'

Prayer

Song - 'Blessed be the God of Israel' #174

Scripture Reading - Luke 1:5-25

Song - 'He came down' STJ 31

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 54:1-10

Witness Stand - Kids Club

Giving our Gifts

Song - 'What child is this?' #215

Prayers of the People

Children's Story

Sermon - 'No word from God will ever fail'

Song - 'My hope is built on nothing less' #343

Benediction

Adult Education Hour - 3 Options

*Candle Lighters - Henry Klassen, Ron Tiessen, Organist - Kathy Driedger*  
*Children's Story - Jennifer Driedger, Scripture Reader - Rosemary Fiss*  
*LUMC Tech Team - Bill Cornies, Hayden Epp, Rudy Krahn, Dennis Warkentin*

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W I T N E S S

## Welcome ...

**Welcome to our Visitors** - To all our visitors today, we welcome you in the name of Christ. We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service and hope you sense God's presence among us. If you have a personal need or would like more information about the church, please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack in front of you and put it in the offering plate. After the worship service you are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship in the foyer. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

**Advent Wreath** - The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, with no beginning and no ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God, and that God's love and caring for us never ends. The evergreen branches are a sign of ever new life. The candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ. The traditional colors of the Advent candles, three violet and one rose, are penitential colors, reminding us of our need for God's help to be the people we're meant to be. The white candle which we light on Christmas Eve signifies the coming of Christ.

## Church Education ...

### **Fall 2016 Education Hour Options - 11:00 - 11:45am**

- 1) **Vanishing Grace** - Senior Singing Room  
Teachers - Paul Dyck, Carolyn Warkentin
- 2) **Season of Reading: Gospel of Luke** - Junior Singing Room  
Teachers - David Dyck, Erwin Tiessen, Glenn Sellick
- 3) **8 Cities - I want to talk more!** - Board Room  
Conversation Facilitators: Elisa Recker, Lisa Heide



### **Sunday School News ...**

Dec 4 - Walk in the Light of the Lord

**December 4** - Thank you for bringing

toys to church this morning. These gifts will go to the Salvation Army to be distributed to needy families.

**Sunday School Offering**  
Nov 27 - \$24.85

**Christmas Dress Rehearsal - Sunday, December 18 at 10:45am** - The Sunday School will have a dress rehearsal in the sanctuary following family worship.

### **Youth Ministry**

#### **Sr. Youth - Progressive Youth Dinner-Friday, December 9 - 5-9pm**

Sr. Youth are invited to our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive Christmas Dinner. Meet at LUMC to depart to 3 locations for eating and festive merry making and one secret location. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for a special Christmas project which will be used to bless someone locally.

#### **Jr. Youth - Christmas Cartoon Breakfast - Saturday December 10, 9-11am**

All Jr. Youth are invited to LUMC for our annual Saturday morning Christmas Cartoon Breakfast in their pyjamas. You will be eating some of your favourite sugary cereals while watching some classic Christmas Cartoons and learning about the meaning of Christmas. Please bring a donation of \$5.00 for a special Christmas project which will be used to bless someone locally.

**Jr. Youth Girls - Christmas Party** - Friday, December 9 - 6:30-8pm at LUMC.

## **Church in Action ...**

**Advent Singing - 9:35 am** - The season of Advent has many familiar songs and carols that we look forward to singing. Throughout Advent we will have a 'Congregational Singing' prelude where we will sing Advent and Christmas songs together. Singing begins at 9:35am and the worship service begins at 9:45am.

**Christmas Giving Options for LUMC** - Thank you to everyone bringing toys to church this morning, what a wonderful opportunity for us to help brighten a child's Christmas.



The **mitten tree** will remain in the lobby awaiting your donations of new mittens, hats and scarves all through the advent season. And.... we eagerly anticipate the generous donations from your **"Reverse Advent Calendars"** to be brought to the sanctuary on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Have you started yet? It's not too late if you've forgotten, and there are extra calendars on the bulletin stand if you've misplaced yours. So join us in sharing from our pantries with those whose cupboards might be bare this Christmas.

**Christmas Cards** - The Deacons, along with the Visitation Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 7 to sign Christmas cards.

**German Service** - A German Worship Service with familiar German carols, readings and poems will take place on Sunday, December 11, immediately following family worship.

**Calling all flutes, trumpets, violins and other instruments** - We would like to create some joyful noise to celebrate the Christmas season here in LUMC. If you play an orchestra or band instrument and would like to participate in the music service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, please contact the church office for details. We know there are many of you there; please come out and help us celebrate this joyous season.

**Catechism 2017 - Beginning January 15** - Are you interested in knowing what baptism is all about; what it means to be a follower of Jesus and why all this is a life-changing decision? We are beginning another catechism class where we explain the heart of the Christian faith and how you can personally respond to Jesus' invitation. Classes will meet at 8:00am Sunday morning, from January through June. Let us know if you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity.

PMT: Victor Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson

### **Parent – Child Dedication & Grandparent - Grandchild Dedication**

We are planning a dedication service for early in the new year. This is a service of commitment where parents/grandparents declare their intention to raise their children/grandchildren in the knowledge of God's love and salvation. If you have any questions about this service please call one of our pastors.

*Song of Zechariah - Luke 1: 68-79*

<sup>68</sup> “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.  
<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn[a] of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David  
<sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),  
<sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us—  
<sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
<sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
<sup>77</sup> to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
<sup>79</sup> to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

[a] horn symbolizes a strong king

**Refugee Committee Announcement** - The Albeks (our family) continue to get used to our colder Canadian climate. During the week the parents attend ESL classes and the children are enjoying their studies at Queen Elizabeth Public School. We are encouraging LUMC families to meet this family and include them in an activity on a weekend. You may want to take them to family skating, or to a park, or to Colasantis. It is a valuable experience for all involved. We are still looking for a dresser if anyone has one to donate.

## **Community Events & Opportunities ...**

### **Leamington Mennonite Home News**



**Annual Leamington Mennonite Home Open House** - Family and friends of the Home are invited to the annual Christmas Open House today December 4, 2016 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The Heritage Choir will be singing and Santa promises to visit. We encourage children and youth to come and visit! At Christmas time, we gift those who are special in our lives. Please give the gift of visitation over the holidays to our residents. The joy which a visitation can bring is the best Christmas gift ever.

### **Heritage Choir Annual Christmas Concert - December 19 at 7pm**

Join the Heritage Choir at the Heritage Center for a concert of old and new carols. A free will offering will be taken for the Music Therapy Program at the Leamington Mennonite Home.

### **UMEI Christian High School News**



**Grade 11 Drama Class presents: *Sherlock Holmes*** - Today at 2 pm. Before the play, come out and enjoy a chili lunch in the auditorium at the students **Annual Chili Cookoff** – admission by donation. Tickets for the play are available at the door – Adults \$10; Students \$6; Children 5 years and under – Free. A portion of each ticket will go towards the Be The Change Challenge relief kits for MCC.

**Shop UMEI** - Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last order before Christmas.

**Zwieback & Raisin Bread** - Zwieback & raisin bread orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Grandparents Day – Wed Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** - Grandparents of UMEI students are invited to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their grandchildren at our annual Grandparents Day Christmas Lunch.

**Ground Beef** - Ground beef orders are due in the office Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and will be ready to pick up Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Christmas Concert** - UMEI's annual Christmas Concert will take place Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome.

## **Bulletin Board Info ...**

- Dec 9 - Free Children's Christmas Event at the Bank Theatre - 5pm
- Dec 10 - Christmas Concert - First Baptist Church - 2pm
- Dec 10 - Handel's Messiah at Centre in the Square, Kitchener - 7:30pm
- Dec 11 - Jubilee Chorus - St. Andrews, Chatham - 7:30pm
- Dec 19 - Heritage Choir Christmas Concert - 7pm
- CMU Campus Visit Dates

## **Joys and Concerns ...**

### **Pray For ...**

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Shane Klassen who is doing his Master Studies in Agriculture and Science at the University of Guelph.

### **Congratulations ...**

Larissa Claire was born on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to Gregory and Amanda Tiessen. She is the granddaughter of Hugo and Linda Tiessen and Esther and David Dyck. Congratulations to this family as they celebrate this birth.

### **Thank you ...**

Thank you to the Visuals Committee along with the volunteers who have beautifully decorated our church building for this Christmas season.

### **Pray For ...**

During the Advent season we encourage you to think of friends, family, and neighbours to personally invite to our Advent and Christmas services. More invitations are available on the bulletin stand. Let's prayerfully consider who we can invite.

### **Pray For ...**

Mennonite Church Canada Witness is one of the partners that provided seed money to *Convergence*, an emerging, alternative Christian community in Geneva, Switzerland. Please pray for this diverse community of believers who seek new, unconventional and non-institutional ways to be the church.

### **Remembering Our Neighbours ...**

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Faith Everlasting Congregational Church.



*In an effort to foster community among the members of LUMC, the bulletin features a section for members to share their joys and concerns. We will remember to pray for these people in the coming week. Note: Names submitted must have the individual's consent.*

## Calendar of Events ...

**Family Worship Service**  
**9:45 am - Family Worship**  
**10:45 am - Coffee Break**  
**11:00 am - Education Hour**

Dec 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent - Carol Singing - 9:35am  
 Celebration of Peace Service - 9:45am  
 Giving - Bring a new unwrapped toy

Dec 6 - Music Committee Meeting - 1:30pm

Dec 7 - Visitation & Deacons Card Signing

Dec 9 - Sr. Youth Dinner - 5pm

Dec 9 - Jr. Youth Girls Christmas - 6:30pm

Dec 10 - Men's Breakfast - 8am

Dec 10 - Jr. Youth Breakfast - 9am

Dec 11- 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent - Carol Singing - 9:35am  
 Celebration of Joy Service - 9:45am  
 German Service following Worship

Dec 18 - 4<sup>th</sup> Advent - Carol Singing - 9:35am  
 Celebration of Love Service - 9:45am  
 Sunday School Rehearsal - 10:45am

## 2016 A Season Of Reading

### Children's Shine On Readings

Jubilee 58  
 Moving Toward Canaan 60

### Dec 5 - 10

*Monday* - John 5  
*Tuesday* - John 6  
*Wednesday* - John 7  
*Thursday* - John 8  
*Friday* - 1 John 2  
*Saturday* - Advent 3: Luke 2:25-35

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### **Office Hours:**

9am-3pm- Tues-Fri  
 Closed Mondays

Our worship service is  
 being videotaped and  
 broadcast at LMH.



*Thanks for  
 making  
 LUMC  
 scent free!*

## **Offering: Nov 27, 2016**

General	\$ 7,681.43
Church Renovation	\$ 60
Building Fund	\$ 1,500

**Total = \$9,241.43**