





Leamington United Mennonite Church Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 9:45 a.m.

2nd Advent

Speaker - Victor Winter, Worship Leader - Mike Williamson
German Service following Family Worship - Linda Tiessen

Speak, for your servant is listening. 1 Sam 3:10b	Carol Singing
	Shofar Call to Worship
	Prophetic Reading - Isaiah 9:2-7
	Lighting the Candle of Peace
	Song - 'Light the Candle' (Screen)
	Prayer
	Song - 'Blessed be the God of Israel' #174
	Scripture Readings - 1 Samuel 3:1-11, Psalm 25:1-6, Matthew 19:14
	Giving our Gifts
	Offertory Music
	Song - 'Comfort, comfort, O my people' #176
	Prayers of the People
	Worship Music - 'Do you hear what I hear?'
	Children's story

Sermon - 'Do you hear what I hear?'

Song - 'Here I am Lord' #395

Benediction

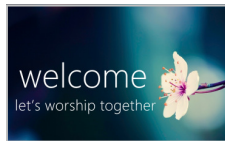
Scripture Reader - Kim Driedger, Prophetic Reader - Kyle Burgess
Organist - Kathy Driedger, Soloists - Mykayla Tiessen & Cassidy Tiessen
Shofar - Glenn Sellick, Song Leader - Dave Epp
Children's Story - Mike Williamson, Instrumental Music - Steve Enns & Grace Enns
Offertory Music - Zoe Toews, Powerpoint - Hayden Epp

W O R S H I P

W A L K

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.

Light the Candle

Carl F. Schalk

1. Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope is here!
 2. Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is here!
 3. Light the can-dle of JOY to-day, the Giv-er of joy is here!
 4. Light the can-dle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is here!

5
 Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but on - ly Christ can give.
 Wel-come the peace we hope and pray for, but on - ly Christ can give.
 Wel-come the joy we crave and pay for, but on - ly Christ can give.
 Wel-come the love we long and wait for, but on - ly Christ can give.

9
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with hope, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with peace, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with joy, light up the world a -
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with love, light up the world a -

12
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with hope,
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with peace,
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with joy,
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with love,

15
 light up the world a - round - - you.
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Shofar Call to Worship - During the Advent Season we will begin our worship services with the sound of an ancient Hebrew instrument called a shofar. The shofar is made from the horn of a ram or an antelope and was used in Israel to announce the festival of the New Moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the beginning of the New Year (Rosh Hashanah). There are frequent references to the shofar in the Old Testament including Leviticus 25:9, 2 Samuel 6:15 and Psalm 98:6. Originally there were three shofar calls: the tekiah which is a call of proclamation; the shevarim which is a call of longing and separation; and the teruah which is an alarm call. In our Advent services we will be using the shofar as a call of proclamation and announcement.

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.

Advent Call to Worship (inspired by Luke 1:68-79)

Lift up your hearts, people of God,
for the Lord has looked favorably upon us
and is sending us his beloved son.

**He is raising up for us a mighty savior
in the house of his servant David.**

God is showing the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,

**the oath he swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah,
that we might serve him without fear.**

We go before the Lord, following John the Baptist,
to prepare the way of the Lord.

Come, let us worship God
let us listen to the voice crying out in the wilderness.

German Service - Program of song and the singing of familiar Christmas carols. Immediately following family worship, with Linda Tiessen.

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.

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.

Church Education...

Youth Ministry

Sr. Youth - Adventures in Advent 2: The Gift

Thursday December 10 6:30-8:30 @ LUMC

All Sr. Youth are invited to the church to learn about the true gift of Christmas and why Santa is not as generous as he seems. PLUS: Games, food, and an experiment in following Jesus.

Jr. Youth Christmas Party - Friday December 11 6:00-8:00 @ LUMC

All Jr. Youth are invited to the year end Christmas Party. It will be a festive time of celebrating, eating, & merriment! Suggested Donation:\$5.00 or Snack to Share.



Teaching Schedule

Dec 6 - Circle of Grace/Zechariah & Elizabeth

Dec 13 - Mary Says Yes

*Sunday School
Offering*
Nov. 29 - \$23.20

Dates to remember:

Dec. 13 - Children bring gifts for a child during Children's Feature.

Dec. 20 - Dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve - 11-11:45.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve program presented by the children at 6:30.

Fall Education Classes - 11:00-11:45 a.m.

1) The Challenge of Parenting: Teacher - Victor Winter, Location - Board Room
Topic - How do you discipline the 21st century child?

2) Walking Together in the Word: Reading the Bible as Anabaptists

Teacher: David Dyck, Location - Sr. Singing Room

Topic - Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants – Why has the story of David and Goliath become so prominent in our imaginations? How is it an archetypal story in the bigger story of the Bible? Everyone is invited to this class where we engage in lively conversation about our weekly Bible readings.

3) Bible Mythbusters Teacher: Rudy Dyck Location - Choir Room

Myth - "Jesus wasn't God but just a good, moral teacher."

We continue the discussion on the traditional apologetic argument that Jesus was either Lord, Liar, Lunatic or Legend. Could Christianity have grown without Jesus as Lord?

Youth: Echo the Story - Genesis:

Teacher - Mike Williamson, Location - Youth Room

Calling all flutes, trumpets, violins and friends! 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 20, please contact Tom Overton (thomover@wavedirect.net) or the church office for details. We know there are many of you there; please come out and help us celebrate this joyous season.

Catechism 2016 - Beginning in January - 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

Community Events ...

UMEI Christian High School News



Afternoon of food & theatre - TODAY - Chili Cook-Off – 12:00 – 1:30

Enjoy 20 varieties of chili created by the student body. Admission by donation – all proceeds toward off-campus education.

Coffee House Videos – 1:30 – 2:00 - Visit the chapel to enjoy some recorded excerpts from our student Coffee House.

Grade 11 Drama Class – 2:00 – 3:30 - “The Wicked Witch of Oz” – The Wicked Witch of the West finds herself on the set of a high school production of “The Wizard of Oz”. Tickets at the door: Adults \$8; Students \$5; Children 5 & under FREE.

Grandparents Day Lunch– Thurs Dec 10th - Grandparents of UMEI students are invited to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their grandchildren.

Christmas Concert – Fri Dec 11th - 7:00 pm - Enjoy an evening of instrumental music, choral music, and the play “Everyone’s Christmas Story” presented by the Junior Drama class. How do you tell an old story in a new way, especially when it’s the most important story of all? Bored of the same old manger and shepherds and angels, a young writer tries to liven it up by turning the characters into pop stars, superheroes, gangsters, and circus performers. Yet, as her imagination runs wild, she starts to come to realize how important the Biblical story really is... it is truly everyone’s story. Children and adults alike will enjoy this heartfelt and hilarious performance. UMEI’s band and concert choir will be performing festive songs before, during, and after the 40-min play.

Zwieback & Raisin Bread Orders - Orders are due **Monday, December 14th** by 4:00 pm and will be available to pick up on Wednesday, December 16th.

Leamington Mennonite Home News



Christmas Open House - Our Home invites all resident families and friends to our Annual Christmas Open House today, Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship. The Heritage Choir presents a program at 2:30 p.m., with the Home’s Bell Chime Choir performing. Coffee and pastries to follow, with Santa promising to arrive!

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.

New Year’s Gala supporting Southwestern Ontario Gleaners ...

Dec. 31, 2015 at Best Western Plus Leamington Hotel... \$125.00 per person, (\$50 tax receipt). Tickets may be purchased through SWO Gleaners Office 519-326-7687. For further information, please check church mailboxes.

Fathers & Kids Retreat: January 15-17, 2016 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:

Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos in the field, following animal tracks through the woods, roasting smores over the campfire, playing board games by the fire in the dining hall and just being at camp is loads of fun, but the best part is doing it with dad! Visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

Ways to Give ...

LUMC Donation Summary (As of Dec. 6)

Budget is \$528,200

Actual to date is \$430,914

Amount needed per Sunday to reach budget in the final 5 giving opportunities is \$19,460.

Christmas Giving Projects

3rd Advent, December 13 - Can I Have a Snack

Bring applesauce cups, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, juice boxes, cheese and crackers, and cookies to add to our donation to the food bank.

Mitten Tree - Bring hats, mitts, and scarves to add to our mitten tree. These items will be donated to our local schools.

Joys and Concerns ...

Pray For ...

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Noah Chacko who is studying Engineering at the University of Guelph.

Thank You ...

Once again, with grateful hearts, we wish to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts: for prayers, visits in hospital and LMH respite care, for food, for beautiful cards and flowers. Since Walt's coming home, kind friends and family have been providing rides to appointments and errands. Due to much volunteer help through the summer and fall, we are now enjoying our new home at 20 Pickwick Drive, with improved health for both of us. We wish for all of you, God's blessings of love and peace as you celebrate His birth.

Walter and Hilda Enns

Reaching Out ...

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 ...

Pray for the Refugee Sponsorship Committee as they continue their work. They are waiting for a family profile from MCC. The search for a house in Leamington continues to be a struggle. Please inform Lana Hildebrandt (326-9016) if you know someone who has a house to rent.

Remembering Our Neighbours...

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for North Leamington United Mennonite 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
9:35 am - Carol Singing
9:45 am - Family Worship
10:45 am - Coffee Break
11:00 am - Education Hour

- Dec 6 - 2nd Advent, Carol Singing at 9:35 am
 Christmas Giving - for the Food Bank
 - Bring Lunch Foods
- Dec 7 - Heritage Choir Practice: 2pm: Heritage
- Dec 13 - 3rd Advent, Carol Singing at 9:35 am
 Christmas Giving - for the Food Bank
 - Bring Snack Foods
 - Children bring gifts to Service
- Dec 14 - Heritage Choir Practice: 2pm: Heritage
- Dec 17 - Heritage Choir Practice: 2pm: Heritage
- Dec 19 - Heritage Programme - 7pm: Heritage
- Dec 20 - 4th Advent, Carol Singing at 9:35 am
- Dec 20 - Candlelight Service - 7pm
- Dec 24 - Sunday School Program: 6:30 pm
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day Service - 10 am

2015 A Season of Reading

Children's Shine On Reading
1. Simeon & Anna 169
2. A Visit from the Magi 170

- Dec 7 - Psalm 19(GT) Introduction p.605
- Dec 8 - I Samuel 20:1-17
- Dec 9 - I Samuel 20:18-42 (GT)
- Dec 10 - Psalm 27 (GT)
- Dec 11 - 2 Samuel 6 (GT) Introduction p.344
- Dec 12 - Isaiah 12:1-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Bonus Reading: 2 Samuel 7*

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9am-3pm- Tues-Fri
 Closed Mondays

Our worship service is
 being videotaped and
 broadcast at LMH.


*Thanks for
 making
 LUMC
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Offering: Nov 29, 2015

General - \$ 7,952.00
 Building - \$ 200.00
 Designated - \$ 2,263.00
 Total = \$10,415.00