



Leamington United Mennonite Church
Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - David Dyck, Worship Leader - Mike Williamson

	Songs - 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' #37 'Let's sing unto the Lord' #55
The Lord	Call to Worship Prayer
is gracious	Scripture Reading - Joel 2:12-17 Song - '10,000 Reasons'
and	Scripture Reading - Jonah 2:1-10 Giving our Gifts Song - 'Come and find rest in Christ'
compassionate,	Prayers of the People <i>If you have personal prayer requests, please write them out on the back of a Welcome Card and place them in the offering plate or in the Prayer Room. We will pray for these requests in our daily morning prayers.</i>
slow	
to anger	Song - 'I know not why God's wondrous' #338 Children's Story
and abounding	Sermon - 'The Goey Prophet and an Unforgettable Fish story'
in love.	Song - 'Wonderful Grace of Jesus' #150 Benediction Coffee and Fellowship Education Hour Classes - 11:00-11:45

*Organist - Kathy Driedger, Song Leader - Nancy Dyck
 Scripture Reader - Ruth Tiessen
 Children's Story - Mike Williamson, 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.

Call to Worship

We are here
to worship a remarkable God.

**The love of God welcomes us,
The grace of Christ awaits us,
The joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Don't come as slaves, come as the truly free.
Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are already heard.
Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests.
Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

**The love of God emboldens us.
The grace of Christ redeems us.
The joy of the Spirit uplifts us**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful,
come as the recipients of amazing grace.

**The love of God overflows our hearts,
The grace of Christ liberates our spirits,
The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.**

Church Education...

Youth
Ministry

Sr. Youth -Tuesday February 9 - Pancake Tuesday Fundraiser at LUMC - 5:00-7:00 pm - Admission by Donation. The church community is invited to the annual youth pancake fundraiser on Tuesday February 9th. There will be Pancakes, Sausage, Maple Syrup and Ice Cream! All proceeds go to help cover the costs of the youth group's annual winter retreat. Your support is needed and appreciated! (All youth participating in Winter are expected to help). Donation receipts will be issued for amounts over \$5.00 per adult.

Sr. Youth Winter Retreat @ Hidden Acres - February 12-14

Bus Departs at 6:00 pm from LUMC. There is still time for Sr. Youth to register for the annual Winter retreat to Hidden Acres Camp. It will be a weekend of games, worship, and eating! If you have questions please contact Mike.

Jr. Youth - Sunday February 7th - The Great Jr. Youth Scooter Rally 1:30-3:00 @ LUMC. Since there is no snow for tobogganing - the Jr. Youth are invited to the church for an afternoon of *speed* and *adventure!* Snack will be the mixing of ice cream and drinks.

Church Education...



Teaching Schedule

Feb 7 - Come to the Banquet
Feb 14 - Searching for the Lost
Feb 21 - The Loving Father
Feb 28 - Jesus in the Temple

Sunday School
Offering
Jan 31- \$28.60

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

1) **Catechism lead by the PMT: Victor Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson**
Classes meet at 8:00am Sunday morning.

2) **Reconciliation: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians**
Teachers - Joel Warkentin, Randy Lepp, Location - Board Room
What if reconciliation is central to the biblical message? How does this awareness affect our relationships with our family, friends, and neighbours? How does it transform our approach to conflict with coworkers and brothers and sisters in the Church? How does it refocus our solutions to the resolution of global conflicts? Does this alter our view of God? In a discussion format, this class will explore the biblical basis for reconciliation and begin to equip ourselves with tools for better understanding the conflicts in our lives.

3) **Walking Together in the Word: Reading the Bible as Anabaptists**
Teacher: Mike Williamson - Sr. Singing Rm
Topic - **God has no boundaries: The Story of Jonah**
This weeks class will discuss the story of Jonah. More then just a story about a giant fish, the class will reflect on its portrait of God who is *slow to mercy and abounding in stead fast love*. What does this mean for us? How does God's grace cross religious and ethnic boundaries? What is our role in sharing love and mercy?

4) **Going on Vocation: Exploring work as it was meant to be.**
Teacher: Mike Groh, Location: Choir Room
This class will look at work from a Christian perspective and how we need to incorporate our faith into what we do for the rest of the week. Simply put: taking Sunday into Monday. We will explore the world of work and how we are called to serve in our everyday lives using short video clips, personal stories and discussion to guide us. This has been core value in the work of MEDA for many years.

5) **Youth: Teacher - Lisa Heide, Location - Youth Room**

Church in Action...

Good News from Church Council!

After all the year- end numbers were tallied it turns out that not only did we meet our budget but actually had a small surplus. Come to the annual meeting to hear more details. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a reality!

LUMC Potluck Lunch & Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 28, 2016

Plan to join us for this important meeting. The minutes from last year's Annual Meeting are posted on the bulletin board for your viewing.

Update on Front of Sanctuary and AV upgrade - This past Sunday we enjoyed an excellent potluck lunch. Thanks to all who contributed to it. We then had a good turnout at the membership meeting at which the membership strongly endorsed Church Council's suggestion to fund the proposed changes and upgrade by accessing \$90,000 from the Bequest Fund, encouraging members to contribute to the project, and borrowing the remainder from the Mennonite Credit Union. At the beginning of January each member received a blue questionnaire which asked them to consider contributing to the project. Forty six members returned their questionnaire with the results as follows:

- 28 pledged a specific amount or made a payment which resulted in raising \$20,250
- 13 indicated a plan to support the project but did not pledge a specific amount
- 5 indicated that they did not wish to support the project

We will continue to accept pledges and payments but we will no longer use the box in the narthex. You can make your pledge by dropping it in the offering plate. Payments can be made by specifying – sanctuary renovations and AV under designated giving. Thank you for your support

Bible Study - Beginning Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm at LUMC

As followers of Jesus we are challenged to "**Love Our Neighbour as Ourselves**". How does this apply to our Muslim neighbours? How are we similar and different? Is there any thing we can learn from them as we 'walk' the Christian walk? Are their ways we can walk together in love? Beginning **Wednesday February 17**, 7.00 pm at LUMC we are beginning a *Five Session Study on Islam and the Christian Faith*. What subject could be more timely? We will be drawing upon the insights of seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars? We encourage adults, young and old, to join us on this journey of faith and discovery.

Thrift on Mill (formerly Et Cetera Shoppe) opened its new location on Mill St. W. on Monday, February 1st. We are now receiving at the new store. Help us to furnish it by bringing in your gently used items. A more formal celebration to open the new store will happen in Spring. Join the fun and the excitement of our new location by shopping, donating or volunteering. All proceeds go towards the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

Get Involved...



How to become more missional in your neighbourhood.

This week's suggestion ...

Host a coffee and dessert night.

The Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundraising Luncheon

hosted by Leamington Meat Canner Committee

Sunday, Today, February 7th, 2016 from 11:30am - 2:00pm

Where: United Mennonite Educational Institute (U.M.E.I.)

Cost: \$5.00 (Any donation over the cost of the meal will be receipted)

Menu: *Chili, Fleisch Perishky, Borscht, Buns, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.*

Take out Available - Call Barb Fischer at 519-322-2285 by Saturday, February 6

Plan to attend, and bring a friend!

World Day of Prayer - March 4, 2016 at 2pm at NLUMC

Join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering - April 29 & 30, 2016 at UMEI

Finding God in My Neighbourhood, with Stuart Murray.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale - In honour of the 50th Annual Mennonite Relief Sale in May, 2016, we want to hear about memories and stories from Relief Sales past. Send your stories to reliefsalestories@gmail.com. These stories will be posted on the Relief Sale Website (www.nhmrs.com) starting in February. This is a great way of sharing stories before they are lost. They can be short or long, funny or serious. We hope to remind ourselves why the Sale has continued on for 50 years and why it should continue on for another 50!

2016 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly - July 6-10 - Saskatoon

Theme - **God~Faith~People**. Registration opens on February 1st.

More info at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016>.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

Women's Retreat: February 26-28, 2016 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.

2016 Theme: Travel Lightly. Resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann.

www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp – Registration is open for Summer 2016 for campers ages 6-16 including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Family Camp and many others. www.slmc.ca/camp or Dave Erb at dave@slmc.ca or 519-422-1401.

Winter Camp for Grown-Ups: A Weekend Getaway for 20 & 30 Somethings from March 4-6, 2016. Visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Still available, music from Jason Hildebrand (AKA JAY RICHARDS). Choose from 3 Christmas compilations, and 1 Gospel themed album. CD's are \$10.00, with \$3.00 going toward the sanctuary renovation. Copies available in the Church library or Jay and Monica Hildebrand at jayceland8@gmail.com.

Community Events & Opportunities...

UMEI Christian High School News



Ground Beef - Ground beef orders are due in the office Wednesday, February 17th and will be ready for pick up Thursday, February 25th.

Student Soup Lunch – Sunday, February 21- Come out and enjoy a soup lunch in the auditorium prepared by the students – admission by donation. Funds raised go toward school trips.

UMEI Open House– Monday, February 22, 6:30-8:30 pm - Come and see what UMEI has to offer in and out of the classroom. Current students, parents, staff and alumni will be available to discuss what a UMEI education looks like.

Job Posting: Summer Camps Coordinator - UMEI Christian High School is looking for a university student to coordinate the school's summer day camps; specifically Camp Explore U for grades 4-6 students as well as Rockets and Robotics for grades 4-8 students. The successful candidate will be proactive in planning and developing the 3 week-long camp programs. The position runs from May 30 – August 5 and offers 30 hours/week. For more details contact Sonya Bedal at principal@umei.ca. Application deadline is February 19, 2016.

Job Posting: French Teacher - UMEI Christian High School is seeking an innovative and qualified Secondary School teacher to join the French faculty at our school. You will be a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional with excellent subject knowledge and a sound understanding of the Ontario secondary school curriculum.

Leamington Mennonite Home News



The Leamington Mennonite Home Corporate Members Meeting is on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship, 22 Garrison Avenue.

The community is invited to attend the 2016 LMH Winter Education Series in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. There is no cost for these sessions. Come and join us for coffee and cookies as we receive information on these important health topics.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 - Medication Tips for Seniors

Mark Vickers, Pharmacist, Thomson Guardian Drugs

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - Life's Transition – Avoiding Crises

Linda Tiessen and Marilyn Miller

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 - Support Services

Jayne Latam and Mariel Konrad

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - In Home Support Services

Lori Adams, Thomson Guardian

EKMHA news!

Travelogues at 7:00 at the Heritage Centre:

Fri, Feb 19: **The Alps & Provence** by Ed and Helen Brown

Fri, Mar 4: **South Africa** by Debbie Janzen

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation

Sat, April 16 at UMEI at 6:00: **Spring Dinner:** Speaker, Ron Tiessen

Details to be announced

Ways to Give ...

Personal Care Items - The mission committee will again be organizing a personal care item collection for the month of February. There are many here in Leamington who are unable to afford some of these basic items. These items include: toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, towels, face cloths, feminine hygiene products, razors (both men and women's) and loufas. Over the month of February, please pick a few of these items up on your weekly grocery trips and bring them into LUMC.



**Items Needed: Peanut Butter, Juice
Canned fruit, Cereal**

Joys and Concerns ...

Congratulations ...

Congratulations to Olivia Dean, daughter of Lloyd & Helen Dean of Kingsville and Jonathan Williams, son of Rhoda Williams, Kevin Williams & Mary-Ann Gorcsi all of Brantford on their engagement. We wish the couple God's greatest blessing as they prepare for their summer wedding.

Pray For ...

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Shae Driedger as she studies nursing at the University of Windsor.

Pray For ...

Planning for Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2016 in Saskatoon is underway. Pray for the planners, volunteers, presenters, seminar leaders, and hosts of this event, and pray that it will bring our national church family closer together.

Pray For ...

This year, 47 students have applied for scholarships to Union Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Church Canada's partner in India. Please pray that God will resource, nurture, and inspire these committed disciples of Christ.

Remembering Our Neighbours...

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Leamington District Memorial Hospital.



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

Feb 7 - Meat Canner Lunch at UMEI
Feb 7 - Jr. Youth Winter Activity
Feb 8 - Heritage Choir Practice - 2pm-Heritage
Feb 9 - Youth Pancake Supper: 5-7pm - LUMC
Feb 12 - 14 - Sr. Youth Winter Retreat
Feb 14 - First Sunday of Lent
Feb 17 - Adult Bible Study - 7pm
Feb 21 - Second Sunday of Lent
Feb 22 - Heritage Choir Practice-2pm-Heritage
Feb 28 - Third Sunday of Lent
Feb 28 - LUMC Potluck Lunch, Annual Meeting
Feb 29 - Heritage Choir Practice-2:30pm -LMH

2016 A Season of Reading

Children's Shine On Readings

The Sower & the Seed 204
Hidden Treasure 207

Feb 8 - Amos 3 & Introduction
Feb 9 - Amos 4 - GT - p 1010
Feb 10 - Amos 5
Feb 11 - Amos 7
Feb 12 - Amos 9
Feb 13 - Mark 4:1-20
Bonus Reading: Psalm 51:1-17, Isaiah 58:1-12

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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: Jan 31, 2016

General - \$ 4,726.00
Building - \$ 150.00
Designated - \$ 2,590.00
Total = \$7,466.00