



Leamington United Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - David Dyck, Worship Leader - Sonya Bedal

'The God

who

Answers

by Fire -

He is God!'

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song - 'Not be shaken'

Scripture Reading - Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Song - '10,000 Reasons'

Scripture Reading - Matthew 7:13-14, 7:24-27

Giving our Gifts

Offertory Music - 'Oceans' by Worship Team

Refugee Update

Prayers of the People

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.

Song - 'Days of Elijah'

Children's story - 'Interview with Elijah'

Sermon - 'The God who Answers by Fire - He is God!'

Introduction to Winter Term Education Hour

Benediction

Coffee and Conversation - 10:45 - 11:00

Education Hour - 11:00 - 11:45

Children's Story - Alyssa Krueger, Nathan Toews, Megan Braun

Scripture Reader - Alex Epp, Powerpoint - John Krueger

Worship Choir - Jade Flaming, Mykayla Tiessen, Camryn Enns,

Olivia Toews, Camden Driedger, Josh Toews

Worship Band - Piano - Joel Dyck; Guitar - Mykayla Tiessen;

Bass Guitar - Mitchel Hildebrand; Percussion - Camden Driedger

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.

Welcome

Welcome to our UMEI Christian High School students and staff who are leading part of our worship service today. UMEI is one of our ministries at LUMC and we appreciate the partnership we have with this school.

Call to Worship (inspired by Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7)

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

**For something happens here
that reminds us that we can live as God desires**

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

~ written by Henrietta Stith Andrews

Church Education...



Teaching Schedule

Jan 10 - Jesus in the Desert
Jan 17 - Jesus Brings Good News
Jan 24 - Transfiguration
Jan 31 - Mustard Seed and Yeast

*Sunday School
Offering
Jan 3- \$19.00*

Youth Ministry

Sr. Youth - Friday Night Youth - Master Chef Edition

Friday January 15th, 6:30-8:30 @ LUMC

All Sr. Youth are invited to the great cooking challenge - with a twist.

Jr. Youth - The Great Jr. Youth Bake-Off

Sunday January 17th, 2:00-3:30pm @ LUMC

All Jr. Youth are invited to undertake our first baking challenge.

Winter Education Classes - 11:00-11:45 a.m. Beginning January 10

1) Catechism lead by the PMT: Victor Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson

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.

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

Teachers: Mike Williamson, Janice Huntingford Wagner - Sr.Singing Rm

In this class we will read the Bible together using our weekly scripture readings in the NIV Student Bible as our guide.

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, person stories and discussion to guide us. This has been core value in the work of MEDA for many years.

5) Youth: Teacher - Mike Williamson Location - Youth Room

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.

LUMC 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. Committee Reports for this year's meeting are due in the office by February 5. Please submit electronically.

Get Involved ...

Special New Year's Opportunity at LUMC with Dr. Derek Suderman

In our Season of Reading this year we have encountered many scripture texts that challenge our interpretation and understanding. How do we read the Bible today? How do we interpret the Bible? How do we apply the Bible to our lives and our world? On January 17 we have invited an outstanding Bible scholar who will help us with these questions. **Dr. Derek Suderman** is professor of Religious Studies at the University of Waterloo (Grebel) and has a wealth of experience interpreting the Old Testament. He will be with us for both our morning worship service, our Education Hour and an afternoon workshop beginning at 3 pm. Save the date!

Our January 17 schedule with Dr. Derek Suderman

Sermon: ***The Beginning of Scripture***

Sunday School: ***The Old Testament: Why Bother?***

Have you embarked on reading the Bible with good intentions, only to find that it hasn't lived up to your expectations? Do you feel bogged down in endless laws and stories of failure? Drawing on Jacob's wrestling at the Jabok river as an analogy, we will reflect on what we bring to and expect out of Bible study. What is the point of all this anyway?

Afternoon Bible Study: ***More than a 'Fish Story': Jonah's Challenge for Today***

Have you ever wondered how Jonah survived in the belly of the fish? While we all know this aspect of the story, we often miss the larger message that stretches beyond this immediate connection. As Jonah preaches to Nineveh, their unexpected response forces Jonah (and us!) to face a dramatic question: what do we expect of God and our enemies? Come, explore Jonah's challenging and timely message in this dynamic, interactive workshop.

Wrestling with Scripture: The Art of Facilitating Dynamic Bible Study

(geared especially for Sunday School teachers, Bible study and youth leaders)

Are you tired of Bible studies where the leader lectures you to think like him/her, or where everyone shares their opinions but no one seems to learn anything new? Are you concerned about a decline in biblical literacy or have you given up on Bible study altogether? Come, learn some tips for leading Bible studies that avoid these familiar ruts, shifting away from a focus on biblical literacy to ongoing biblical engagement.

Derek Suderman has taught Old Testament at Conrad Grebel and the University of Waterloo (Waterloo, Canada) since 2006. He represents Mennonite Church Canada on the Editorial Council of the Believer's Church Bible Commentary series. Derek is married to author and educator Rebecca Seiling, with whom he has two daughters, Zoe and Eden.

A Second Bible Study Opportunity - We hope that many of you will take advantage of **Derek Suderman's** coming to teach us. However, we also have a second opportunity. **Bryan Moyer Suderman** (Derek's brother) has been invited by MCEC and our Cluster to a workshop on January 22,23. See below.

"Reading the Bible With Jesus." You are invited to an experience that has the potential to transform the way we relate to Scripture and to each other. How did Jesus use Scripture in addressing controversial issues and debates? What might we learn from Jesus' example as we read the Bible in the midst of controversial issues and debates today? These experiences of "Reading the Bible With Jesus" are participative, dynamic, thought-provoking and faith-inspiring. Come and add your voice to the conversation, and let's explore and learn together! MCEC and the Essex County cluster of Mennonite churches are partnering to make this experience available in Leamington:

January 22-23 at Faith Mennonite Church, Leamington.

"Have You Never Read?" - Jesus as Interpreter of Scripture in Mark's Gospel.

The workshop times: January 22 (7:30 -9pm), January 23 (9-3).
Please register with LUMC office or the Pastors.

Refugee Committee - The Refugee Sponsorship Committee would like to thank the congregation for its generous donations to the Refugee Fund during the holiday season. A special grant has been given to this fund by Dragon Fire Foundation in memory of Chris Omstead who was involved with our Mission Committee. We are thankful for these many donations. Another opportunity to help with refugees has come our way. A volunteer from the Syrian Canadian Council has asked our church to be a drop location for the Leamington area. They are sponsoring a Toy Drive for refugee families in the Windsor/Essex area. A special donation box will be set up in the lobby. The donations will be picked up on the 23rd of January so we have a few weeks to donate to this cause. More information about a family for LUMC will hopefully be available soon.

Adult Study Group - Jan 20, 7 pm at LUMC. Topic - An Evolving Spirituality. The last chapter in the series "Painting the Stars".
A welcoming group to adults who want to dig deeper into the Christian faith, religion, science and the challenges facing believers in a largely secular world. Feel free to join us, ask questions or simply listen in.

Mennonite Foundation - Many members leave a gift of money in their wills for MCC's ministries and for other charities. These legacy gifts will help MCC continue its much needed ministries in the years to come. Erv Wiens of MCC Ontario and Sherri Grosz of Mennonite Foundation invite you to discuss this opportunity on Saturday, January 23 from 2-4pm, in the UMEI Chapel.



How to become more missional in your neighbourhood.

This week's suggestion ...

Ask longtime residents to help you learn about the neighbourhood.

Community Events & Opportunities...

UMEI Christian High School News



Lightning Live: January 15th - Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2016 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes on Friday, January 15th. Lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:45am and the day runs from 10:00am - 2:30pm.

To pre-register email office@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448.

Community Fundraising Lunch: January 17th – 11:30 – 1:00 - Come join us at our January fundraising meal. Admission by donation. Take out is also available. Wareneki will be available to purchase at the lunch – 1 dozen (frozen) for \$10

Ground Beef - Ground beef orders are due in the office Wednesday, January 20th and will be ready for pick up Thursday, January 28th.

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 26, 2016.

Shop UMEI Update - The Shop UMEI program for the 2015/2016 school year is off to a great start. To date, \$250,000 worth of cards have been sold and the profit is \$12,205 for the school and students. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the program.

Leamington Mennonite Home News



Meals on Wheels - The Leamington Mennonite Home is in need of a Meals on Wheels volunteer for Mondays from January 18 – March 2, 2016. The volunteer is needed to give 20-30 minutes of their time from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Mennonite Home Complex. Please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 or terri@mennonitehome.ca

Christmas Season - The Home thanks all family and friends who visited our residents during the holiday season. Visits are the best gifts for our residents. Please delay your visit if you have a runny nose, cough or other forms of the flu in your family. We hope to enjoy a joyous and flu less 2016.

EKMHA news!

Travelogues at the Heritage Centre:

Friday Jan 22: Scotland, by Lois Konrad

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation

Super Soup Night: Saturday Jan 23 at UMEI

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation

A Second Chance: If you missed the Soli Deo Gloria Singers November concert, or you wish to hear it again, you have the opportunity to do so Sunday, January 31/16 at 3:00 at The Bank Theatre. The music includes spirituals, classic hymns, new music, and syncopated rhythms. Tickets: \$15 - Adults, \$10 - students. Tickets available at Thomson Guardian Drugs and Wharram's Jewelry.

Ways to Give ...



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

Joys and Concerns ...

Pray For ...

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Kaylie Dyck who is working in Edmonton, Alberta.

Engagement...

Congratulations to Carina Epp & Adam Huby on their recent engagement. Carina is the daughter of Dave & Char Epp, and Adam is the son of Lizette & Julian Huby of Barrie. We wish this couple God's greatest blessing as they prepare for their upcoming wedding.

Thank you ...

Thank you to all of the Sunday School children for the Christmas Eve program. Songs were sung with energy and exuberance, actors had practiced, knew their lines and delivered them clearly. Parents, relatives, neighbours and church members were touched by the message of Jesus' birth. Thank you all for your hard work. A special thank you to Amy Toews, Christine Tiessen, Leanne Braun and Shelley Warkentin for your planning, energy and effort in directing this evening!

Pray For ...

Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder invite prayer for Wendinmi, the newly elected president of the youth hostel, a ministry of Mennonite Church Canada's partner, the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, and for outgoing president, Samegare Traore.

Remembering Our Neighbours...

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Evangelical Mennonite Mission 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

Jan 10 - Youth Deacon Potluck Lunch
Jan 11 - Heritage Choir Practice-2pm-Heritage
Jan 15 - Sr. Youth at LUMC - 6:30-8:30pm
Jan 17 -Dr. Derek Suderman: Morning Worship
& Afternoon Workshop 3 pm at LUMC
Jan 17 - Jr. Youth at LUMC - 2-3:30pm
Jan 18 - Heritage Choir Practice-2pm-Heritage
Jan 20 - Adult Study Group - 7pm
Jan 22, 23 - Bryan Moyer Suderman
Faith Church Bible Workshop
Jan 23 - Men's Breakfast - 8am
Jan 25 - Heritage Choir Practice-2:30pm-LMH
Feb 28 - LUMC Annual Meeting
Annual Reports due by Feb. 5

2016 A Season of Reading

**Children's Shine On
Readings**
Nicodemus Visits Jesus 189
Jesus & the Samaritan
Woman 190

Jan 11 - I Kings 17 - GT
Jan 12 - I Kings 18: 1-15
Jan 13 - I Kings 18:16-46 - GT
Jan 14 - I Kings 19 - 100 People pg. 406
Jan 15 - I Kings 21 - 100 People pg. 413
Jan 16 - Mark 1:1-20
Bonus Reading: Psalm 29

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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 3, 2016

General - \$ 4,085.00

Building - \$ 50.00

Total = \$ 4,135.00