



# Leamington United Mennonite Church

## Sunday, January 17, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - Derek Suderman, Worship Leaders - David Dyck, Mike Williamson

<p>The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 29:29</p>	<p>Songs - 'God has spoken by His prophets' (Bulletin) 'Holy, holy, holy'</p>
	<p>Call to Worship Prayer</p>
	<p>Song - 'Listen to the Word' Scripture Reading - Luke 4:14-22</p>
	<p>Song - 'Ancient Words'</p>
	<p>Giving our Gifts Songs - 'There is a place of quiet rest' #5 'Don't be afraid' STJ 105</p>
	<p>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></p>
	<p>Song - 'Mountain of God' Children's story</p>
	<p>Sermon - 'The Beginning of Scripture'</p>
	<p>Song - 'Come, walk with us' STJ 2</p>
	<p>Coffee and Fellowship Education Hour - 'The Old Testament - Why Bother?'</p>

Worship Music - Levite Choir, Children's Story - Ken Hildebrandt  
 Scripture Reader - Rosemary Fiss, Powerpoint - Wayne St. Denis  
 Organist - Helen Brown

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## **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 to Dr. Derek Suderman** - 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 our morning worship service, our Education Hour and an afternoon workshop beginning at 3 pm. He 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.

### ***Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 1)***

King of all the earth,  
Creator of the universe,  
Holy Triune God,  
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.  
Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

**Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

**Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

**Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

**Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

This is our God, the Holy One.  
Come before him with thanksgiving  
and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

### ***LUMC Potluck Lunch & Membership Meeting - Sunday, January 31***

Agenda - Financing the Proposed Renovation Project

## Church Education...



### Teaching Schedule

Jan 17 - Jesus Brings Good News  
Jan 24 - Transfiguration  
Jan 31 - Mustard Seed and Yeast

Sunday School  
Offering  
Jan 10- \$23.25

There will be smart board and video activities in place of gym time this morning.

### Youth Ministry

**Sr. Youth** - There is no Sr. Youth this week as students busy themselves with end of term projects and preparing for final exams.  
**Jr. Youth** - Jr. Youth Winter Fun, Sunday January 24, 1:30-3:00@ TBD  
Depending on weather, the Jr. Youth may go tobogganing or skating.  
Mike will email final details by the end of the week.

### Today, January 17 - Education Classes

#### 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) **The Old Testament: Why Bother? Location - Auditorium**

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?

### Today, January 17 - Workshop - Dr. Derek Suderman, 3-5:30 p.m - LUMC

#### 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.

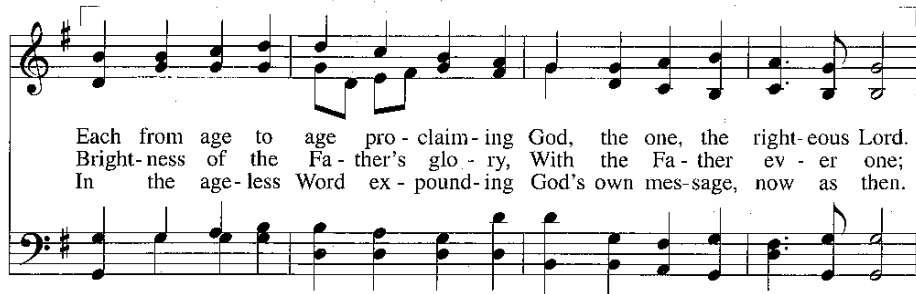
**LUMC Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 28, 2016** - Plan to join us for this important meeting. The minutes from last year's Annual Meeting are posted on the bulletin board for your viewing. Committee Reports for this year's meeting are due in the office by February 5. Please submit electronically.

# God Has Spoken by His Prophets

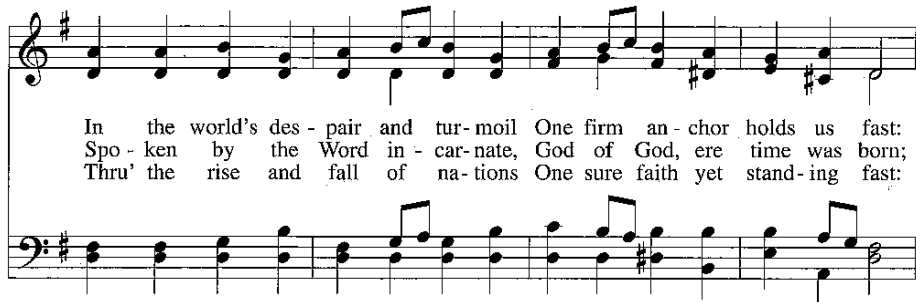
*God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets. Heb. 1:1*



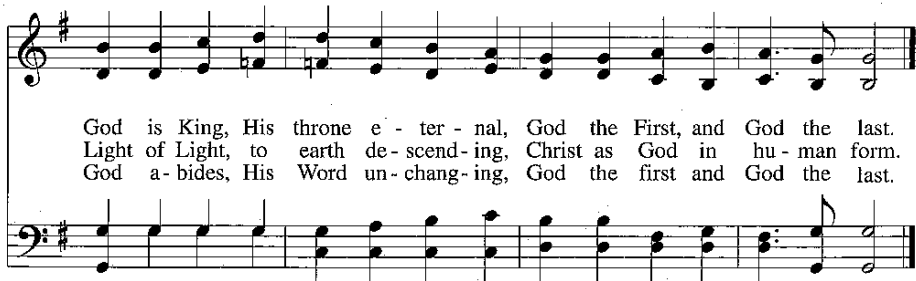
1. God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word,  
2. God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
3. God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain;



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.  
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing God's own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's des - pair and tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast:  
Spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God of God, ere time was born;  
Thru' the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast:



God is King, His throne e - ter - nal, God the First, and God the last.  
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, Christ as God in hu - man form.  
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

TEXT: George W. Briggs, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven

An alternate arrangement may be found at No. 56.

HYMN TO JOY

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## ***Get Involved...***

***Leamington Mennonite Home Auxiliary Meeting*** - Monday, January 18, 2016, 7pm, in the J.C. Neufeld Fellowship Room

***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.

***MEDA Breakfast*** is at 7:30am January 21st at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs.

***A Second Bible Study Opportunity - Bryan Moyer Suderman*** (Derek's brother) has been invited by MCEC and our Cluster to a workshop on Jan. 22,23.

***"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.**

***Thrift on Mill (formerly Et Cetera Shoppe)*** is opening its new location on Mill St. W. on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Help us furnish the new store by donating gently used items to our new location starting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you need to donate earlier, our existing locations are still receiving up to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call the present furniture store to arrange for pickups of furniture (519-322-1861). The current stores at 19 & 55 Erie St. N will remain open until January 27<sup>th</sup>. Moving Sale to clear existing inventory will begin on January 18. All proceeds go towards the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

***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 ...*

*Host a regular Saturday morning breakfast potluck.*

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

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



#### **Community Fundraising Lunch - Today – 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.

**Shop UMEI Orders** - We will be placing an order for the retail Shop UMEI cards. Orders are due in the office by noon on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and will be in by Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ground Beef** - Ground beef orders are due in the office Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for pick up Thursday, Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:principal@umei.ca). NOTE: Application deadline has been changed to February 19, 2016.

### ***The Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundraising Luncheon***

*hosted by*

*Leamington Meat Canner Committee*

**When:** Sunday, February 7th, 2016

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

**Time:** 11:30am - 2:00pm

**Leamington Mennonite Home News** - In our efforts to respond to resident dementias, we are inviting donations of the following: used iPods, guitars, small keyboards, maracas, and bongos. Please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 or [terri@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:terri@mennonitehome.ca) if you can assist us with any of these items. Volunteers for feeding, hair salon work, visitations are always welcome. Please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 or [terri@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:terri@mennonitehome.ca) if you can assist.



### **EKMHA news!**

#### ***Travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7:00:***

**Friday Jan 22:** Scotland, by Lois Konrad

**Friday Feb 5:** Budapest to Prague, Danube River Cruise by Charlotte Murray

**Friday Feb 19:** The Alps and Provence by Ed and Helen Brown

#### ***Super Soup Night: Saturday Jan 23 at UMEI at 6:00 pm***

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation

**A Second Chance:** The Soli Deo Gloria Singers will be performing on 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**

**LUMC AFT Donations for January** - Automatic Funds Transfer is available from any financial institution for donation to our church (budget or building fund). Contact the church office to set up this convenient method of donating on a regular basis.

Jan. AFT: General Fund: \$7,865.00, Building Fund: \$890.00

**Refugee Toy Drive** - 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 donation box will be set up in the lobby. The donations will be picked up on January 23.

## Joys and Concerns ...

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

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Johnny Humphreys who is studying nursing at Lakehead University.

### **Notice of Death ...**

Gerhard Nickels, (81), passed away on January 6. Gerhard was the brother to Alice Funkenhauser, and cousin to Eleanor Willms and Lucie Kreling. A funeral service to celebrate George's life was held in Brampton on January 13. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### **Notice of Death ...**

Anna Guenther, of Saskatoon passed away on Jan. 2. Anna was the grandmother to Andrea & Joel Warkentin. Elizabeth Epp, also of Saskatoon passed away Jan. 13. Elizabeth was the aunt to Andrea & Joel Warkentin. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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

Please continue to pray for peaceful and just transitions in Burkina Faso following the Nov. 29 election of Roch Marc Christian Kabore as the country's new leader. May former adversaries seek common ground and find ways to work together.

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

January 17, 2016 is Stewardship Sunday and marks the season where the fiscal years of many congregations close and new ones begin. Ask God for generous hearts to strongly support the ministries of congregations, area churches, and the national church.

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

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Mount Zion Full Gospel 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 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 24 - Jr. Youth - 1:30-3pm  
Jan 31 - Potluck Lunch & Membership Meeting  
Jan 25 - Heritage Choir Practice-2:30pm-LMH  
Feb 6 - Windsor Symphony Orchestra - LUMC  
at 7:30 p m  
Feb 28 - LUMC Annual Meeting  
Annual Reports due by Feb. 5

## 2016 A Season of Reading

**Children's Shine On  
Readings**  
**The Man Through the Roof 193**  
**Beatitudes 194**

Jan 18 - 2 Kings 2:1-14 - Legend p 418  
Jan 19 - 2 Kings 2:15-25  
Jan 20 - 2 Kings 4:1-25  
Jan 21 - 2 Kings 4:26-44  
Jan 22 - 2 Kings 5, GT, p 424  
Jan 23 - Mark 1:21-45  
*Bonus Reading: Psalm 36*

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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 10, 2016

General - \$5,050.00  
Building - \$ 125.00  
Designated - \$ 570.00  
**Total = \$5,745.00**