



## **Leamington United Mennonite Church** **Sunday, January 24, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.**

*Speaker - Mike Williamson, Worship Leader - Carl Schartner*

God, who  is rich  in mercy,  made us  alive with  Christ,  even when  we were  dead...  Ephesians 2:4-5	Call to Worship
	Songs - 'God of our strength' #36 'I will call upon the Lord' #19 STJ
	Prayer
	Scripture Readings - 2 Kings 5, Luke 17:11-19, Ephesians 2:1-10
	Giving our Gifts
	Songs - 'How firm a foundation' #567 'Thy Word'
	Announcements
	Church Membership - John & Nancy Froese
	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>
	Song - 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' #523
	Children's Story
	Sermon - 'Space for Grace: A Tale of the Walking Dead'
	Song - 'Amazing Grace' #143
	Benediction

*Solo - Alyssa Epp, Song Leader - Dave Epp, Children's Story - Mary Tiessen  
Scripture Reader - Sam Dyck, Powerpoint - Isaac & Ryan Dyck  
Organist - Marlene Konrad, Worship Music - Worship Band*

**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**

**(inspired by John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10)**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son  
that whoever believes in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

**Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!  
Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!**

Though we were as good as dead,  
God made us alive with the grace of Christ  
through whom we are rescued and healed.

**O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,  
for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

## Church Education...

Youth  
Ministry

### **Sr. Youth**

#### **The Great Sr. Youth Bible Reading Marathon & Lock-In**

*Friday January 29 6:00pm - Saturday January 30th 9:00am @ LUMC*

Sr. Youth Students are invited to bring their sleeping bags for an all night youth event at the church. Students will take 15 minute shifts reading portions of the New Testament all night long. There will also be games, mid-night snacks and movies. Sleep is Optional!

### **Jr. Youth**

There is no Jr. Youth this week as Mike will be recovering from Sr. Youth! Families are encouraged to come to the potluck and congregational meeting instead.

## Church Education...



### **Teaching Schedule**

Jan 24 - Transfiguration  
Jan 31 - Mustard Seed and Yeast

**Sunday School  
Offering**  
Jan 17- \$47.05

A big thank you to our Sunday School teachers for continuing to prepare lessons for each Sunday morning. Sometimes they are a little disappointed when only one or two students show up. Children in the senior singing class (Gr. 1-8) are learning songs that we sing during Worship. Thank you, parents, for bringing your children to participate in the many activities that are planned for them each Sunday morning.

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

**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.

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

### ***Morning Prayers at LUMC***

*'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.'* Colossians 4:2

It is a great privilege to pray together as God's people. Everyone is invited for morning prayers in our prayer room, Tuesday to Friday, from 8:45-9:00am. We gather for the reading of scripture, for silent prayer and for intercessory prayer. If you would like us to pray for a special need, please write out your prayer request on the welcome card in the pew and place it on the table in the prayer room.

### ***Small Groups...***

#### ***Going Deeper in Faith and Friendship***

At LUMC we value community and the kind of relationships we can have as brothers and sisters in Christ. There are more than 20 small groups in our church that are designed for this purpose. Our small groups come in all shapes and sizes and include Bible study groups, book clubs, discussion groups, support groups, and friendship groups. Are you interested in going deeper in your faith or deeper in your relationships? Let us know how we can help you find a group that's right for you. Fill out a "Welcome Card" and place it in the offering plate or in one of our mailboxes.

Your Small Group Coordinators,

David Dyck, Lois Konrad, Marvin Dueck, Alison Dyck

### ***Sensitivity***

We have a number of people in our congregation who are very sensitive to the scent of perfumes and colognes. They experience intense headaches and other serious allergic reactions when they come in contact with these scents. We ask all members of the congregation to be considerate of these concerns and refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes that might interfere with the worship of others.

### ***Having trouble hearing the worship service?***

*If you or someone you know is having trouble hearing the worship service, please see one of our deacons. They would be glad to help you. Hearing aids are available at any time.*

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

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

Plan to attend this lunch and membership meeting to discuss the financing of the Proposed Renovation Project.

Remember to return the blue questionnaire sheet on this project into the box in the lobby.

***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.

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

We are planning to have a child dedication service in February. 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.

Still available---music from Jason Hildebrand (AKA JAY RICHARDS). Choose from 3 Christmas compilations, and 1 Gospel themed album. Cost per CD is \$10.00, with \$3.00 from each sale going toward the sanctuary renovation. Copies are available in the Church library or thru Jay and Monica Hildebrand ([jayceland8@gmail.com](mailto:jayceland8@gmail.com))

***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.



### ***How to become more missional in your neighbourhood.***

*This week's suggestion ...*

*Host a sports game watching party.*

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

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



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

**Job Posting** - 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. The position will involve teaching students in grades 9-12 and also assisting in extra-curricular activities; coaching experience would be an asset. The applicant will be a motivated individual with a keen interest in encouraging and inspiring students to love learning and excel in the subject area of French. Please submit your resume and cover letter by email: Sonya Bedal, Principal, [principal@umei.ca](mailto:principal@umei.ca). For more information, call Mrs. Bedal at 519-326-7448 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday to Friday.

### ***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

**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"

For takeout call Barb Fischer at 519-322-2285 by Saturday, February 6

**Plan to attend, and bring a friend!**

### ***Leamington Mennonite Home News***



In our efforts to respond to resident dementias, we are inviting donations of the following: used iPods, guitars, small keyboards, boards, 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 Feb 5:** Budapest to Prague, Danube River Cruise by Charlotte Murray

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

**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**

## Bulletin Board Events ...

- SECC Volunteer Opportunities
- CMU News
- WECHC Parenting Classes
- University of Waterloo & Conrad Grebel Grade 10 Family Night - February 18

## Joys and Concerns ...

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

The Refugee Committee is working on being ready for when our family will arrive. A lot of details need to be worked out. For now, we would like to thank you for the many donations that have come in. Please continue to pray and think about our refugee family. They will be going through a major transition in their lives soon. Hopefully, we will have more information soon about the status of our family. Please stay tuned. Thank you also for bringing in toys for the donation box in the lobby. These toys will be picked up and distributed to the new Syrian refugees in Windsor/Essex County by the Syrian Canadian Council.

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

We want to continue to pray for our young adults in their work and their studies.

### **Engagement ...**

Congratulations to Joan Epp, daughter of Herm and Liz Dick of Leamington and Michael Reynaert, of Leamington, son of Pat and Victor Reynaert of Wheatley, on their recent engagement. We wish the couple God's greatest blessing as they plan their upcoming wedding.

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

Pray for Karen Martens Zimmerly, Mennonite Church Canada Executive Minister, Formation, and Denominational Minister as she cares for the health of pastors and oversees the formational programs of the national church.

### **New Address ...**

John Froese - 29 Pickwick Drive, Apt. 226, Leamington, ON N8H 5C4  
Phone # - 519-322-1998

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

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Templo Cristiano de Leamington.



*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 24 - Jr. Youth - 1:30-3pm  
 Jan 25 - Heritage Choir Practice-2:30pm-LMH  
 Jan 29 - Sr. Youth-Bible Marathon & Lock-In  
 Jan 31 - Potluck Lunch & Membership Meeting  
 Feb 3 - Church Council Meeting - 7pm  
 Feb 5 - Reports due for Annual Meeting  
 Feb 6 - Windsor Symphony Orchestra - LUMC  
 at 7:30 p m  
 Feb 7 - Meat Canner Lunch at UMEI  
 Feb 9 - Youth Pancake Supper  
 Feb 14 - First Sunday of Lent  
 Feb 21 - Second Sunday of Lent  
 Feb 28 - Third Sunday of Lent

## 2016 A Season of Reading

**Children's Shine On  
Readings**  
 Love Your Enemies 196  
 Give, Pray, Fast 198

Jan 25 - 2 Kings 6:1-24  
 Jan 26 - 2 Kings 6:25-7:2  
 Jan 27 - 2 Kings 7:3-20  
 Jan 28 - 2 Kings 12  
 Jan 29 - 2 Kings 17:1-23  
 Jan 30 - Mark 2  
 Bonus Reading: 2 kings 17:24-40, GT, p 439

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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 17, 2016

General - \$6,340.00  
 Building - \$ 600.00  
 Total - \$ 6,940.00