



Leamington United Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 3, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - Victor Winter, Worship Leader - Janice Huntingford Wagner

	Call to Worship
	Prayer (Bulletin)
You	Song - 'I sing the mighty power' #46
	Scripture Reading - Psalm 139:1-18
have	Song - 'Rain down' #49 STJ
Searched	Scripture Reading - Psalm 139:19-24, Job 7:16-20
me, Lord,	Giving our Gifts
	Song - 'I owe the Lord a morning song' #651
and	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>
You know	Children's story
	Sermon - 'The Inescapable Intimacy of God'
me.	Song - 'Abide with me' #653, v.1,3,4
	Benediction

Organist - Kathy Driedger, Song Leader - Dave Epp
Scripture Reader - Sara Balkwill, Powerpoint - Isaac & Ryan Dyck
Children's Story - Mary Tiessen

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.

Prayer for the New Year 2016

A new year coming and God is with us.
In loving and in carrying, in hoping and expecting,
God is with us and never lets us go.

God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.

God keep us faithful through the days that lie ahead,
God keep us caring in the pain that fills your world,
God keep us serving as we seek to do your will,

God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.

God keep us loving toward neighbours near and far,
God keep us trusting through the uncertainties of life,
God keep us sharing from your generous abundance.

**God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.
Amen.**

Church Education...



Teaching Schedule

Jan 3 - No Sunday School
Jan 10 - Jesus in the Desert

*Sunday School
Offering
Dec 27- \$53.05*

The children are invited to join Frieda Lepp for an activity following the children's story.

Youth Ministry

Sr. Youth - Winter Kick-Off - Friday January 8 - 6:30-8:30 at LUMC
The youth will be playing games of challenge and starting a prayer mural.

Youth Deacon Potluck Lunch - Sunday January 10 - 12:00-1:30 @ LUMC following the service'

Jr. Youth - The Great Jr. Youth Bake-Off - Sunday January 17 - 2 - 3:30 @ LUMC.

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

1) 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.

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

Teachers: Mike Williamson, Janice Huntingford Wagner, Location -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.

3) 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.

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.

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.

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.

Catechism 2016 - Beginning January 10 - 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, starting January 10. Let us know if you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity.

PMT: Victor Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson

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.

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



How to become more missional in your neighbourhood.

This week's suggestion ...

Set up a meet your neighbors night in your driveway/front yard.

Community Events & Opportunities...

UMEI Christian High School News



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.

LIGHTNING LIVE: January 15 - Calling all Grade 7 & 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2016 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes. Lunch is provided. Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. Registration begins at 9:45am and the day runs from 10:00am - 2:30pm. Register by email office@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448.

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

Volunteer Opportunity - The Windsor Essex Community Health Centre (WECHC) is proud to launch the **ABC's of Parenting program** one morning (Tuesdays) a week, at the Leamington United Mennonite Church. The program coordinator is seeking the assistance of volunteers.

Day: Tuesdays (Jan 5 - Mar 29, 2016) Time: 9:45 - 11:45 am

Duties: Assist with Supervision of pre-school aged children and children's activities, assist with snack distribution, assist with set up and take down, provide a safe environment for the children, take direction from program coordinator

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dodie Wilson at dwilson@wehc.org or call 519-253-8481, ext 226.

Mennonite Burial Society - The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 2 pm in the Pleasant Manor Oakview Chapel in Virgil. Board and committee positions are available. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com.

EKMHA news!

Travelogues at the Heritage Centre:

Friday Jan 8: Vienna, by Willy & Luise Taves

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 continue to remember our young adults in their work and their studies.

Pray For...

Pray for Henry and Erna Funk who are serving their second short term ministry term with SERVE Nazareth, a volunteer program connecting Christian volunteers with local Arab churches to build relationships and gain understanding about the church in the Holy Land. They are members of the Zoar Mennonite Church (Waldheim, Sask.). The Funks will complete their ministry in March.

Praise ...

On Jan. 10, Jesus Village Church (JVC) in Chuncheon, South Korea celebrated its 20th anniversary! JVC began in 1996 emphasizing a recovery of the New Testament church and informed by an Anabaptist vision. JVC has been instrumental in the development and support of the Korea Anabaptist Center, Mennonite Church Canada's partner in South Korea. May God continue to bless and lead JVC! Currently, Mennonite Church Canada connects with JVC through the ministry of workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park.

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 3 - Worship service - 9:45am
 - No Sunday School or Adult Education
- Jan 6 - Church Council Meeting - 7pm
- Jan 8 - Sr. Youth - 6:30pm
- Jan 10 - Worship Service - 9:45am
 Sunday School & Adult Education
 Classes Begin
- Jan 10 - Youth Deacon Potluck Lunch
- Jan 17 - Dr. Derek Suderman: Morning Worship
 & Afternoon Workshop 3 pm at LUMC
- Jan 17 - Jr. Youth - 2pm
- Jan 20 - Adult Study Group - 7pm
- Jan 22, 23 - Bryan Moyer Suderman
 Faith Church Bible Workshop
- Jan 23 - Men's Breakfast - 8am
- Feb 28 - LUMC Annual Meeting
 Annual Reports due by Feb. 5

2016 A Season of Reading

Children's Shine On Readings

Jesus Calls the Disciples 185
 Jesus & the Wedding at Cana
 197

- Jan 4 - Psalm 84, Proverbs 4, (GT) Intro p 701
- Jan 5 - Proverbs 10 (GT)
- Jan 6 - Proverbs on Words p 720
- Jan 7 - Song of Songs 2 (GT), Intro p 751
- Jan 8 - Ecclesiastes 3 (GT), The Nation Splits
 p 400-401
- Jan 9 - I Corinthians 12:1-11
 Bonus Reading: I Kings 14

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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: Dec 25, 2015

General - \$ 16,605.00
 Building - \$ 5,650.00
 Designated - \$ 300.00
Total = \$22,555.00

Offering: Dec 27, 2015

General - \$ 7,310.00
 Building - \$ 50.00
 Designated - \$ 120.00
Total - \$7,480.00