



Leamington United Mennonite Church Sunday, January 31, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - Edgar Brown, Worship Leader - Victor Winter

Love	Call to Worship & Prayer
	Song - 'Come, let us all unite to sing' #12
	Scripture Reading - 2 Kings 6:1-6, 15-23
God,	Song - 'Long before my journey's start' #36 STJ
	Scripture Reading - Mark 2:1-12
	Giving our Gifts
Love	Worship Music - The Gift of Love
	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>
your	Song - 'Holy Spirit, come with power' #26
	Children's Story
	Sermon - 'The Force Awakens:
Neighbour	Love God, Love your Neighbour'
	Introduction: Theme Music - Mitchel Hildebrand
	Song - 'Help us to help each other' #362
	Benediction

Flute - Natalie Dorion, Piano - Linda Regehr, Organist - Helen Brown

Scripture Reader - Terri Epp

Children's Story - Mike Williamson, Powerpoint - John Krueger

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.

Church Education...

Refugee Committee Update - The Refugee Committee is still busy finalizing arrangements while awaiting word that our Syrian family is finally able to relocate to Leamington. Our family consists of a dad who is 34, a mom who is 29, a 4 year old daughter and a 10 month old son. We are happy to announce that we have found a house, which is located in Kingsville, and are now in the process of furnishing it. It is a small house, so our need for furniture may not be great, but if anyone would like to donate furniture in good condition, please contact Mary Tiessen 519-326-2372 or Patti Russell 519-563-9901, and we will arrange to have it picked up. Uni-Fab, with Abe Fehr's leadership, is also sponsoring a family, and we will be sharing the donations of furniture with them as they are anticipating a family of seven. We thank everyone for their generous financial donations, our balance is just over \$15,000. If you would like to financially support this family, we encourage you to still do so. Lastly, we want to pass on that there is a great need for strollers in the Windsor/Essex area for the many refugee families that have already arrived, as there are many small children blessed to be starting a new life in Canada. If you have one to donate, or know someone that might have one to donate, again, please contact Mary or Patti for more information. Please continue to hold our refugee family in your prayers.

Youth Ministry

Sr. Youth - Thursday February 4 - *No Sr. Youth This Week*

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).

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 - Jr. Youth Winter Activity - Sunday February 7th

1:30-3:00 pm @ TBD, More details to come.

Church Education...



Teaching Schedule

Jan 31 - Mustard Seed and Yeast
Feb 7 - Come to the Banquet
Feb 14 - Jesus Visits Mary & Martha
Feb 21 - The Loving Father
Feb 28 - Jesus in the Temple

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

Teacher: Erwin Tiessen - Sr. Singing Rm

Topic - Was it justice or judgement that carried Israel away to Assyria?

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

Church in Action...

LUMC Potluck Lunch & Membership Meeting - Today, 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 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. 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.

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

Finding God in My Neighbourhood,
with Stuart Murray, author of *The Naked Anabaptist*

Thrift on Mill (formerly Et Cetera Shoppe) is opening its new location on Mill St. W. on Monday, February 1st. We are now receiving at the new store on Mill St. West. Help us 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.

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)



How to become more missional in your neighbourhood.

This week's suggestion ...

Find out your neighbours birthdays and take them a card and baked goods on it.

Get Involved...

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

Join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

In honour of the 50th Annual Mennonite Relief Sale in May of 2016, we would like to hear from you about memories and stories from Relief Sales past. relief-salestories@gmail.com is an email address we have created for people to send stories, memories and special moments from Relief Sales past that they wish to share. We will compile these stories and post them 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. Our hope is we remind ourselves and others 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>.

The Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundraising Luncheon

hosted by Leamington Meat Canner Committee

Sunday, 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"

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

Plan to attend, and bring a friend!

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

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

2016 Theme: Travel Lightly. Imagine a whole weekend to slow down, to play in the snow, to laugh with friends and connect with God! Resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann. www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp – Registration is open for Summer 2016 with programming available for campers ages 6-16 including Mini Camp, Teen Camp, Family Camp and many others. Campership Funds (subsidies) are available. www.slmc.ca/camp or contact 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 is a collaboration between PiE and Silver Lake Mennonite Camp! Come to Silver Lake for a great weekend of fun, food and adventure. For more information, visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Community Events & Opportunities...

UMEI Christian High School News



Ground Beef - Ground beef will be ready for pick up Thursday, Feb 4.

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.

Leamington Mennonite Home News



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**

Mark Vickers, Pharmacist, Thomson Guardian Drugs
Medication Tips for Seniors

* **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

Linda Tiessen and Marilyn Miller
Life's Transition – Avoiding Crises

* **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

Jayne Latam and Mariel Konrad
Support Services

* **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

Lori Adams, Thomson Guardian Drugs
In Home Support Services

The Meals on Wheels program requires occasional deliverers on various days. Please consider bringing joy through a meal to a shut in by donating 30 minutes of your time. Please contact Terri Epp at 519-326-6109 or terri@mennonitehome.ca if you can assist.

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 if you can assist us with any of these items.

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 today, January 31 at 3:00 pm 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 ...

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 loulas. 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 ...

Notice of Death ...

Johanna Dyck, (95), passed away on January 22, 2016. Johanna was the mother of David & Nancy Dyck, and grandmother of Andrew, Samuel, and Joel Dyck. A service to celebrate Johanna's life was held in Kitchener on Wednesday, January 27. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Notice of Death ...

Isaac Tiessen (88), passed away on January 23, 2016 in Pandora, Ohio. Isaac was the husband of Margaret (Wiens), brother-in-law to our member Martha Wiens, and uncle to our members Tim & April Tiessen, and Ron & Helen Derksen. A service to celebrate Isaac's life was held at Reid's Funeral Home on Friday, January 29. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Pray For ...

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

Pray For ...

Pray for Jennifer Otto and Gregory Rabus, Mennonite Church Canada church planters in Germany, as they prepare to transition their ministry from Mannheim to the twin city of Ludwigshafen in April, 2016. The new location will serve Germans and newcomers from a nearby refugee center. The move proceeds with the blessing of both German conference partners, *Verband deutscher Mennonitengemeinden* (VDM) and *Arbeitsgemeindeschaft Sudwestdeutscher Mennonitengemeinden* (ASM).

Remembering Our Neighbours...

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Wheatley Evangel Tabernacle.



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 31 - Potluck Lunch & Membership Meeting
 Feb 1 - Heritage Choir Practice - 2pm-Heritage
 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 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

2016 A Season of Reading

**Children's Shine On
Readings**
 Don't Worry 201
 Building on the Rock 203

Feb 1 - Joel 2 & Introduction GT - p 1001
 Feb 2 - Jonah 1 & Introduction
 Feb 3 - Jonah 2
 Feb 4 - Jonah 3 - GT - p 1022
 Feb 5 - Jonah 4
 Feb 6 - Mark 3

Bonus Reading: Matthew 12:38-45

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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 24, 2016

General - \$ 6,340.00
 Building - \$ 100.00
 Designated - \$ 200.00

Total = \$6, 640.00