

Hope

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Leamington United Mennonite Church
Sunday, November 27, 2016 - 9:45 a.m.

1st Advent & Communion Service - Celebration of Hope
Speaker Mike - Williamson, Worship Leader - Victor Winter

<p>For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37</p>	Carol Singing
	Call to Worship
	Instrumental - Steve Enns, Grace Enns
	Dramatic Monologue - Mary (Mykayla Tiessen)
	Lighting the Candle of Hope
	Song - 'While we are waiting' (Screen)
	Prayer
	Song - 'Let all mortal flesh' #463
	Scripture Reading - Luke 1:26-38
	Song - 'The angel Gabriel' #180
	Scripture Reading - Luke 1:46-55
	Giving our Gifts
	Song - 'My soul cries out' (Screen)
	Witness Stand
	Prayers of the People
	Children's Story
	Sermon - 'Overshadowed By Grace'
Song - 'View the present through the promise' (Bulletin)	
Gathering at the Table of our Lord	
Benediction	
Adult Education Hour - 3 Options	

*Communion Servers - Werner & Rosmarie Froese, Edmund & Irma Tiessen,
George Friesen, Grace Tiessen, David & Charlene Epp, John Froese
Organist - Helen Brown, Children's Story - Frieda Lepp
Scripture Reader - Sara Balkwill, Worship Music - Levite Choir
LUMC Tech Team - Bill Cornies, Mitchel Hildebrand, John Krueger,
John Braun, Eric Harder*

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.

Advent Wreath - The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, with no beginning and no ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God, and that God's love and caring for us never ends. The evergreen branches are a sign of ever new life. The candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ. The traditional colors of the Advent candles, three violet and one rose, are penitential colors, reminding us of our need for God's help to be the people we're meant to be. The white candle which we light on Christmas Eve signifies the coming of Christ.

Church Education ...

Fall 2016 Education Hour Options - 11:00 - 11:45am

- 1) **Vanishing Grace** - Senior Singing Room
Teachers - Paul Dyck, Carolyn Warkentin
- 2) **Season of Reading: Gospel of Luke** - Junior Singing Room
Teachers - David Dyck, Erwin Tiessen, Glenn Sellick
- 3) **8 Cities - I want to talk more!** - Board Room
Conversation Facilitators: Elisa Recker, Lisa Heide



Sunday School News ...

Nov 27 - Reading God's Word Together

December 4 - Toy Sunday - Children are

invited to bring gifts to the front of the sanctuary during the children's story. These gifts will go to the Salvation Army and will be distributed to needy families.

Practice for the Christmas Eve programme continues - Thank you for bringing your children every Sunday. The children are becoming familiar with the music.

Sunday School Offering
Nov 20 - \$28.85

Youth
Ministry

Sr. Youth - Progressive Youth Dinner - Friday, December 9

5:00-9:00 meeting at LUMC - All Sr. Youth are invited to our 5th Annual Progressive Christmas Dinner. Youth will be meeting at LUMC to depart to three locations for eating and festive merry making and one secret location. Youth are asked to bring a \$5.00 donation for a special Christmas project which will be used to bless someone locally.

Jr. Youth - Christmas Cartoon Breakfast - Saturday December 10

9:00-11:00am at LUMC - All Jr. Youth are invited to our annual Saturday morning Christmas Cartoon Breakfast in their pyjamas. Youth will be eating some of their favourite sugary cereals while watching some classic Christmas Cartoons and learning about the meaning of Christmas. Kids are asked to bring a donation of \$5.00 for a special Christmas project which will be used to bless someone locally.

Church in Action ...

Reaching Out ... During the Advent season we encourage you to think of friends, family, and neighbours to personally invite to our Advent and Christmas services. Invitations are available on the bulletin stand.



8 Cities - Tonight, November 27 - Cancun
Check our website at www.lumc.ca for more information.

Advent Singing - 9:35 am - The season of Advent has many familiar songs and carols that we look forward to singing. Throughout Advent we will have a 'Congregational Singing' prelude where we will sing Advent and Christmas songs together. Singing begins at 9:35am and the worship service begins at 9:45am.

Catechism 2017 - Beginning January 15 - 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, from January through June. Let us know if you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity.
PMT: Victor Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson

Calling all flutes, trumpets, violins and other instruments - We would like to create some joyful noise to celebrate the Christmas season here in LUMC. If you play an orchestra or band instrument and would like to participate in the music service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, please contact the church office for details. We know there are many of you there; please come out and help us celebrate this joyous season.

Christmas Giving Options for LUMC

You will find a "Reverse Advent Calendar" in your mailboxes. Usually, we receive something from an advent calendar, but we are asking you to give something instead. Parents, this is a huge teaching opportunity for your children - we hope you have some fun with it! Our mitten tree will be in the foyer again, waiting for donations of mittens, hats and scarves. And lastly, we are asking for new toys to be brought to church on Sunday, December 4 to be donated to the Salvation Army. It is our hope this Christmas season that we all feel encouraged to embrace the opportunity to share what we are able to and that we might model the grace of God to those who struggle to find it in the world we live in.



Christmas Cards - The Deacons, along with the Visitation Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 7 to sign Christmas cards.

Mennonite Disaster Service Response to the Windsor Sept Flooding
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Consider volunteering by calling: Martin Durksen 905-736-1060, Jim Konrad 226-202-0405, Jason Ecker 519-564-8514

Being a Faithful Church - January 21 and 22

We are planning a weekend in January to talk about how we might respond to questions surrounding same-sex marriage. We have invited Dr. Timothy Geddert to lead us. Dr. Geddert is a professor of New Testament at Fresno Pacific University and the author of a book entitled 'All Right Now - Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions' published by Herald Press. Here is his description of the workshops he will be leading on Saturday and Sunday.

Christians do not all agree on what the Bible teaches about LGBTQ issues, and specifically about same-sex marriages. Churches sometimes formulate a response to the important questions and are often labeled as "welcoming" or as "traditional" as a result. It is becoming clear that simply answering "yes" or "no" to one or two specific questions is not nearly sufficient to help us understand the teaching of Scripture and the mind of Christ on a whole range of questions related to this. And yet talking openly about such issues is also fraught with its own risks. As we gather for a week-end of conversation, we will discuss a range of issues such as: What is the Bible and how does it guide us in ethical decision-making? What does the Bible say about "same-sex" questions? How do we discern what would be appropriate applications of the Bible's teaching for our specific context? How can the church have a healthy conversation and then make appropriate decisions without tearing itself apart and without running roughshod over people whose lives are affected by the church's stance? Most important of all: What would Jesus do and how can we discern that? The week-end will include teaching, question and answer times and times for small group discussion.

As pastors we want to encourage everyone to take time to attend these workshops. We will begin on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and conclude on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. LUMC Pastoral Ministries Team

Refugee Committee Announcement - The Albeks (our family) continue to get used to our colder Canadian climate. During the week the parents attend ESL classes and the children are enjoying their studies at Queen Elizabeth Public School. We are encouraging LUMC families to meet this family (some have already responded and we are setting up some meetings). It is a valuable experience for all involved. We are still looking for a dresser if anyone has one to donate.

Bulletin Board Info ...

- Dec 2 & 4 - UMEI Gr. 11 Drama Class Presents Sherlock Holmes
- Dec 4 - Lights of Life Tree at LDMH - 7pm
- Dec 9 - Free Children's Christmas Event at the Bank Theatre - 5pm
- Dec 10 - Christmas Concert - First Baptist Church - 2pm
- Dec 10 - Handel's Messiah at Centre in the Square, Kitchener - 7:30pm
- Dec 19 - Heritage Choir Christmas Concert - 7pm

View the Present through the Promise

We know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

1. { View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ will come a -
 Trust de - spite the deep - 'ning dark - ness, Christ will come a -
 2. { Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ will come a -
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a -
 3. { Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ will come a -
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a -

gain. Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing
 gain. Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing
 gain. Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing
 gain.

Through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing In the hope past
 And your jus - tice and for - giv - ing Be a sign to
 And the world you are cre - a - ting To the ad - vent

hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; arranged by Betty Suderman
 A lower setting may be found at No. 218.
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Community Events & Opportunities ...

UMEI Christian High School News



UMEI Open House - Come see what UMEI Christian High School is all about at our Open House, on Wednesday, November 30th, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Tour the facilities and meet students, current parents and faculty.

Grade 11 Drama Class presents: *Sherlock Holmes* on Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm.

Before the play on Sunday, come out and enjoy a chili lunch in the auditorium at the students **Annual Chili Cookoff** – admission by donation. Tickets for the play are available at the door – Adults \$10; Students \$6; Children 5 years and under – Free. A portion of each ticket will go towards the Be The Change Challenge relief kits for MCC.

Shop UMEI - Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 5, 2016**. Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, December 9, 2016. This will be the last order before Christmas.

Leamington Mennonite Home News



Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bake Sale - Our Home invites everyone to the Annual Christmas Bake Sale, Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to ? at the Leamington United Mennonite Church. All proceeds support the work of the Home's Auxiliary and our ministry of eldercare. Donations of raisin bread and Zwieback and cookies will be accepted on Friday, December 2 from 9:00 to noon.

Annual Leamington Mennonite Home Open House - Family and friends of the Home are invited to the annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The Heritage Choir will be singing and Santa promises to visit. We encourage children and youth to come and visit!

Joys and Concerns ...

Pray For ...

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Spencer Klassen who is studying at the University of Windsor in Engineering.

Pray For ...

As we celebrate First Advent today, pray that the world may witness the light of God, where we find peace, harmony, healing, and restoration.

Remembering Our Neighbours ...

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

- Nov 27 - Youth Advent Worship & Potluck
Nov 27 - 8 Cities - Cancun - 6:30-8:30pm
Nov 28 - Heritage Choir Practice:2:30pm-LMH
Nov 29 - Oak Street Kids Club - 6-7:30pm
(Last Kids Club for 2016, will resume in Jan)
Dec 3 - LMH Bake Sale at LUMC - 8am
Dec 3 - Windsor Symphony at LUMC -7:30pm
Dec 4 - 2nd Advent - Carol Singing - 9:35am
Celebration of Peace Service - 9:45am
Toy Sunday - Bring a new toy
Dec 6 - Music Committee Meeting - 1:30pm
Dec 7 - Visitation & Deacons Card Signing
Dec 9 - Sr. Youth Dinner - 5pm

2016 A Season Of Reading

Children's Shine On Readings

The Golden Calf 54
Celebrating the Harvest 56

Nov 28 - Dec 3

- Monday* - John 1
Tuesday - John 2
Wednesday - John 3
Thursday - John 4
Friday - 1 John 1
Saturday - Advent 2 - Luke 1:67-69

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Closed Mondays

Our worship service is
being videotaped and
broadcast at LMH.


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making
LUMC
scent free!*

Offering: Nov 20, 2016

General	\$ 8,890
Church Renovation	\$ 630
Other Designated	\$ 220
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 250
Total =	\$9,990