





**Leamington United Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, November 29, 2015 - 9:45 a.m.**  
**I<sup>st</sup> Advent & Communion Service**

*Speaker - David Dyck, Worship Leader - Mike Williamson*

Under  
 God's  
 Wings  
 of  
 Refuge.  
 Ruth 2:12

Pre-Service Carolling  
 Shofar Call to Worship  
 Prophetic Reading - Isaiah 51:1-8  
 Advent Candle Lighting  
 Advent Theme Song - 'Light the Candle'  
 Words of Welcome  
 Prayer  
 Congregational Song - 'O come, O come' #172, v.1,2,4,6  
 Scripture Readings - Leviticus 19:9,10,32-34,  
 Deuteronomy 10:17-19, Ruth 1:1-5  
 Giving our Gifts  
 Song - 'O little town of Bethlehem' #191  
 Prayers of the People  
 Children's story  
 Sermon - 'Ruth ... Under God's Wings of Refuge'  
 Song - 'Kindness'  
 Service of Communion  
 Benediction

*Scripture Reader - Angelica Burgess, Prophetic Reader - Kyle Burgess*  
*Pianist - Marilyn Winter, Shofar - Glenn Sellick*  
*Instrumentalists - Grace Enns, Ashley Moore, Alyssa Krueger*  
*Children's Story - Ken Hildebrandt, Worship Music - Levite Choir*  
*Powerpoint - Wayne St. Denis*

**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.

## Light the Candle

Carl F. Schalk



1. Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope is here!  
 2. Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is here!  
 3. Light the can-dle of JOY to-day, the Giv-er of joy is here!  
 4. Light the can-dle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is here!



Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but on - ly Christ can give.  
 Wel-come the peace we hope and pray for, but on - ly Christ can give.  
 Wel-come the joy we crave and pay for, but on - ly Christ can give.  
 Wel-come the love we long and wait for, but on - ly Christ can give.



Flick - er and flame and glow - with hope, light up the world a -  
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with peace, light up the world a -  
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with joy, light up the world a -  
 Flick - er and flame and glow - with love, light up the world a -



round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with hope,  
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with peace,  
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with joy,  
 round you. Flick - er and flame and glow - with love,



light up the world a - round - - you.  
 light up the world a - round - - you.  
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 light up the world a - round - - you.

## **Church Education...**

**Shofar Call to Worship** - During the Advent Season we will begin our worship services with the sound of an ancient Hebrew instrument called a shofar. The shofar is made from the horn of a ram or an antelope and was used in Israel to announce the festival of the New Moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the beginning of the New Year (Rosh Hashanah). There are frequent references to the shofar in the Old Testament including Leviticus 25:9, 2 Samuel 6:15 and Psalm 98:6. Originally there were three shofar calls: the tekiah which is a call of proclamation; the shevarim which is a call of longing and separation; and the teruah which is an alarm call. In our Advent services we will be using the shofar as a call of proclamation and announcement.

**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.

### **Call to Worship**

Keep awake!

***You know not when God comes.***

There will be signs:

***A flood to cover the earth,***

the Red Sea parting,

the walls of Jericho tumbling,

***a giant slain by a boy,***

a barren womb birthing a son,

***a man sleeping in a den of lions,***

another surviving the belly of a fish,

***a virgin conceiving in her womb!***

Keep awake! ***God is coming!*** Behold the signs!



### **Teaching Schedule**

**November 29** - The Path to God's Promise

1. Thank you to Nancy Moore for the very creative Christmas bulletin boards in the Sunday School Wing. Practice continues for Christmas Eve.

2. Dates to remember: **Dec. 13** - Children bring gifts for a child during Children's Feature. **Dec. 20** - Dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve - 11-11:45.

**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve program presented by the children at 6:30.

*Sunday School*

*Offering*

Nov. 22 - \$18.25

**Church Council Meeting** - December 2 at 7pm.

**German Service - December 6** - Join in the singing of favourite German carols during this service. It will take place immediately following family worship.

**Youth  
Ministry**

**Sr. Youth** - Thursday December 3rd - 6:30-8:30 @ LUMC  
Adventures in Advent - All Sr. Youth are invited to kick-off the advent celebrations with games, merriment and food. We will also begin to explore what the season is really all about. Youth are asked to bring a snack or drink to share.

**Jr. Youth** - Saturday December 5 - 9:00-11:00 @ LUMC  
Christmas Cartoons and Breakfast Cereal Buffet - All Jr. Youth are invited to the church for breakfast cereal and learning the message of Christmas through holiday classics like Charlie Brown, and the little drummer boy.  
Suggested Donation: \$2.00

**Fall Education Classes - 11:00-11:45 a.m.**

**1) The Challenge of Parenting:** Teacher - Victor Winter, Location - Board Room  
Topic - Today we'll tackle the problem of bullies and victims.

**2) Walking Together in the Word: Reading the Bible as Anabaptists**  
Teacher: Erwin Tiessen, Location - Sr. Singing Room  
Topic - Gideon finds that small armies are more effective!

**3) Bible Mythbusters** Teacher: Rudy Dyck Location - Choir Room  
**Myth** - "Jesus wasn't God but just a good, moral teacher."  
We discuss the traditional apologetic argument that Jesus was either Lord, Liar or Lunatic and not something in between.

**Youth: Echo the Story - Genesis:**  
Teacher - Mike Williamson, Location - Youth Room

**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 2016 - Beginning in January**

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 friends!** 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 20, please contact Tom Overton ([thomover@wavedirect.net](mailto:thomover@wavedirect.net)) or the church office for details. We know there are many of you there; please come out and help us celebrate this joyous season.

## Community Events ...

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



**Autumn Campaign** - UMEI's Annual Autumn Campaign is now underway. Please contact the school by calling 519-326-7448 or emailing [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca) for more information. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**Matt Epp Concert – Tonight, Nov. 29 at 7 pm at UMEI** - International recording artist Matt Epp performs a fundraising concert for UMEI and Mennonite Church Canada peace building ministries in the Philippines. \$12-advance, \$15-door

**Shop UMEI Gift Cards – Due November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Specialty gift cards for additional stores and restaurants can be purchased through the office or at [www.umei.ca/shop-umei](http://www.umei.ca/shop-umei). **This is the last order before Christmas.** Pick up Fri, December 3.

**Grade 11 Drama Class presents:** The Wicked Witch of Oz on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 pm & Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2pm. Before Sunday's performance come out and enjoy a chili lunch at the students annual chili cookoff – admission by donation. Tickets for the play available at the door: Adults \$8; Students \$5; 5 years and under-Free.

**Grandparents Day – Wed Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** - Grandparents of UMEI students are invited to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their grandchildren.

**Christmas Concert** - Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the UMEI Auditorium.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser** – Orders due Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> by 3:00 pm. Contact the office or a student for more details.

**EKMHA News!** Everyone Welcome, Admission by Donation  
Travelogue: Friday, Dec 4 - 7pm - Heritage Centre, India by Neil & Shirley Lehn

**Lights of Life - December 6th at 7pm** - See Bulletin Board for more info.

### **Leamington Mennonite Home News**



**Annual Auxiliary Christmas Bake Sale** - The Annual Christmas Bake Sale is on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 from 8 a.m. - ? at LUMC. Cookies, zwieback & raisin bread, as well as frozen cherry and apple pies will be for sale. Donations of baked goods will be accepted on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 1– 4 p.m. at LUMC. All proceeds from the sale support the work of the Auxiliary at the Home.

**Christmas Open House** - Our Home invites all resident families and friends to our Annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship. The Heritage Choir presents a program at 2:30 p.m., with the Home's Bell Chime Choir performing. Coffee and pastries to follow, with Santa promising to arrive!

**Part Time Office Worker Position** - A part time reception position will be available, one day per week, with opportunities for additional hours. Interested applicants should have effective interpersonal skills, be able to multitask and possess strong computer and word processing abilities. Interested applicants should apply by Friday, December 4, 2015 in person to Linda Tiessen or Amy Clement. Email applications will also be accepted: [amy@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:amy@mennonitehome.ca).

### **New Year's Gala supporting Southwestern Ontario Gleaners ...**

Dec. 31, 2015 at Best Western Plus Leamington Hotel... \$125.00 per person, (\$50 tax receipt). Tickets may be purchased through SWO Gleaners Office 519-326-7687. For further information, please check church mailboxes.

**Et Cetera Shoppe News** - We hope to recruit volunteers to clean, prime, sand and paint the walls at our new shop on Mill Street. Additional savings (about \$500) will occur if we can borrow a few items. We will need:

1. a Swiffer works best to prepare walls for paint; we provide the cloth refills; \$88
2. the head of a pole sander; i.e. it can accommodate a piece of sandpaper, about 8 3/4" by 3 1/4" and is able to accommodate a pole; \$171
3. poles about 4' or 5' or 6' long that has a threaded end to accommodate the head with the sandpaper; \$45
4. hand sander; about the same size with a handle to be used by hand, not a pole; \$72
5. Brooms (sweep or push) and dust pans; \$90
6. paint roller handles and trays; we will provide the rollers; \$56

*If you are able to help or have any of these items to lend to us (make sure your name is on them) for a few weeks in late Nov. or early Dec, call Vic Huebert (519-326-4718 home) or email [vhuebert@live.ca](mailto:vhuebert@live.ca). Thanks!*

### **Heritage Choir Annual Christmas Concert - December 19 at 7pm**

Join the Heritage Choir at the Heritage Center for a concert of old and new carols. A free will offering will be taken for the Music Therapy Program at the Leamington Mennonite Home.

## **Joys and Concerns ...**

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

We want to remember our young adults in their work and their studies. This week we pray for Andrea Linke-Driedger who is studying Health Studies at the University of Waterloo.

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

After decades of violence, Colombia is shaping a peace accord that is scheduled to take effect in the spring of 2016. The complex process involves reintegrating former combatants and meeting the needs of victims' families. Pray for the Colombian Mennonite Church in its continued peace witness and for the many communities affected.

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

Pray for the Refugee Committee as they look for housing in preparation for sponsoring a family. If you know of a house or an apartment that would house a 6 member family, please let Lana Hildebrandt (326-9016) know. The apartment/house should be centrally located in Leamington.

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

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for FGT Family 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**  
**9:35 am - Carol Singing**  
**9:45 am - Family Worship**  
**10:45 am - Coffee Break**  
**11:00 am - Education Hour**

- Nov 29 - Christmas Giving - for the Food Bank  
Bring Breakfast Foods
- Nov 30 - Heritage Choir Practice:2:30pm:LMH
- Dec 2 - Church Council Meeting - 7pm
- Dec 5 - Windsor Symphony - 7:30pm at LUMC
- Dec 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, Carol Singing at 9:35 am  
Christmas Giving - for the Food Bank  
Bring Lunch Foods
- Dec 6 - German Service following worship,  
singing favourite German carols
- Dec 7 - Heritage Choir Practice: 2pm: Heritage
- Dec 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent, Carol Singing at 9:35 am  
Christmas Giving - for the Food Bank  
Bring Snack Foods  
Children bring gifts to Service
- Dec 14 - Heritage Choir Practice:2pm: Heritage
- Dec 17 - Heritage Choir Practice:2pm: Heritage

## 2015 A Season of Reading

### Children's Shine On Reading

1. Zechariah & Elizabeth 158
2. Mary Says Yes 161
3. An Angel Visits Joseph 162

- Nov 30 - Judges 7
- Dec 1 - Judges 15
- Dec 2 - judges 16:1-20
- Dec 3 - Judges 16:21-31
- Dec 4 - Ruth 1
- Dec 5 - Matthew 6
- Bonus Reading: Judges 20-21*

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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: Nov 22, 2015

General - \$ 9,426.00  
Building - \$ 1,275.00  
Designated - \$ 520.00  
Total = \$11,221.00