

Joy

I BRING YOU
GOOD TIDINGS
OF
GREAT JOY

LUKE 2:10



Leamington United Mennonite Church

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 9:45 a.m.

3rd Advent Service - Celebration of JOY

Speaker - Mike Williamson, Worship Leader - Janice Huntingford Wagner

Carol Singing - 9:35am, Candlelight Service - 7pm

I delight
greatly
in the LORD,
my soul
rejoices in
my God.
For he has
clothed me
with the
garments of
salvation.
Isaiah 61:10

Carol Singing

Shofar Call to Worship

Barechu (Bless the Lord)

Voice of the Prophets

Lighting the Candle of JOY

Song - 'Kindle this flame' (Screen)

Prayer

Song - 'Joy to the world' #318

Scripture Reading - Rosemary Fiss - Luke 4:14-21

Children's Story - Sieglinde Omstead

Witness Stand - Grace Enns, Fiona Tiessen

Giving our Gifts

Song - 'What child is this' #215

Prayers of the People

Song - 'How great our joy!' (Insert)

Sermon - 'The Giver of Joy'

Song - 'The sun has now risen (Nun ist sie erschienen)'

Benediction

Coffee and Conversation

Education Hour - Sanctuary with Alison Dyck

'Life Together: Mental Health and the Faith Community'

Candle Lighters - Grace Tiessen, Alex Epp, Delilah Heide

Prophetic Readers - Frank Hawkins, Kris Klassen

W O R S H I P

W A L K

W I T N E S S



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. 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.

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 Hashana). In our Advent services we will be using the shofar as a call of proclamation and announcement.

Barechu: Following the shofar is a Hebrew call to worship, called the Barechu. In Jewish worship it is often a call and response by the Rabbi and the Congregation.

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach! Baruch Adonai ham'vorach, I'olam va-ed!

Praise Adonai to whom praise is due forever!

Praise be Adonai to whom praise is due, now and forever!

Candlelight Service - Tonight, December 17 - 7pm at LUMC - Come join us tonight for this special evening celebration in anticipation of Christmas.

Sharing the Love of God this Christmas - During the Advent season we encourage you to think of friends, family, and neighbours to invite to our Advent and Christmas services. Invitations are available in the foyer. We also encourage you to think of those who are newcomers to Canada and who may be experiencing Christmas for the first time. Is there room at your table for an International student(s) this Christmas? The University of Windsor is looking for host families to invite international students who will be alone this Christmas. Contact the University at www1.uwindsor.ca/isc/host-for-the-holidays-1.



Sunday School News ...

December 17 - Mary Says Yes

Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal - Dec 24 - 10:45am

In the sanctuary following the morning worship service.

Sunday School Christmas Eve Program - Dec. 24 - 6:30pm.

Sunday
School
Offering
Dec 10
\$23.06

We welcome Alison Dyck to our Education Hour this Morning.

'Life Together: Mental Health and the Faith Community'

The faith community has the potential to nurture mental health on several levels.

Let's explore this together.

4th Advent, Sunday, December 24 - As a special treat we would love if some of you could bring your favourite Christmas cookies to share during coffee hour. Please avoid foods with nuts, for those with allergies.

Charity Basketball Tournament - Looking for LUMC members of all ages to join in a charity basketball game at Migration Hall on January 13 from 2-3pm. \$25 per person, includes a T-shirt. We will be playing a group from the North Church. If interested please email Adam Rempel @adam_rempel@hotmail.com.

Joys & Concerns ...

Notice of Death ...

Arthur Driedger (72), passed away on December 8, 2017. Art was the husband of Irene, and brother to our members Helga Dueck, and Louise & Bernard Mulcaster, and brother-in-law to Irma & Edmund Tiessen. A funeral service to celebrate Art's life was held in Acton, Ontario on December 14.

Thank You ...

Thank you to all who participated in Margaret Braun's celebration of life. Special thanks to those who led the service in both word and song. Also thanks to those who helped in the kitchen, and also helped with the baking. The flowers, cards and food are also greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Leamington Mennonite Home for their loving care of our mother. *The family of Margaret Braun*

Remembering Our Neighbours ...

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

Dec 22 - Youth Progressive Christmas - 5pm

Dec 24 - 4th Advent/Carol Singing - 9:35am
- Sunday School Practice - 10:45am

Dec 24 - Sunday School Program - 6:30pm

Dec 25 - Christmas Day Service - 10am

Dec 31 - Family Worship - 9:45am

Jan 14 - Youth/Parent Meeting - 4pm

Jan 21 - Catechism Classes Begin - 8am

Jan 28 - Child Dedication Service

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Summer Office Hours:

9am-Noon- Tues-Fri

Closed Mondays

Our worship service is
being recorded and
broadcast at LMH.


*Thanks for
making
LUMC
scent free!*

Offering: December 10, 2017

General - \$ 15,329

Church Renovation - \$ 260

Building Fund - \$ 800

Other Designated - \$ 50

Total = \$16,439

**Current Budget Shortfall
is \$97,198.**