

Christ

THE WORD...

THE LIGHT OF MEN...

SHINETH

IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:1-5





Leamington United Mennonite Church Monday, December 25, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

Speaker - David Dyck, Worship Leader - Victor Winter

Christ
the
Saviour
is
born.

Call to Worship
Lighting the CHRIST candle
Song - 'Joy to the world' #318

Prayer

Song - 'O come all ye faithful' #212

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-20 (NIV) - Lois Konrad

Song - 'O come little children' (insert)
Children's Story - Frieda Lepp

Giving our Gifts
Song - 'Hark! The herald angels sing' #201

Prayers of the People

Song - 'Angels from the realms of glory' (insert)

Scripture Reading - Matthew 2:1-21 (The Message)

Sermon - 'Putting Herod back into Christmas'

Solo - 'Coventry Carol' - Alyssa Epp

Choir - 'Hallelujah Chorus'

Benediction

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.

Candle Lighters

Henry & Anna Hildebrandt, Joel Dyck, Samuel Heide, Hannah Toews

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).

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, l'olam va-ed!

Praise Adonai to whom praise is due forever!

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

Sunday, December 31 - Family Worship at 9:45am

There will be a children's activity following the children's story.

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 Christmas services. 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: www1.uwindsor.ca/isc/host-for-the-holidays-1.

Join Leamington sopranos, Erin Armstrong, Alyssa Epp, and Kaitlyn Clifford for an afternoon of winter songs at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Saturday, December 30 at 2:30. Admission will be free-will offering. For more information contact Alyssa at 226-346-8372. The **Abridged Opera Team**, www.abridgedopera.com

Leamington Mennonite Home News ...

Part Time Social-Recreational Aide Position - An invitation is extended to individuals interested in working part time as a Social-Recreational Aide. Applications are due January 4, 2018. For more information, see the bulletin board or contact jacquie@mennonitehome.ca.

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 ...

Thank You ...

From the Core PMT (Vic, David, Mike, Frieda), and our staff (Jane, Ernie). Thank you for your kind expressions of love through gifts of baked goods, cards, and other wonderful surprises that have appeared. We are grateful and thankful. We wish you all a blessed celebration of God's coming to us!

Thank You ...

Thank you to the many volunteers who help with the Sunday School children's program; through co-ordinating, teaching, singing, snacks, hosting, gym time, musicians, bulletin boards, etc. We appreciate and recognize all the work that you do throughout the year. Thank you to the directors for the time and extra efforts that go into planning for the Christmas season.

Pray For ...

May all of our Witness workers who have left their home communities and families to share the story of Jesus with others, be embraced by their global families and be truly refreshed and inspired through discovering anew the true meaning of Christmas.

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Jeanette Hanson (Witness Resource worker - China) asks that you remember in prayer Chinese church pastors and volunteers who spend days surrounding Christmas with many special services and events to accommodate the crowds of curious that come to the churches to see what Christmas means. May they have the wisdom to meet these people at the place of their needs and share God's love in real ways with those who attend.

Offering: December 17, 2017

General -	\$ 15,572
Church Renovation -	\$ 30
Building Fund -	\$ 1,000
Other Designated -	\$ 400
Total =	\$17,002

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Closed Mondays

Our worship service is
being recorded and
broadcast at LMH.


*Thanks for
making
LUMC
scent free!*

As we come to the end of our church year and our financial year, we appreciate your gifts as they help us to meet our budget. As of December 22, 2017 our Current Budget Shortfall is \$76,714.

Office Hours - The church office will be open Dec 28 & 29 from 9am - 3pm.