

# *Love*

HEREIN IS LOVE,  
NOT THAT WE  
LOVED GOD,  
BUT THAT HE LOVED US

1 JOHN 4:10



# Leamington United Mennonite Church

## Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 9:45 a.m.

*1<sup>st</sup> Advent & Communion Service - Celebration of Love*

*Speaker - Erwin Tiessen, Worship Leader - Mike Williamson*

*Carol Singing - 9:35am*

Lighting  
the  
Candle  
of  
Love

Carol Singing

'Love came down at Christmas' #208

'Lo, how a rose e'er blooming' #211

'Comfort, comfort, O my people' #176

Shofar Call to Worship

Barechu (Bless the Lord)

Voice of the Prophets

Lighting the candle of LOVE

Song - 'Kindle this flame' (Screen)

Prayer

Song - 'O come, O come' #172

Scripture Reading - Grace Tiessen - Psalm 80

Witness Stand - Sandra Dick

Giving our Gifts

Song - 'Blessed be the God of Israel' #174

Prayers of the People

Children's Story - Ken Hildebrandt

Sermon - 'Remembering Brings God Closer.'

Song - 'Of the Father's love begotten' #104

Service of Communion

Benediction

Coffee and Conversation

*Candle Lighter - Kylie Sinasac*

*The Deacons, along with Harold & Helen Rempel, John & Susie Wall,  
and Henry Bergen will be serving Communion this morning.*

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. 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.

**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. Here is the text in Hebrew and English.

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!

**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.



### **Sunday School News ...**

December 3 - Comfort for God's People

*Sunday School Offering*  
Nov 26 - \$20.90

**Today** - The Sunday School is collecting toys. Children will have the opportunity to bring their 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.

**Christmas Eve Practice** - This year our 4th Advent is on Christmas Eve Day. That means our dress rehearsal will be in the morning and our program in the evening. As soon as the worship service is done, the children will head into the sanctuary for our rehearsal. Parents will have time to visit over coffee & cookies.

**From Gifts Discernment Committee:** Please remember we are in the season of renewing and changing our church councils and committees. If you want to volunteer or have suggestions about others, you can give your information to Randy Lepp, Edna Konrad, any of the pastoral team or Jane Klassen in the church office. Thank you for your consideration in this process.

## Joys & Concerns ...

### 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.

### Thank You ...

Thank you so much for all the love and support during this past month. We are truly blessed to have such caring and loving people in Mom's life. She will be sorely missed by all whom she touched. The Rempel Family

### Remembering Our Neighbours ...

It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Faith Mennonite 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 6 - Youth/Parent Meeting - 6:30pm
- Dec 9 - Windsor Symphony - 7:30pm
- Dec 10 - 2nd Advent/Carol Singing - 9:35am  
- German Service/Education Hour
- Dec 17 - 3rd Advent/Carol Singing - 9:35am  
- Education Hour
- Dec 17 - Candlelight Service - 7pm
- 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

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### Summer Office Hours:

9am-Noon- Tues-Fri  
Closed Mondays

Our worship service is  
being videotaped and  
broadcast at LMH.

  
*Thanks for  
making  
LUMC  
scent free!*

## Offering: November 26, 2017

General -	\$ 10,345
Church Renovation -	\$ 60
Building Fund -	\$ 250
Other Designated -	\$ 200

**Total = \$10,855**