



Leamington United Mennonite Church

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - Victor Winter, Worship Leader - Marlene Schmidtgall
Blue Christmas/Year End Service

Welcome
Call to Worship

Songs - 'O come, O come, Immanuel' #172
'Welchen Jubel' German Hymnal # 520

Prayer

Scripture - Ken Hildebrandt - Isaiah 40:1, 25-31
Luke 21:25-31

A Prayer at an Empty Chair

Giving our Gifts
Song - 'Comfort, comfort, O my people' #176

Prayers of the People

If you have personal prayer requests, please write them out on the back of a Welcome Card and place them in the offering plate or in the Prayer Room. We will pray for these requests in our daily morning prayers.

Children's Story - Sheri Epp
(Following the children's story Frieda Lepp has prepared an activity for the children)

Sermon - 'The Dark and the Light'

Song - 'The sun has now risen' (Bulletin)

Benediction

W O R S H I P

W A L K

W I T N E S S

The Sun Has Now Risen

The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. Mal. 4:2

Capo 3(C)

E \flat (C) B \flat 7(G7) E \flat (C)

1. The sun has now ris - en in heav - en - ly glo - ry To scat - ter
 2. The world lay in shad - ows of sin and deep long - ing To find from
 3. Then come with the shep - herds, come fol - low the wise men And wor - ship

B \flat (G) E \flat (C) B \flat 7(G7)

the dark - ness of night. So dry all your tears and sing out
 its bonds a re - lease. Then Christ broke up - on us in day - light
 the heav - en - ly Child! Come seek till you find Him, ac - cept and

E \flat /G (C/E) Fm(Dm) B \flat (G) E \flat (C)

in won - der For Je - sus the Christ - child brings heal - ing and light.
 of free - dom. Sing out the sweet sto - ry, the dawn - ing of peace.
 a - dore Him, The Sav - ior from glo - ry so gen - tle and mild.

A \flat (F) E \flat (C)

Praise God for sal - va - tion, for sal - va - tion, for
 Praise God for sal - va - tion, for our sal - va - tion,

B \flat 7(G7) E \flat (C) A \flat (F)

peace and for light, and for light, For Christ the Re - deem - er,
 For peace and light, praise God! For Christ the Re - deem - er,

E \flat (C) B \flat 7(G7) E \flat (C)

deem - er has ban - ished the night.
 Christ the Re - deem - er, ban - ished the dark - ness of night.

Winter Education Classes - 11:00-11:45 a.m. Beginning January 7

1) *The Triumph of the Lamb: Reading the Book of Revelation Responsibly* Mike Williamson, Glen Sellick, Paul Dyck - Sr. Singing Rm

Many regard Revelation as the hardest book in the New Testament. It is full of strange, lurid, and sometimes bizarre and violent imagery. As a result, people who are quite at home in the Gospels, Acts, and Paul find themselves tiptoeing around Revelation with a sense that they don't really belong there. But they do! The book of Revelation offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for the whole creation. Here we see how the powerful forces of evil can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of the followers.

This class is for those who are confused by, afraid of and or / preoccupied with the book of Revelation. Each weekly class will seek to rescue the book Revelation from harmful readings, restoring it as a source of hope as we navigate today's troubled world, encouraging us to trust the way of the lamb.

2) *Saints and Sinners – Lost and Found – The Stories of our Lives* Victor Winter - Youth Room

This class, which will be shared by our Youth and the Adult Sunday School, will use an interview-style format. A willing member of our congregation will answer questions about his/her life. There will be 2 primary questions asked:

- 1) How did you find Faith (or how did Faith find you);
- 2) How has that made a difference in your life?

It's our hope that we can find encouragement in listening to each other's faith stories!

Catechism 2018 - Beginning January 21 - Are you interested in knowing what baptism is all about. Classes will meet at 8 am on Sunday morning, from January through June. PMT: Victor Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson

Leamington Mennonite Home News ...

Our Home invites applications for the following Part Time Positions:

* ***Part Time Social-Recreational Aide*** - Individuals interested in working part time as a Social-Recreational Aide - assisting with portering, feeding, refreshment deliveries, social events and other outings should apply. Qualified applicants should have a diploma in gerontology or geriatrics with a genuine interest in working with seniors and the frail elderly. This position may lead to eventual full-time employment. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the Leamington Mennonite Home Front Office or by email to:

jacque@mennonitehome.ca by January 4, 2018.

* ***Part Time Dietary Aide*** - Individuals who enjoy food preparation and work in the kitchen are encouraged to apply. The Food Handlers Certificate is an asset as is the willingness to do further online training and education, assisted and supported by the Home. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the Leamington Mennonite Home Front Office or by email to:

jacque@mennonitehome.ca by January 9, 2018.

* ***Front Office Worker*** - This part time position will be of interest to those who enjoy interaction with seniors, resident families and community. Experience in the use of Microsoft Office: Word, Excel and Outlook is required. Those interested in this opportunity should submit their resume to the Leamington Mennonite Home Front Office or by email to jacque@mennonitehome.ca by January 9, 2018.

Joys & Concerns ...

Notice of Death ...

Christine Sell passed away at the age of 91 on Saturday December 23rd in Oakville ON. Christine was Grandmother to Brandy Sell and Mike Williamson, and Great Grandmother to Petra Williamson. A funeral service will be held on January 4th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Remembering Our Neighbours ...

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

- Jan 2 - LUMC Office Closed
- Jan 4 - Study Group - 7pm
- Jan 4 - Hosting Committee Meeting - 7pm
- Jan 14 - Parent/Youth Meeting - 4pm
- Jan 17 - Study Group - 7pm
- Jan 21 - Catechism Classes Begin - 8am
- Jan 24 - Church Council Meeting - 7pm
- Jan 28 - Child Dedication Service
- Feb 3 - MEDA Myanmar Presentation - 7pm

Offering: December 24 & 25, 2017

- General - \$30,773
- Church Renovation - \$30
- Building Fund - \$2,100
- Other Designated - \$250
- Total = \$33,153**

Contact us...

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Office Hours:

9am-3pm- Tues-Fri
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. Our Current Budget Shortfall is \$41,366.