



## Oak Street Leaves

A Monthly Newsletter of LUMC



### PMT Musings

Pastor Victor Winter

On the last Sunday of 2017, I delivered a sermon in which I tried to both look back and look ahead. In December we enjoyed some wonderful Advent and Christmas services, and yet some of us have suffered deep losses this past year, some of us have had a hard time joining in the celebrations. And so, our service included a “Blue” Christmas element on December 31. But, looking ahead, my primary text that morning was the words of Jesus in Luke 21:25-31, where Jesus cryptically speaks about the future. How can we understand his words?

Here at the beginning of a new year, it’s an attitude we always want to keep: glancing back to the past, always making adjustments...but always looking ahead with expectation and planfulness and faith.

What lies ahead for LUMC in 2018? Here are a few thoughts:

- Starting in January, we want to embark on a preaching/teaching series that looks at the mysterious book of Revelation.
- We hope to have a large catechism class gather on Sunday mornings, learning about and making decisions about faith in Jesus Christ.
- We want to learn about forgiveness this year; how do we offer and grant forgiveness as together we follow Jesus?
- We hope to welcome a new pastor to the team this year.
- It’s the year where we’ll learn to put our new Welcome Centre to use.

What else? We expect to celebrate and to mourn together. There are weddings being planned; we’ll likely hold funerals too. The latest buzzword seems to be “mindfulness”... we want to be intentional in taking

care of our Spirits, as we meditate, learn, worship and serve together. We hope to discover new gifts and talents among us, new leaders taking on new responsibilities. Our Gifts Discernment Committee is hard at work! And, most of all, we expect to be surprised by God’s grace and goodness! Happy New Year!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL EDUCATION OPTIONS—Beginning January 7th

### **The Triumph of the Lamb:** *Reading the Book of Revelation Responsibly*

*Mike Williamson, Glen Sellick, Paul Dyck*

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 his 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.

### **Saints and Sinners – Lost and Found – *The Stories of our Lives***

*Victor Winter*

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 and answered: 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!

Frederick Buechner says that we need to "listen to our lives" ....because that is one important way that God gets through to us. It's our hope for this course that we can share this holy task by listening to each other's stories.

## Catechism 2018— Beginning January 21

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 and  
Mike Williamson



We are planning a dedication service on Sunday, January 28, 2018. This is a service of commitment where parents/grandparents declare their intention to raise their children/grandchildren in the knowledge of God's love and salvation. If you have any questions about this service please call one of our pastors.

## MEDA Myanmar on the Move

February 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm. at LUMC

Free Admission.

Join us for an exciting presentation by Pastor David and son Andrew, as they reflect on their 10-day experience in Myanmar, participating in **MEDA Myanmar On the Move** biking tour.

Their participation helped raise an additional \$25,000 that became part of the Leamington MEDA Chapter total goal of \$125,000.

They visited numerous MEDA Projects where the benefits of MEDA involvement were already obvious.

### **MEDA's Project in Myanmar**

Change is already happening in Myanmar and its economy is undergoing rapid transformations. These projects help women producers in two eastern regions seize new opportunities with improved rice and vegetable yields, stronger business and leadership skills, and improved incomes through better access to finance, technology and markets.



Because of the generosity and support for this fundraising effort, and the 7 times match by Global Affairs Canada, the Leamington Chapter will continue to support the work in Myanmar until the end of 2018.

25,000 women will be impacted by the success of the Myanmar projects. Families will be able to receive better business skills, better education and have food security.



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7  J Dyck	8 Share a Treat at Work  D&E Dyck	9 Send a Letter to a Friend  D&N Dyck	10 Family Devotion Night  H Dyck	11 Share Your New Bible Verse 2x  H&S Dyck	12 Compliment Four People  I&T Dyck	13 Have a Drink with a Friend  J&M Dyck
14  J&L Dyck	15 Leave an Encouraging Note  J&J Dyck	16 Phone a Friend  K Dyck	17 Family Game Night  K Dyck	18 Share Your New Bible Verse 2x  M Dyck	19 Have a Compliment Free Day  P&A Dyck	20 Shovel for a Neighbour  R&I Dyck
21  R&M Dyck	22 Share a Treat at Work  R&S Dyck	23 Phone a Family Member  S Dyck	24 Family Devotion Night  G Ediger	25 Share Your New Bible Verse 2x  H Ediger	26 Compliment Four People  D&M Edmondson	27 Have a drink with a Friend  B Enns
28  H&B Enns	29 Leave an Encouraging Note  J&A Enns	30 Write a Thankful List  J&E Enns	31 Family Game Night  M Enns R Langeman	Our monthly calendars will help us all to be more missional as a church. To become a stronger community, we will pray daily for a family. To become more like disciples, we will deepen our faith and reach out to others.		

**To become a stronger community, we will pray daily for a family.** Each day on the calendar you will see the name of a family or individual written at the bottom. On the day listed, our church family is encouraged to pray for the church member listed. For example, on January 29th, we will pray as a church community for J&A Enns.

**To become more like disciples, we will deepen our faith and reach out to others.** Each day you will note a small outreach challenge. On the day listed, we encourage our congregation to participate in the small challenge. For example, on January 30th, the challenge is to Write a Thankful List!

## MDS All-Unit Meeting

This coming February the MDS All-Unit Meeting (AUM) will be hosted in Winkler, MB from February 9-10, 2018. The AUM is a wonderful time of gathering together to hear and share the stories of MDS from the past year. Registration is open and people can either register online on our website or by sending in the paper registration form attached to this email.

As supporting Churches and CCPs we are sending you this attachment, which includes the registration form and information about the AUM, so you can let people in your congregation know about this event. The attachment also includes a poster which you may wish to put up in your church.

We are excited to have the AUM hosted in Canada this year and we hope to see many people come. If you have any questions please feel free to respond to this email or give me a call at [1-866-261-1274](tel:1-866-261-1274).

### Canadian Mennonite digital delivery:

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### EKMHA news!

Travelogues: **Fri, Jan 12:** Hawaii by Larry and Nancy Burgess

**Friday, Jan 26:** Danube Cruise by Ken Enns at the Heritage Centre at 7:00

All are welcome. Admission by Donation

### Super soup Night:

**Saturday, Jan 20** at 6:00 pm at UMEI  
All are welcome. Admission by Donation

## Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Retreats

**Fathers and Kids Retreat:** *January 12-14, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.* Don't miss out on this great winter experience! Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smore's over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dad's enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that's the Fathers & Kids Retreat. NOTE: Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor. For more information and to register visit [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call [519-422-3200](tel:519-422-3200)

**Women's Retreat:** *February 9-11, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.* Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food.....those are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women's Retreat.

Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. [For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call [519-422-3200](tel:519-422-3200)

## Mennonite Burial Society Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2 pm in the Auditorium at United Mennonite Home (Orchard View Apartments entrance) at [4020 Twenty Third Street](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) in Vineland. Discussions to include levy rates and sustainability of society, revisions to constitution (for Jan 2019 AGM vote) regarding dissolution processes (if it happens in the future) and expanded eligibility of new members, etc. Board and committee positions are available. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at [905-228-1850](tel:905-228-1850) or email [info@mennoniteburialsociety.com](mailto:info@mennoniteburialsociety.com)

# LUMC Youth Schedule

## January 2018



### Sr. Youth Events

Festus for the  
Rest-of-Us

*Friday January 12*

6:30-8:30 @ LUMC

Celebrate a new year  
with a series of fun  
challenges.

Sr. Youth Gargonathon &  
Deep Fry Night

*Friday January 26*

5:30-11:30 @ LUMC

### Sunday School:

Saints & Sinners -

*The Stories of our Lives*

This class will be a joint Youth -  
Adult class where a member of  
our congregation will be inter-  
viewed to answer questions  
about their faith and how that  
has impacted their life and the  
difference that Jesus has made.

### Jr. Youth Events

Jr. Youth Lunch & Bake-Off

*Sunday January 14*

12:00 - 1:30pm @ LUMC

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

Jr. Youth Winter Activity

*Sunday January 28*

1:30-3:00pm

Details TBA

## UMEI Christian High School News

### **JOB POSTING: Summer Camps Coordinator**

UMEI Christian High School is looking for a university student to coordinate the school's summer day camps; specifically Camp Explore U for grades 3-6 students as well as Rockets and Robotics for grades 4-8 students. The successful candidate will be proactive in planning and developing the 3 week-long camp programs. The position runs from May 28 – August 3 and offers 30 hours/week. For more details contact Sonya Bedal at [principal@umei.ca](mailto:principal@umei.ca).

### **LIGHTNING LIVE: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2018 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes. Lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:30am and the day runs from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. To pre-register email [abbynd@umei.ca](mailto:abbynd@umei.ca) or call [519-326-7448](tel:519-326-7448). **NOTE:** New students who register for the 2018-2019 school year by February 28<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$200 tuition credit and a free t-shirt.

### **ASSOCIATION MEETING: Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

UMEI Christian High School is pleased to announce that its new strategic plan is being supported by the MCEC family through a 3-year grant. This funding is being used specifically to support the advancement of the school, which includes developing and maintaining relationships with students, families, churches, businesses and other school supporters. The UMEI Board of Directors would like to extend an invitation to all members of the community to attend a special meeting on January 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm to hear more about the new strategic plan and how this generous support from MCEC will help UMEI realize its strategic priorities in the coming years.

### **Community Fundraising Lunch – Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Come join us at our January fundraising meal – Mennonite sausage, meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, dessert. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

### **UMEI Autumn Campaign**

Thank you to those who have already generously donated. To date we have received \$52,547 which brings us up to 69% of our total goal of \$76,000. Donations can be made online, by mail or dropped off at the school office.

## Leamington Mennonite Home News

### **CHRISTMAS SEASON**

The Home thanks all family and friends who visited our residents during the holiday season. Visits are the best gifts for our residents. Please delay your visit if you have a runny nose, cough or other forms of the flu in your family. We hope to enjoy a joyous and flu-less 2018.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

The Meals on Wheels program requires occasional deliverers on various days. Please consider bringing joy to an individual through a meal by donating 30 minutes of your time. Please contact Terri Epp at [terri@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:terri@mennonitehome.ca) or at [519-326-6109](tel:519-326-6109) if you can assist.

**"The Righteous Mind - Why Good People are Divided By Politics & Religion"** - A work by Jonathan Haidt provides the framework for this month's study of why many find it difficult to understand people whose views or beliefs differ from their own. Where do these beliefs come from and why is respectful conversation sometimes difficult, if not impossible? How far can we be welcoming to people who are different? This study breaks new ground -challenging us to trade in anger for understanding.

A welcoming group to adults who like to listen, to learn, to share and sometimes to even disagree. This Study Group - meeting at LUMC, 7.00 pm -Thursday January 4th and Wednesday January 17th.

For further information call Frank Hawkins [519 990-6423](tel:519-990-6423).

## Contact Information

### Family Worship Service

9:45 am - Family Worship

10:45 am - Coffee Break

11:00 am - Education Hour

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## Children's Shine On Readings

January 1-7	Jesus' Ascension	pg 278
	Pentecost	pg 280
Jan 8-14	Enough For All	pg 282
	Peter, John, and a Lame Man	pg 284
Jan 15-21	Stephen's Story	pg 286
	Philip and the Ethiopian Official	pg 288
Jan 22-28	Saul Sees the Light	pg 290
	Tabitha	pg 292

## Leamington MEDA Chapter Upcoming Event:

**Feb. 3, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Klassen Greenhouse Farms  
Free Admission**

Refreshments and snacks sponsored by Kindred Credit Union! Join a panel of MEDA supporters on **February 3rd** and discover their secrets to success.

This is a great way to network with the community and gain access to developed professionals. RSVP to Praise Nugteren at 519-725-1633 or at [pnugteren@meda.org](mailto:pnugteren@meda.org) by **January 17**. Free Admission.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3 | 2018 | 2 – 4pm**

Klassen Greenhouse Farms  
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## ProfessionalPanel

Business Insight from Local Leaders

Join a panel of MEDA supporters and discover their secrets to success. This is a great way to network with the community and gain access to developed professionals.

**RSVP by January 17th**  
by contacting Praise Nugteren at [pnugteren@meda.org](mailto:pnugteren@meda.org) or at 519-725-1633 Ext.100

**Moderator**  
Julie Konrad  
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Greenhouse Farms  
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Tina Neufeld  
ISR  
Investment Service  
Representative  
•  
Harry Enns  
Original Shareholder  
of Highline  
Mushrooms  
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Mariel Konrad  
Director of  
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and Accommodations

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following after panel

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