

Leamington United Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 23, 2018 - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker - Mike Williamson, Worship Leader - Zach Charbonneau

Then you

will know

the truth,

and the

truth

will set

you free.

John 8:32

Songs - 'Holy, holy, holy'
'Praise the One who breaks the darkness'

Call to Worship
Prayer

Scripture Reading - Mike Groh
Exodus 6:1-8

Song - 'I will extol You God and King'

Giving our Gifts
Song - 'When Israel was in Egypt's land' #164

Witness Stand - Krista Rempel
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.

Song - 'When the storms of life are raging' #558
Children's Story - Sieglinde Omstead

Sermon - 'A Force More Powerful'

Song - 'For the healing of the nations' #367

Benediction

Coffee and Conversation

Youth and Adult Education (See bulletin for details)



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.



**Sunday School News ...
September 23 - Circle of Grace**

Last week students received a letter in regards to Circle of Grace. More copies are available at the Welcome Center.

*Sunday School
Offering
September 16 - \$10*

The Sunday School children are Collecting items for MCC hygiene kits. Please help us collect the following items for September & October. **(NEW items only.)**
 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in manufacturer's package), 1 nail clipper (good quality), 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper), 1 hand towel - medium weight, dark or bright colours; approx. 40cmx65cm, 1 wide-toothed comb (15-20cm)
 Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kit.

Fall Education Hour - 11am-11:45am

1) Unafraid – Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

Teachers – David Dyck, Joel Warkentin

Fear is a complex emotion. Sometimes it saves us. More often it robs us of the life we want. In this class we hope to learn how we can gain freedom from some of our deepest anxieties. Drawing from recent research, inspiring real-life examples and fresh biblical insight we will untangle the knots we feel about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance and aging. There are sustaining spiritual practices that we will also explore that can help us embrace Jesus' recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid."

2) Exodus: Liberating Love - Teachers – Mike Williamson, Erwin Tiessen

Without the story of the Exodus, we have an impoverished understanding of who God is, the achievement of the cross, the triumph of the resurrection and the identity of God's people. This class will discover who God is and how he triumphs, rescues, restores, guides and rules. Exodus is the story of a greater power, that is at work in the world, accomplishing its purposes. This power is greater than the politics and oppression of Pharaoh, its greater than the power of sin and death that grips everyone of us. This is the God who makes a way out of no way.

Thursdays - Brown Bag Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark

Teacher – Mike Williamson

Thursdays at 12:00 Noon beginning September 27th

Join us for a weekly time of reflecting on God's word, fellowship and breaking bread with one another. For ten weeks we will be journeying with Jesus and the disciples through the gospel of Mark, reflecting on the story of Jesus exploring how Jesus came as a king, but a king unlike any other in history. The story of Jesus is at once cosmic, historical, and personal, calling each of us to look anew at our relationship with God. **Free Soup will be provided.**

Church Potluck– Sunday, September 30 - 11:45 in the auditorium

As a congregation, we want to take time to grow in our fellowship. Eating together has always been a way the church has built community & a sense of belonging.

If your names starts with A- M, please bring a Salad; if your name starts with N-Z, please bring a Main Course. Dessert will be provided.

Sunday, October 7 - Family Thanksgiving & Communion Service

Unified Family thanksgiving Service for the whole family. Please bring items to be placed on the tables as tokens of God's goodness and blessings again this year. Consider bringing items for both our congregation and also for our community.

Food Drive - Please help support the Salvation Army Foodbank. A collection box is set up in the lobby. They are extremely low on the following items:
canned meats - tuna, chicken, ham, cereal, jam, instant coffee, small size peanut butter, canned whole tomatoes, canned green beans, canned tomato sauce.

Thank you for supporting this project.

Fall Teaching Series - November 3, 4 - Christian Ethics in the 21st Century

We are living in an increasingly complex world that requires us to make difficult ethical decisions. One example is the current debate in Canada on physician assisted suicide. As a way of responding to this we have invited Dr. Elmer Thiessen for our Fall Teaching Series to address the topic of Christian ethics. Dr. Thiessen has taught philosophy and ethics at a number of post-secondary institutions including Wilfrid Laurier University and Medicine Hat College.

Men's Breakfast at 8 am at church on Saturday September 29th

Join us for an interesting morning as the Renwick family leads us in a *SHOW & TELL* of their butterfly project, collecting and releasing butterflies!

Leamington Mennonite Home News ... See Bulletin Board for details

- * German Calendars Available for Ordering
- * Artisan Market Sale
- * Social Worker Position
- * A Moonlight River Cruise

A Night at the Bridge Fundraiser - September 29 at 6pm

Gourmet Meal ... Live Entertainment by Maria Connel ... Live Auction

Tickets available at The Bridge & Kindred Credit Union.

\$45 each or \$80 for two tickets, Semi-Casual

www.thebridgeyouth.ca, 310 Sherk St. Leamington, 226-773-3454

Risk of a Postal Strike – If there is a postal strike, delivery of *Canadian Mennonite* magazine may be delayed. Subscribers are welcome to add email delivery to a print subscription.

To add digital delivery, email office@canadianmennonite.org and include your name, address and subscription number.

UMEI Christian High School News ...

Save the Date - Physics Rocket Launch

Join us on Sunday, October 14th for an outdoor BBQ from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. The rocket launch put on by our grade 11 physics class will begin at 12:30 pm! There will also be a robotics demonstration. Admission by donation.

Highschool

Sept 28 - Intergalactic Capture the Flag. 6-9pm

Oct. 5th - Ultimate Frisbee

We'll meet at Oak St. then head out. Ice cream will follow.
Bring soccer cleats if you have them.

Oct. 12th - Gargon. Enough said.

Oct. 19th - High School Hosted Board Games Night – 6-8pm

Open to anyone who is interested, the high schoolers will host a board games night in the aud at Oak St. We'll make nachos and other refreshments for our guests and introduce them to some of our favorite board games.

Halloween Party TBD

Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)

Oct. 10th 6-8pm - Mini-Golf at Point Pelee Karting 6-8pm

Let's meet at the church and carpool down to Point Pelee Drive for some mini golf fun. We'll need maybe 2 parents to join us for this event (Text me if you're interested 226-203-3833). I'm waiting for info re: cost.

Oct. 19th 6-8pm - Board Games at Oak St.

Hosted by the High Schoolers.

Bring the family and some favorite board games. There will be some snacks and refreshments. This is open to whoever would like to join.

Oct. 24th 4-6pm - Thiessen's Orchard Multi-Church Youth Event

There is no cost for entry, but Thiessen's has asked that the youth have some pocket money to buy some snacks. They have lots of fun activities like a corn maze and a haunted-ish barn.

Oct. 26th & 27th - Trick or Trunk

If you would like to volunteer on your own or as a family to help LUMC host Trick or Trunk, please let me know as soon as you can. We'd love to have this event reach as many people as we can. I hear it's a crowd pleaser, but it takes a village to run an event of this magnitude.

Refugee Committee Update...

The refugee committee is in the process of sponsoring a new refugee family . We are in need of volunteers to help with getting ready for this family's arrival, and to assist once the family has arrived.

There are big and small jobs to be done. Help with Spanish translation will also be important.

If you are able to volunteer some time, please let a member of the committee know. We will be having a meeting in the next couple weeks.

GO DOWN, MOSES

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land."
Exodus 6:10-11

1. When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land; Let my peo-ple go,
2. Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo - ses said; Let my peo-ple go,
3. No more shall they in bond-age toil; Let my peo-ple go,

Op-pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
If not, I'll smite your first - born dead, Let my peo-ple go.
Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil, Let my peo-ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, 'Way down in E-gypt's land.
go down, Mo - ses,

Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Phar - oah, Let my peo-ple go!

Text: Negro spiritual

Tune: GO DOWN MOSES, 8 5 8 5 with refrain; Negro spiritual

LUMC is very excited to host our third Trick-or-Trunk Event October 27th from 11am-1pm.

The front side parking lot will once again be transformed into candy stations where volunteers can decorate their vehicle trunks to pass out candy. The main parking lot and the church will hold the activities, contests and food.

This is an event put on by our church for the community, and we cannot do it without you. Our goal is to introduce the community to our church in a fun, safe, and welcoming way.

Trunk winners will receive the trophy with your name engraved and bragging rights for a year! Do you have what it takes to beat last year's winners: Andrea, Joel, Kathe, and Micah Warkentin? Fun and creative designs can be found on Google. (Gore, weapons, and horror will not be permitted.)

Last year we had 200 people walk through our doors despite the cold and rain! This year we are aiming for 300! Let's make it **BIGGER AND BETTER** this year!! We have a candy drive at the church going on now for this event! Please bring it to the office.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY EVENT!!

Trunk volunteers. Please be in the front parking lot by 10:30am.
Run a game from 11am-1pm.
Set up October 26th or morning of the 27th.
Take down October 27th 1-2pm
Cupcake baker. Supplies provided.

There will be a prize for the child who invites the most friends unless Facebook wins again! Help us spread the word! Share and invite everyone you know to our Trick-or-Trunk event from our Facebook page Oak Street Leamington Church! Sign up to volunteer in the narthex on the Bristol board or email omsteadheidi@gmail.com for more info!



LUMC AFT Donations for September

Automatic Funds Transfer is available from any financial institution for donation to our church (budget or building fund).

Contact the church office to set up this convenient method of donating on a regular basis. We currently have 58 families/individuals enrolled in this program.

September AFT: General Fund: \$11,795
Building Fund: \$ 790
Church Renovation: \$ 25

Joys & Concerns ...

Pray for ...

We are thankful that God has healed Rylee Warkentin so that she is able to be at home with her family. This is a busy time for Jason and Caroline as they adjust to being a family of four and figure out how to care for Rylee's needs at home. As a church family, we would like to support them by bringing them meals three times a week. The following is a website address and password for "Take Them A Meal" which will enable you to sign up for a day that suits you the best.

Website Address: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/SPNV6421

Password: 7699 Recipient's last Name: Warkentin

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Warkentin.

Notice of Death ...

William Masters passed away on September 16, 2018. William was the father of Cheryl & Rick Taggart. A funeral service to celebrate William's life was held on Wednesday, September 19. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Thank You ...

Thank-you to all that attended and supported the fundraising event on Sept. 15/18 at the Leamington Marina Pavilion. A total of \$51,000+ was raised for the MEDA Project in Myanmar. Speaker Helen Loftin explained the benefits of working in countries under stress, as the project empowers 25,000 women to raise their families out of a state of poverty. Your support is matched 7:1 by Global Affairs Canada for a total of \$350,000 for a very significant impact on Myanmar.

Pray for ...

Pray for **Mike & Cheryl Nimz** as they continue to make connections with people (in a post-Christendom context in the United Kingdom) who say they are "done" with church and yet who also express excitement hearing about Anabaptism.

Pray for wisdom as the Nimzes collaborate with others to explore beginning Mennonite communities in the U.K.

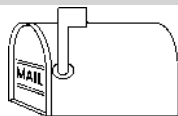
Remembering Our Neighbours ...

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

Would you like to have a church mailbox?



The people at the Welcome Center can help you with this. Stop by today and ask to have your name added to our mailboxes.

Calendar of Events ...

See the September Newsletter for more information

Sept 25 - Spiritual Council Meeting - 7pm

Sept 25 - Kids Club Begins - 6-7:30pm
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Sept 26 - Church Council Meeting - 7pm

Sept 27 - Bible Study - 12:00 noon

Sept 28 - Sr. Youth Event - 6-9pm

Sept 29 - Men's Breakfast - 8am

Sept 29 - Fundraiser at the Bridge - 6pm

Sept 30 - Installation Service for Zach Charbonneau & Potluck Lunch

Sept 30 - Classical Concert at Knox Presbyterian Church - 3pm

Oct 4 - Bible Study - 12:00 noon

Oct 7 - Thanksgiving/Communion Service

Oct 9 - LUMC Office Closed

Scripture Reading Schedule

September 24 - 30

Monday Exodus 7

Tuesday Exodus 8

Wednesday Exodus 9

Thursday Exodus 10

Friday Exodus 11

Psalm of the Week Psalm 124

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9am-3pm, Tues-Fri

Our worship service is being recorded and broadcast at LMH.

Closed Mondays



Offering: September 16, 2018

General	\$ 5,185
Building Fund	\$ 50
Food Bank	\$ 20

Total = \$5,255