

*Joy*

I BRING YOU  
GOOD TIDINGS  
OF  
GREAT JOY

LUKE 2:10



# Leamington United Mennonite Church

## Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 9:45 a.m.

3rd Advent Service - Celebration of Joy  
Speaker - David Dyck, Worship Leader - Linda Tiessen  
Carol Singing - 9:35am

Silent Preparation

Advent Processional

'I wonder as I wander' - Grace Enns, Steve Enns

Voice of the Prophet - Carl Schartner

Psalm 126, Isaiah 12:2-6

Song - 'Kindle the flame of Joy'

Lighting the Candle of Joy - Abe Epp, Peter Epp, Noah Epp

Prayer of Invocation

Song - 'Joy to the world' #318

Scripture Reading - Mike Groh - Luke 1:39-55

Giving our Gifts

Song - 'Oh, how joyfully' #209

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 - 'O come, all ye children'

Children's Story - Andrea Warkentin

Sermon - 'The Secret of Joy'

Song

Benediction

Coffee and Connecting in the Foyer

Adult & Youth Education

*Unafraid - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*  
*Advent - How the Painted Turtle Celebrates Advent*

Jesus said,

"I have told

you this

so that

my joy

may be

in you

and your

joy may

be complete."

John 15 : 11



**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 please join us for coffee and fellowship in the foyer.



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

**Dec 16** - Mary Says Yes

*Sunday School Offering*  
*Dec 9 - \$35.45*

**Sunday, Dec 23** - Christmas Eve Practice - The children will head into the sanctuary for a dress rehearsal after the worship service. Parents can enjoy some visiting time over coffee and cookies.

**Monday, Dec 24** - Sunday School Christmas Eve Program - 6:30pm

**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.

**Candlelight Service - Tonight, December 16 - 7pm at LUMC** - All are invited to join this special evening celebration in anticipation of Christmas.

**4<sup>th</sup> Advent, Sunday, December 23** - Please bring your favourite Christmas cookies to share during coffee hour. Avoid foods with nuts.

**Christmas Potluck Supper with the Torres Family - December 17 - 6pm**  
Celebrate Christmas with the Torres Family. Bring your families & a dish to share.

**Faith Exploration** - Are you interested in going deeper in your faith and exploring what it means to be a follower of Jesus? Do you wonder why our church baptizes adults and what baptism is all about? Have you ever thought of becoming a member of LUMC? We will have a short meeting next Sunday, December 23 (after the worship service) to organize our class. Classes will begin January 13. Let us know if you are interested.

*Your Pastors at LUMC - David Dyck, Mike Williamson, Zach Charbonneau, Frieda Lepp*

**Parent - Child Dedication & Grandchild Dedication** - We are planning a child dedication service in the near future. If you are interested in this service or have any questions, please call one of our pastors.

### **LUMC Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 10, 2019**

Please have committee reports for this year's meeting in the office by January 18.

### **Mennonite Burial Society Annual General Meeting - January 12, 2019**

2pm - Pleasant Manor Oakview Chapel, Virgil - [info@mennoniteburialsociety.com](mailto:info@mennoniteburialsociety.com)

### **UMEI Christian High School News ...**

**Autumn Campaign** - Thank you for donating to UMEI's Campaign. To date, we have received \$38,000; about 49% of our final goal of \$77,000. Please prayerfully consider donating to help families access a quality Christian Education.

**Job Openings at Thrift on Mill** - P.T. Relief Manager & F.T. Warehouse/Receiving Support Worker. Details at [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca): Current Openings: Leamington.

## **Joys & Concerns ...**

### **Baby Boy ...**

Erik David was born on December 5. Congratulations to parents David & Heather Krahn, and grandfather Rudy Krahn.

### **Pray For ...**

Praise God for the joy and commitment with which the Burkina Faso churches serve God and share God's love with others. Pray that the people will receive the presence of God in times of joy and difficulty.

### **Pray For ...**

Christmas should be a time of celebration with friends and family. Many folks in our community are experiencing homelessness & poverty. Please pray that they will find hope and light this Christmas season.

### **Thank You ...**

Our Home is grateful for the many gifts given this past year to support our ministry of elder-care. The volunteer and prayerful support, together with your financial assistance have allowed us to provide exceptional care to our seniors and frail elderly. We thank our supporting Mennonite congregations with wishes for a Blessed Christmas!

### **Thank You ...**

During my recent hospital stay, with much appreciation, I would like to say thank you, to our Pastors, for prayers and a special visit at the Hospital. To my family, congregation and friends, for all your prayers, concerns, visits, cards & delicious meals. Thank you, I am so wonderfully blessed and so thankful to be home again.

Ann Fischer

### **Pray For ...**

Gerald & Debbie Peters ask for our prayers as Gerald undergoes treatment for dementia. They are now living in Kitchener and travelling to Toronto for medical care.

## **Calendar of Events ...**

*See the December Newsletter for details*

Dec 16 - Candlelight Service at LUMC - 7pm

Dec 17 - Potluck Supper at LUMC - 6pm

Dec 23 - 4<sup>th</sup> Advent - 9:45am

Celebration of Love/Carol Singing-9:35am

Bring Christmas Cookies to share.

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 6:30pm

Dec 25 - Christmas Day Service - 9:45am

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### **Office Hours**

9am-3pm, Tues-Fri

Closed Monday

Our worship service is  
being recorded and  
broadcast at LMH.

## **Offering: December 9, 2018**

General \$ 11,023

Building Fund \$ 200

Meat Canner \$ 50

Total =\$ 11,273

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 9, 2018, our Current Budget Shortfall is \$87,000.