

Love

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

1 JOHN 4:10





Leamington United Mennonite Church

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

4th Advent Service - Celebration of Love

Speaker - Edgar Brown, Worship Leaders - David Dyck, Mike Williamson

Carol Singing - 9:35am

Silent Preparation

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

Voice of the Prophet - Carl Schartner - Isaiah 52:7-10

Song - 'Kindle the flame of Love'

Lighting the Candle of Love

The Toews Family - Bill, Amy, Derek, Joshua

Prayer of Invocation

Song - 'Angels we have heard on high' #197

Women's Chorus - 'Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella'

'Still, Still, Still'

Giving our Gifts

Zoe Toews - 'Ukrainian Bell Carol', 'Winter Wonderland'

Worship Music - Matthew Dick, Jonathan Dick,

Jason Hildebrand, Zach Charbonneau

Prayers of the People

Worship Music

Ryan Simpson - 'What child is this?', O Holy Night'

Children's Story - 'Greatest Gift'

Mary Tiessen, Jason Hildebrand, Jonathan Dick, Sandra Dick

Worship Music - Dyck Family Quartet

Scripture Reading - Sandra Dick - 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon - 'Another Look at Love'

Worship Music - Erica Blanco Machinea - 'Gesù Bambino'

Men's Chorus - 'I heard the bells'

Song - 'Love came down at Christmas' - #208

Benediction

Coffee, Conversation and Cookies in the lobby

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W O R S H I P

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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**

Sunday School News ...

Dec 23 - Jesus Birth

Dec 23 - Children will go to their classrooms

after the children's story. Christmas Eve dress rehearsal begins in the sanctuary after the worship service. Parents can enjoy some visiting time over coffee and cookies.

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

Tuesday, Dec 25 - Family Worship at 9:45am.

*Sunday School
Offering
Dec 16 - \$38.30*

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.

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 today, after the worship service to organize our class. Classes begin January 13.

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

LUMC AFT Donations - December - 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 59 families/individuals enrolled in this program.

General Fund - \$11,945, Building Fund - \$790, Church Renovation - \$25

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

EKMHA News ... Admission to all events by donation. All are welcome!

Friday, Jan 11: Travelogue at 7pm at the Heritage Centre

Camping through Iceland by Larry and Nancy Burgess

Saturday, Jan 16 - 6:00 at UMEI - Super Soup Night

Leamington Mennonite Home News ...

During the Christmas Season our Home extends a special invitation to family and friends of our residents in the Care Homes. Visits are priceless gifts which are appreciated and valued by our residents. Those with winter colds, coughs and runny noses should delay such a visit until good health returns.

Joys & Concerns ...

Thank You ...

The Torres family & the Refugee Committee would like to thank the many people who came to celebrate with them at the Christmas Potluck. We enjoyed the fellowship and the abundance of delicious food offerings. The family is so thankful to have found a home in Canada with us.

Thank You ...

"For unto you is born...a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Wishing you and your loved ones all the best for the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your continuous & invaluable support during 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff and students of UMEI!

Thank You ...

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers & concerns that were offered up for me when I had that terrible accident 6 months ago. My arm is healing quite nicely. The doctor says I will soon be back to baking again. I'm living permanently now at 22 Garrison Rm 15 - come and visit me. Frieda Woelk

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!

Leamington Mennonite Home

Calendar of Events ...

See the December Newsletter for details

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 6:30pm

Dec 25 - Christmas Day Service - 9:45am

Dec 26 - Church Office Closed

Dec 27, 28 - Church Office Open - 9-3

Dec 30 - Family Worship Service - 9:45am

Jan 6 - Education Hour/Sunday School Begin

Jan 11 - EKMHA Travelogue - 7pm

Jan 13 - Baptism/Church Membership

Jan 16 - EKMHA Soup Night at UMEI - 6pm

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Office Hours

9am-3pm, Tues-Fri

Closed Monday

Our worship
service is
being recorded
and broadcast at
LMH.

Morning Prayers at LUMC

Tuesday - Friday at 8:45am

Offering: December 16, 2018

General \$ 17,747

Total = \$ 17,747

Coffee Fund - \$41.20

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 16, 2018, our Current Budget Shortfall is \$58,000.