

# MAY 2019 OAK STREET LEAVES

LUMC MONTHLY CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER



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9:45 am Family Worship

10:45 am Coffee and Fellowship

11:00 am Adult Education Hour & Children's Sunday School

## 90th Anniversary Feature: What's in a Name?

By Vic Winter

LUMC has had several names in its history....but the very first name? ***The Mennonite Refugee Church***. A bit later it was called Essex County Mennonite Church...then later the adjective "United" was added...and finally it was changed to "Leamington," resulting in our present name.

But it's most interesting that the first descriptors in our name were "Mennonite" and "Refugee". Our founding families were Mennonite refugees. We continue to be part of a Mennonite conference of churches; and we have continued to welcome a variety of people looking for a home, a church, a community.

I think maybe as a church we've been at our best when we've been open to welcoming the stranger. That hasn't always been possible (more on that next time) and sometimes we've looked inwards more. But it poses an interesting question: over 90 years, who are the people who we've welcomed to join us at LUMC?

In our early years, as I detailed last month, our founders were Russian Mennonite refugees.

Our next major influx came after World War 2. Mennonites who had suffered through Stalin's efforts to complete the communist revolution and the horrors of WW2, came in large numbers. These refugees came from Russia, Germany, Poland, Paraguay and other places.

Starting in the 50s and 60s...other Mennonite "cousins" starting coming into this area.... they were descendants of an even earlier exodus from Russia.

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## Welcome to our Families ... Check out our Children's Programs.

**Worship bags** - Please help yourself to these activity bags in the lobby.

**Nursery Room** - Parents with young children are able to watch the service in the nursery room, while having room for their children to play. There is an attached room for nursing moms or sleeping babies.

**After Children's Story ...  
Off to the Sunday School Wing**

**Toddlers** (with or without parents) - Meet in Classroom #1

**Ages 3-5** - Meet in the Singing Room

**Gr 1-8** - Meet in the Sr. Singing Room for Jr. Worship.  
10:45am - 11:45am - Children will be with their

teachers for stories, snacks, crafts, and gym time. Parents can pick up their children from their classrooms.

The Sunday School hosts are available to help answer any questions.

### YOUTH PROGRAM

#### High School Students (gr. 9-12)

Weekly meetings on Friday nights for Bible study, games, road trips, and all-around good times. We were once attacked by a beaver. Just sayin'. Oh! And did we mention there's food?

Bible Study Group occurs on a 6-week at a time basis. Our upcoming study will take a deep dive into the book of the minor prophet Jonah!

#### Juniors

Our Junior youth (gr. 6-8) meet about once a month for fun get togethers with games and chats about faith.

To be added to the email list for information, please email Pastor Zach at [zach@lumc.ca](mailto:zach@lumc.ca)



## CHURCH LIBRARY News

We have a copy of the music dvd (in the window area) for the ROAR themed Vacation Bible School (VBS) coming in July.

Requested book *Amazing Grace, Abounding Love* by Darlene Martens (local author) is on the shelf.

Kid's Corner : come check out the willow tree in the library for the summer season now. Also great book donated – *Indescribable/devotions and science*.

### Book Review submitted by Andrea Warkentin : *Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on the streets? Could you survive? Would your faith in God hold up? These questions and more plagued a young college man named, Mike Yankoski. After much thought, prayer and discussion with people he trusted, Mike and his friend, Sam decided to embark on an almost six-month journey where they lived on the streets of six different U.S.A. cities. This book is full of Mike and Sam's stories about the trials and triumphs of the months they spent on the street. Their stories are from the heart and show everything from dismay and frustration to hope and faith. Find out how these two young men stay true to their faith by finding God in the places and the people you would least expect.

I highly recommend this book. It is a heartfelt and inspirational story. Despite the topic, it's an easy and enjoyable read. The book moves quickly. The stories are deep and tug at the heart strings, but Mike Yankoski has a way of writing them with an edge of humour as well. It's hard to put down once you start.





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In the 1870s they had moved largely to western Canada and US....but some of them, when once again feeling the pressure of governments, went on to Mexico, Central America and South America. More conservative, they now came north with their large families, looking for new opportunities. Some of those joined us too.

And then, adding more new names... How? Through marriages. Our people met and married people with last names like Pezzotti, Dietz, Buckrell, Chacko and Burgess.

And then....people came to visit for a variety of reasons, and for a variety of reasons felt at home....and stayed! Names like Andrew, Hawkins, Sellick, Charbonneau, Cha and Taggart come to mind.

And, we continue to welcome new members who join us for a wide variety of reasons.


I'm struck that the descriptor "United" still seems to make lot of sense! This congregation has experienced a lot of change over the years, especially as it has welcomed and integrated new members and participants. I'll say more about other changes in next month's article.

And remember! We'll celebrate those 90 years of changes in our June 16 Service of Celebration. Note that Sunday on your calendar!



# LUMC & COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR - MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Youth: BBQ Food Prep	4 Soli Deo Concert Youth BBQ (see details below)
5 Soli Deo Concert Potluck Lunch Youth Amazing Race	6	7 Moms & Tots 10am -12noon UMEI Math Fair Grief Session 7-8	8 Grandmas & tots 10am – 12 noon	9	10 Youth: Couch Night	11 Silver Lake AGM EKMHA Spring Banquet (see details below)
12 Mother's Day	13	14 Moms & Tots 10am -12noon Grief Session 7-8	15 Grandmas & tots 10am – 12 noon Jr. Youth: Road Trip to Point Pelée Church Council 7pm	16	17 Youth Phoenix Fest	18 Youth Phoenix Fest
19 Youth Phoenix Fest	20 Victoria Day Holiday	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 Grandmas & tots 10am – 12 noon UMEI Spring Showcase 7pm	23 Education Committee Meeting 7pm	24 Youth: Win This Cake	25 UMEI Watermelon Open Golf Tournament
26 Testimony Sunday UMEI Fish Fry Lunch	27	28 Moms & Tots 10am -12noon	29 Grandmas & tots 10am – 12 noon	30	31 Youth: The Chill	

<p><b>AGM and Paddle the Grand Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp</b> Saturday May 11, 2pm:</p> <p>Silver Lake supplies canoes and equipment and you enjoy a 2 hour afternoon paddle through Waterloo Region's beautiful countryside. This fun, family-friendly event ends at Kiwanis Park (Kitchener) with dinner provided. Funds raised help support Silver Lake's summer camp program. Please join us on the river or support a paddling team! To register or donate visit <a href="http://www.slmc.ca">www.slmc.ca</a>. The AGM will take place at Kiwanis Park (Kitchener) at 2pm. For more information visit <a href="http://www.slmc.ca">www.slmc.ca</a></p>	<p><b>EKMHA news!</b></p> <p><b>Annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, May 11</b> at UMEI at 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>Guest Speaker: Ken Neufeld</b></p> <p><b>Former Ambassador to Afghanistan</b></p> <p><b>Tickets: \$30, available from Board members</b></p> <p><b>Call 519 322 0456 for more info</b></p>	<p><b>SOLI DEO GLORIA SINGERS</b> <i>Choral Concert</i></p> <p><b>Saturday, May 4 at UMEI at 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, May 5 at LUMC at 3:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children in advance \$15 for adults, \$7 for children at the door</b> Available from Choir members, KCU or call UMEI 519 328 7449</p>	 <p><b>Worship Calendar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 15 <a href="#">International Day of Families</a></li> <li>• May 30 <a href="#">Ascension Day</a></li> <li>• Jun 9 <a href="#">Pentecost</a></li> <li>• Jun 18 <a href="#">Trinity Sunday</a></li> <li>• Jun 20 <a href="#">World Refugee Day</a></li> <li>• Jun 21 <a href="#">National Aboriginal Day (Canada)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>YOUTH</b></p> <p>Phoenix Fest is a youth camping festival happening this May Long Weekend (May 17-20) in Paris, Ontario at Braeside Camp. Our desire is to facilitate a weekend where communities are welcome to connect together and grow in their relationship with each other and with Jesus Christ.</p> <p>More info @ <a href="http://phoenixfest.ca">phoenixfest.ca</a></p>	<p><b>SENIOR YOUTH</b></p> <p>May 3rd – Food Prep for BBQ with Grades 9-12</p> <p>May 4th – May the 4th BBQ With You @LUMC from 12:30-2:30</p> <p>May 5th – Amazing Race 2019</p> <p>May 10th – Couch Night!</p> <p>May 17-20 – Phoenix Fest</p> <p>May 24th – Win This Cake!</p> <p>May 31st – The Chill</p> <p>June 7th – Bible study at the beach</p> <p>June 9th – Baptism Sunday</p> <p>June 14th – Road Trip to Dairy Free <del>xxxxxx</del></p> <p>June 21st – Zach is off to the national gathering until July 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Our second Bible Study will be starting in May and will take a deep dive into the book of Jonah.</p>		<p><b>JUNIOR YOUTH</b></p> <p>Juniors have some upcoming fun as well!</p> <p>May 15<sup>th</sup> – Road Trip to Point Pelee National Park for Spring fun.</p> <p>June 9<sup>th</sup> – Peace Party @Seacliff Park</p>





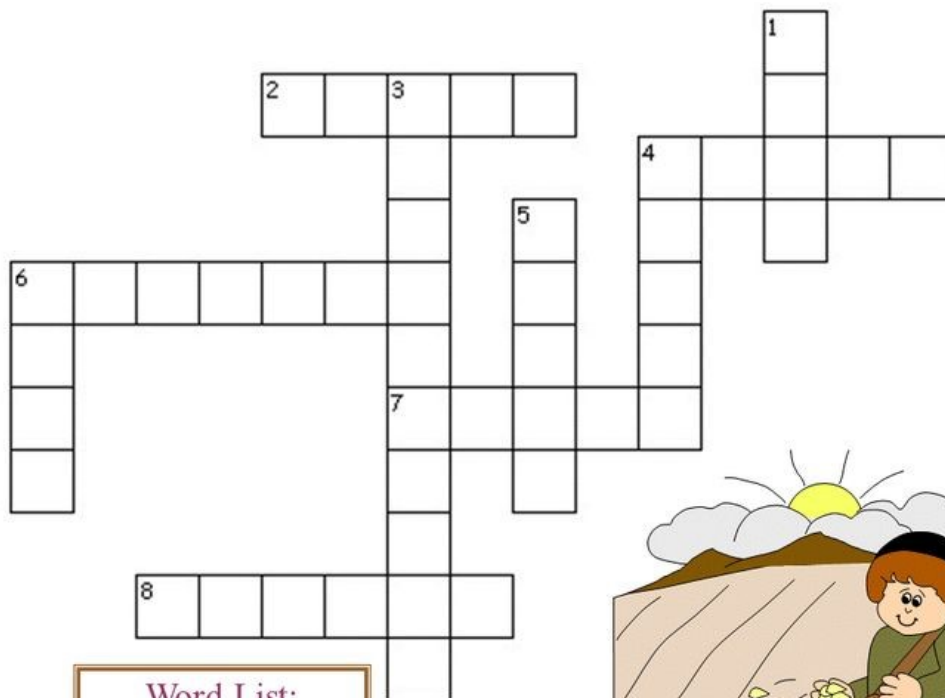
## Sower and the Seed Crossword

### Attention KIDS!

Before the worship service begins, please help yourself to a **Worship Bag**.

These activity bags are located in the lobby and filled with colouring pages, crayons and stories to read.

Please bring the bags back to the lobby at the end of the service.



#### Word List:

understand    grow  
parable        pray  
rocks           roots  
seeds           sower  
thorns          fruit



#### Across

2. If we learn and grow we, like the seed will bear \_\_\_\_.
4. It's important to plant seeds in good soil so these can grow deep into the ground.
6. This is a type of story Jesus told to teach a lesson.
7. These are what Jesus compares to the Word that we learn about God.
8. These choke out the seeds and prevent the plant from growing.

#### Down

1. We can do this if we learn and ask lots of questions about God.
3. The person that plants the seed in good ground are the same that hear and \_\_\_\_ the word.
4. The seed that fell among these couldn't grow roots and died.
5. This is the name of the person that plants the seeds.
6. Do this instead of worrying.

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## Children's Shine On Readings

May 6 - 11	Give, pray fast	p.198
May 12 - 18	Don't worry	p.200
May 19 - 25	Building on the rock	p.202
May 26 - June 1	The sower and the seed	p.204

## UMEI Christian High School News

**UMEI Math Fair** – Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:00 pm  
Ever wonder where math exists in the real world? Come and find out at UMEI's Math Fair Open House! Adults and kids alike will enjoy the interactive displays and activities presented by our Grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

### Ground Beef

Ground beef orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, May 22** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, May 30. **NOTE:** This will be the last ground beef order for the school year.

### Spring Showcase

Join us on **Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm** for our Spring Showcase. Come and enjoy some coffee and dessert as you experience choral & instrumental music, as well as a Robotics demonstration. Free will offering.

**REGISTER TODAY - UMEI Watermelon Open Golf Tournament** - Saturday May 25 at 8:00 am at Erie Shores Golf Club.

Come out for a day of golf for all skill levels, contests, and prizes. Register today to get an early bird discount! Registration is \$150/golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, breakfast and coffee, a gift package, and lunch to follow at Best Western Plus Leamington. Call the UMEI office at [519-326-7448](tel:519-326-7448) for more details or to inquire about our sponsorship packages. Register today at [umei.ca/watermelon-open/](http://umei.ca/watermelon-open/) to save your spot in this fun event!

**Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch** - Sunday May 26 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

We are excited to have another popular Fish Fry for our May fundraising meal. There will be fun activities for the children. Admission by donation. Take out is also available.

**Shop UMEI Vista Orders** - Retail card orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, May 27**. Cards will be ready for pick up Friday, May 1. **NOTE:** This is the last order for the school year.

**Camp Explore U** - A fun filled day camp with activities like basketball, science, cooking, water games, and much more!

Date: July 15 – July 19, 9am - 3pm

Grades: 3-6 (entering September 2019), co-ed

Cost: \$100 and \$85 for each subsequent sibling, includes t-shirt and two daily snacks

For more information and to register visit [umei.ca/camps](http://umei.ca/camps).

**Rockets & Robotics** - Rockets & Robotics is a hands on science camp for students who are passionate about building and programming robots and learning the physics behind rocket design and launching.

Dates: July 15 - 19 for grades 7-8 (entering September 2019) and July 22 - 26 for grades 4-6 (entering September 2019); 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$300, includes t-shirt and rocket materials

For more information and to register visit [umei.ca/camps](http://umei.ca/camps).

**SAVE THE DATE - GRADUATION & ALUMNI BANQUET** - Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Come and join in the celebration of the Class of 2019 and a reunion for the Class of 1969, 1994, 2009 and 2014. Refreshments and pictures at 6:00 pm, dinner served at 6:30 pm.

Please call 519-326-7448 or email [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca) to reserve your ticket by Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$30/person.

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**LUMC June Church & Community  
Calendar deadline:  
May 22, 2019**

Please send all submissions for  
**The Calendar** to the LUMC Office.  
[office@lumc.ca](mailto:office@lumc.ca)



**Child Dedication on Sunday, April 7th, 2019**— Continue to pray for the parents who recently presented their children in dedication to God and committed to nurturing their children into faith. Please pray for: Jonathan & Sandra Dick with Joshua; Kevin & Melissa Hopper with Keith; Jason Hillier & Malloreay Derksen with Everett; Santino & Jenny Melatti with Stella; Jason & Caroline Warkentin with Rylee



**VBS, July 8-12, 2019 at LUMC**

**9am - Noon**

Hosted by NLUMC, Faith and LUMC Churches.

Admission is free.

Online Registration at:

[vbspro.events/p/dvbs](https://vbspro.events/p/dvbs).

Children will discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, awe-inspiring worship music, teamwork-building games, imaginative craft, activities, and an amazing Hungry Herd snack centre.

**For more information, contact:**

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Or Phone LUMC at 519-326-2727

**To Adults, Youth, Jr. Youth of LUMC**

You will want to be part of this exciting outreach. We are looking for help to make this wonderful week happen. Would you consider helping make snacks in the kitchen, be a group leader (lead groups of children from activity to activity), help with indoor and outdoor games, decorating, or bake cookies.

Let's make this a truly welcoming experience for the children of our church and community.