

Welcome to Leamington United Mennonite Church January 28, 2024

Speaker - Rick Neufeld

Worship Leader - John Fittler

And in	Welcome
him	Gathering Song - Come Away From Rush and Hurry VT 9
you too	Call to Worship Opening Prayer
are	Song of Praise - I Will Stand in the Congregation STS 113 Children's Sunday School
being built	
together	Song - There's a Church Within Us O Lord Giving our Gifts
to	Church Family Happenings
become a	Prayer Song - O Lord, Hear My Prayer VT 685 Prayers of the People
dwelling	Prayer Song - O Lord, Hear My Prayer VT 685
in which	Scripture - Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21
God lives	Sermon - Relationships One Story at a Time Song of Response - Build Your Kingdom Here VT 393
by his Spirit.	
Eph. 2:22	Sending Prayer Sending Song - Glory to God VT 429

We **Worship** a trinitarian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
We **Walk** in the way of Jesus, both Saviour and Lord
We **Witness** through the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit

UPCOMING DATES

- **Prayer Gathering**

Everyone is invited to a time of prayer inspired by portions of Scripture on Wednesday mornings. We meet for 45 minutes from 8:00-8:45am.

- **Women's Bible Study**

We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30-11am or Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:15pm. This session runs until March 26. Please call or message Sandra Dick at 226-346-2843 or sandra_dyck@yahoo.ca

- **Ladies Prayer Gathering**

All ladies are invited to attend a twice-monthly Ladies Prayer Meeting at the home of Rachel Kauffman, 26 Olive Dr., Leamington. It will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 12-12:45 pm.

- **LUMC Annual Meeting is March 3, 2024 - SAVE THE DATE**

- **Building Church...Building in God's World**

Our 2024 sermon series: In a way, it continues from Fall's **Our Church is a Quilt** idea. Like we did in fall, we'd like to feature our people's work. If you'd be willing to display your woodwork, metal work, cloth work, etc... please contact Victor Winter at victwint@gmail.com or 519-326-0363 who will be doing the organizing.

- **Catechism 2024**

Catechism will begin Sunday February 4 at 8:30am in the Church Boardroom with a group of 5 students, led by LUMC: Transition Team. The 13 week program will explore Anabaptist-Mennonite tenants of faith with an emphasis on discipleship and servanthood. Interest individuals who have not yet joined the class are welcome! More information to follow.

- **Desire for Membership**

A request to join LUMC via "membership" has been received and is being processed. If you wish to become a "member" or know of someone who is interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office or Ed Brown (Transition Team Member) via phone 519-329-3915 or email ednhelen67@gmail.com

- **Pastors: Do We Need Them?**

Join in the conversation about what congregations can do to enhance the relationship with Pastors. You might even be surprised on a few things that come up! You are invited. Facilitated by Rick Neufeld

- **EKMHA news**

Travelogues at 7:00 at the Heritage Centre, Friday, Feb. 9: Bali and Fiji by Maida Tiessen and Friday, Feb. 23: Prague and Budapest by Luise Taves
All are welcome. Admission by donation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Today in Sunday School, we will be learning about “**Five Friends**” from Mark 2:1-12, and that “Jesus sees what’s in people’s hearts.” The activity will be music, led by Ben and Meghan Recker. Our other amazing volunteers for today are:

Primary—Christine & Grace Tiessen
Junior—Olivia Toews & Sophia Kauffman,
Intermediate—Sam Dyck & Liam Brown
Host: Nancy Froese

SNACK: We all like snack! I am looking for people who would enjoy taking a turn providing a snack for the Sunday School children. Options range from fruit or vegetables to homemade cookies. Contact Valerie at SundaySchool@lumc.ca Thank you!

The 2024 **Sr. Youth Retreat** is coming up! Emails went out during the week with details and permission forms. Please let Anna know if you didn’t receive this email.

All Sr Youth from grades 9 to 12 are welcome to join us at LUMC on Friday Feb 2nd, 2024 from 7-9pm! All Sr. Youth and their friends are welcome!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sr. Youth leaders Henry Hildebrandt and Anna Neufeld at neufeldanna94@gmail.com

A Special LUMC Workshop Evening

Wednesday, February 7 from 7 - 8:30 PM. Pastor Rick Neufeld will facilitate a workshop entitled: **HEALTHY CHURCH MATTERS**. Rick listened to over 150 LUMC voices in his Autumn session. Now it is time to read about this and gather to discuss the topics he discovered. There will be more information and reading material available next Sunday. Save the date.

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Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, February 4th, 11:30 am — 1 pm. Join us for a sit-down lunch. The meal includes delicious Mennonite sausage, chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, corn, fresh buns, and dessert. Take-out is also available. Admission is by donation and don’t forget you can SKIP THE LINE! Complete an online form and send in your donation in advance via e-transfer to office@umei.ca. When you arrive at the school on Sunday, go to the special "Skip the Line" table to check in, and then enter the gym for your meal. Register here: <https://forms.gle/gcqKzJbftXG2K148>

Winter Open House, Wednesday, February 7th, 6:30 — 8:30 pm. Come and tour the school, speak with faculty and learn how your student can benefit from an array of academic opportunities, experiences and community support. All grades are welcome to this event. Students seeking admission for the 2024-2025 school year can now apply.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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Mennonite Historical Assoc.

The first Mennonites arrived in Essex County 100 years ago in 1925. As refugees they were drawn by the availability of farm work. Places for worship were first found in their homes, then public halls. As numbers continued to grow, talk began in 1931 of building. The Great Depression, not yet recognized, was setting in and it would be at great sacrifice. The first service was held in the basement of this building on Dec 26, 1933.



Leamington Mennonite Home is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Chief Financial Officer. This senior management position plays an integral role in the day-to-day functioning of LMH. Candidates should possess a business degree from an accredited university/college. Qualified candidates will demonstrate a high level of energy and commitment with an understanding of the senior population we provide care for.

The Leamington Mennonite Home is a seniors community that provides safe and secure housing to over 350 seniors from a variety of backgrounds and traditions. Qualified candidates will understand our Home's Christian background rooted in Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition and show a commitment to maintaining this organizational identity.

Applications will be received until April 1, 2024. Only applicants demonstrating the proper qualifications will be contacted for an interview. Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application to Human Resources Specialist, Jacquie Turnbull (jacquie@mennonitehome.ca). A full job description for review can be requested by contacting Jacquie Turnbull.

CONNECTING

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Urgent Need Contact x9 Transition Team

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Transition Team

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Scripture Reading Guide

Jan. 28 - Feb. 3 , 2024

Sunday - Mark 1: 21-28

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Tuesday - Isaiah 61

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Thursday - Psalm 84

Friday - Luke 2: 22-40

Saturday - 1 Corinthians 9: 1-14