



**LEAMINGTON UNITED MENNONITE
CHURCH**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 9:45am

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Isaiah 55

*'All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.
All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.*

*Why spend your earnings on what is not food?
Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?*

*Here, without money,
Here, without price,
all may enjoy the bread of heaven.*

God speaks, and all who listen will have life.'

'God is here among us' #16

Prayer

'Praise, I will praise you Lord' #76

Scripture Reading – 1 Samuel 17 (The Message)

Giving our Gifts

'Like David the Shepherd, I Sing' (words on pg. 8)

Prayers of the People

'Come and fill our hearts' #59 STJ

Children's Story

Sermon: **David vs. Goliath—the greatest children's story
ever told?**

Introduction to Education Hour

Benediction

Speaker: Vic Winter

Organist: Kathy Driedger

Worship Leader: David Dyck

Song Leader: Dave Epp

Scripture Reader: Kim Driedger

Children's Feature: Vic Winter

Education Hour Electives

‘Everybody’s Normal Till You Get to Know Them’

Teachers: Peter Neufeld, David Dyck, Alison Dyck

Location: Senior Singing Room

Normal – who’s normal? None of us is normal according to God’s definition, and the closer we get to each other, the plainer it is. Yet for all our quirks, sins, and jagged edges, we need each other. Community is more than just a word – it is one of our most fundamental needs as humans. So how do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves master the forces that drive us apart and how do we enter more fully into the life-giving relationships God has designed for us? In this class we’ll zoom in on the things that make community tick; and we’ll explore the many ways that community pays rich dividends in happiness, health, support and growth.

‘Money Sanity’

Teachers: Vic Winter, Ken Hildebrandt

Location: Junior Singing Room

If you are an average connected person, there will be 5000 attempts today to have you spend money on something! Money makes the world go round, we are told. The Bible has lots of advice about money too. How do we talk together about such a personal topic as money? This course, aimed at younger adults, will focus on “sharing, saving and spending” our money. Be prepared for lots of lively discussion.

‘Our Story, Our Stories’

Teachers: Michael Groh, David Groh, Marvin Dueck

Location: Choir Room

The Mennonite Church in Canada comes together from a wide variety of places and with a wide variety of experiences. This class will trace the origins of these groups from their beginnings in Europe to the waves of migrations to North America. We will look at both the Swiss/German Mennonite story and the Dutch/German Mennonite story through the use of video and personal accounts from people in our community.

Contemplative Prayer

Doorway to Christian Transformation



When we hear the word “prayer”, our minds immediately imagine how prayer formally happens on Sunday morning in worship. Contemplative prayer is different than that. Contemplative prayer happens when we prayerfully reflect upon our life experience and notice three things:

1. The movements of God’s spirit in our experience
2. The blockages to God’s spirit moving in our life
3. How transformation happens as we die to aspects of our ego.

During the weekend of January 13-15, Gord Alton will lead three sessions where we will learn and practice forms of contemplative prayer.

Friday January 13, 2012

Location: North Leamington United Mennonite Church

Time: 7:30 to 9 pm

Theme: Noticing God’s Spirit

During this worship session, we will explore the places in our life where we do experience God’s Spirit. What are these experiences like? How do they affect the mind, heart, and gut areas of our body?

Saturday January 14, 2012

Location: Leamington United Mennonite Church

Time: 6:30 to 9 pm

Theme: Contemplative Prayer and the Human Ego

During this prayer workshop, we will investigate the different ways our ego interferes with God's Spirit flowing within our life experience. We will explore how the human ego forms and how it blocks God's spirit from moving freely within our mind, heart, and body. This will bring fresh meaning to biblical and theological terms such as "flesh", "law," and "fallen or sinful nature." We will practice prayer forms that help us become aware of our ego such as centring prayer and the conscious examen. People will have an opportunity to journal privately or work in pairs with someone they trust.

Sunday January 15, 2012

Location: Harrow Mennonite Church

Time: 4:00 to 5:30

Theme: Transforming the Ego

During this worship session, we will learn how contemplative prayer leads to personal transformation as we practice surrendering to God by dying to the ego. There will be a time of anointing prayer where people can stand in their current spot in the sanctuary indicating their desire to prune a certain aspect of their human ego. God will come to those who are standing, say a prayer to God for personal transformation, and anoint the person with oil.

Following the service, there will be refreshments.

Gord Alton is our Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Regional Minister. He is also a practicing spiritual director and coordinator for the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada.



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Kids Club and Homework Club Return This Week!

Kids Club resumes this Tuesday, January 10th 6:30 - 8:00pm for all children in Grades 1-5.

Homework Club returns Thursday January 12th after school from 3:00 - 4:30 for children in Grades 4-6.

If your child is interested in either of these activities, please come by the church office or to the first activity to pick up a registration form.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you are interested in either program please talk to Mike Williamson.

The Leamington chapter of MEDA will be hosting a Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, January 21st at Faith Mennonite Church. Come for breakfast at 8:00 am to hear highlights from the recent MEDA Convention. \$15 for breakfast. Please RSVP to Lisa Fehr at lisa_fehr2003@yahoo.ca or (519) 326-0338.

Parents of Nursery Children

The first Sunday of every month there will be no Volunteers in the Nursery. We are hoping to find more Volunteers in the next couple of months so we can again be able to offer full time care every Sunday.

Thank-you for your co-operation.

2012 Daily Bible Reading Guide

Your PMT encourages you in the practise of daily Bible reading and prayer. We provide this Bible Reading Guide as one way that you can read the Bible as a family or on your own. If this Guide is used every day in 2012, 53 books of the Bible will be utilized and 15 books will be read in their entirety. These readings are based on the Revised Common Lectionary and are the texts that we often follow in our Sunday worship. God bless you as you immerse yourself in his life-giving Word.

January 9 - Psalm 29: 1-11
 January 10 - Psalm 123:1-124:8
 January 11 - Matthew 2: 13-23
 January 12 - I Samuel 3: 1-21
 January 13 - John 1:43-51
 January 14 - Amos 5:1-15
 January 15 - Amos 5:16-27



ONE WAY High School Ministry

Winter Retreat - What's The Big Deal?

January 6 - 8 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp
with Rielly McLaren

ONE WAY starts up again on January 12th, 7-9 pm.

Jr. Youth

Tuesday January 10th, meet at church from 6:30-8 pm.

TGIS January 15 5-7 pm

Please bring your favourite potluck dish along with your own dishes, cutlery, glasses and beverages for an evening of planning for our future TGIS evenings and a game of sardines. Please RSVP Terri at terri.tinypaws@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

***Catechism 2012*—Beginning Jan. 22 8am**

Are you interested in knowing what baptism is all about; what it means to be a follower of Jesus and why all this is a life-changing decision? In January we are beginning another catechism class where we explain the heart of the Christian faith and how you can personally respond to Jesus' invitation. Our classes will meet at 8:00 am Sunday morning, from January through June. Let us know if you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity.

Pastors, Vic Winter, David Dyck, Mike Williamson, Frank Froese

Salvation Army Food Bank

Please bring in items for our local food bank.

Items needed:
Peanut butter
Jam
Cereal
Canned Fruit

Like David the Shepherd, I Sing

1. If the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul, like David the Shepherd I sing. (repeat)

Refrain: I sing, I sing, like David the Shepherd, I sing. (repeat)

2. If the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul, like David the sinner, I pray. (repeat)

3. If the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul, like David the victor, I dance. (repeat)

4. If the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul, like David the poet, I praise. (repeat)

EKMHA New

Baltic Cruise Slide Show by Ken & Rita Enns

7:00pm Fri Jan 13 at the

Mennonite Heritage Centre

Everyone welcome! Admission by donation

Super Soup Night

5:30pm at the UMEI

Sat Jan 21 Everyone welcome!

Admission: \$5 minimum donation

Visitation Team Meeting

On January 18th the Visitation Team will be having a meeting at 3 pm at the Church.

If you are unable to attend, please notify Loretta Fast at (519) - 322 - 5927.

Annual Meat Canner Fundraising Luncheon at UMEI,

Sunday February 5, 2012, 11:30 am - 2:00pm.

Serving borscht, turkey chili, fleisch perishky, home made buns, pies for dessert. Take out available, call Barb and Bob Dick at 519-733-3248.

Growing in the Word

As Pastors, we want to encourage the congregation in the practise of a devotional life. There is much to be gained in the spiritual life by immersing ourselves daily in the Word of God and in prayer. Our Lord Jesus is a model to us in the many times he withdrew from an active life to nurture a relationship with his 'Father in heaven.'

To assist the congregation in this practise the church bulletin will include weekly Bible readings that can be used in your personal or family devotions. We have also included a list of devotional guides below that you may find useful. There are many good modern translations of the Bible available today and we would be happy to recommend one that would meet your needs.

`Your Pastoral Ministry Team

Adult Devotional Guides

Rejoice – Mennonite Publishing Network – a quarterly guide available through the LUMC office

Take our Moments and our Days – An Anabaptist prayer book available at www.heraldpress.com

Our Daily Bread – Radio Bible Class – a quarterly guide available in the church foyer

A Guide to Prayer – Upper Room Ministries – yearly guide available at www.upperroom.org

Closer to God – Scripture Union – a quarterly guide available at www.scriptureunion.ca

Youth Devotional Guides (great gift ideas)

Devazine – Upper Room Ministries – a quarterly guide for youth ages 14-18 available at www.upperroom.org

Airlock – Scripture Union – a quarterly guide for youth ages 15-18 available at www.scriptureunion.ca

Children's Devotional Guides (great gift ideas)

Pockets – Upper Room Ministries – a monthly magazine for children in elementary school available at www.upperroom.org

Hotshots – Scripture Union – a quarterly magazine for children ages 7-8 available at www.scriptureunion.ca

Jump In Jump On – Scripture Union – a quarterly guide for children ages 5-6 available at www.scriptureunion.ca



JOYS & CONCERNS

Thank You

From Walter Woelk and family , we would like to thank everyone who came and assisted us during our difficult time in the sudden passing of our beloved Irene.

Thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers, words of comfort and food.

May God bless you all.

The Walter Woelk Family

“Close to Home”

Several new topics have been added to this series of pamphlets (available in the LUMC washrooms).

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), Elder Abuse, Bipolar Disorder, Dementia, Electronic Addiction....

Remembering our Neighbours

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

“Thank you for making LUMC scent free!”

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