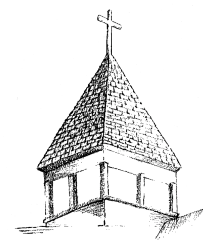


LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

March 11, 2007

Seeds of A Sower

I've taken several trips to Stockton recently. My favorite route is through the Delta. I enjoy the natural scenery, especially the birds. I've seen several flocks flying in V formation. I'm amazed by the beauty of the long-legged egrets, whose wingspan is nearly as long as I am tall! They look so majestic in flight.

Scripture offers some images of God as a bird. In worship we recently heard Jesus' desire to gather the people of Jerusalem as a mother hen gathers her brood. In the nest they find comfort and safety and need not fear, for the mother hen provides for their needs. Taking refuge under the shelter of God's wings is a common image in the Psalms (57:1; 61:4; 91:4). When the storms of life batter and bruise us, God welcomes us into the nest to be nurtured in the safety of God's love.

Another image of God in the scriptures is that of a mother eagle (Deut. 32:11-12; Exodus 19:4). This is the origin of the song, "And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hands." When the mother eagle teaches her eaglets to fly and to hunt their own food, she will suddenly swoop downward to force them into solo flight. She stays close to swoop them up again when they grow too weary to continue on their own. This is a beautiful picture of our loving God, caring for us when we are weak, yet always aiming toward the goal of our maturity and inner strength.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori



AROUND ABOUT LUMC . . .

Congratulations to Mary Renno, a member of the Acalanes Academic Decathlon Team, which took first place in the county!

It was a joy to celebrate the baptism of Max Grayson on Sunday, February 25, along with his parents, David and Tiffany, sister Anna, brother Alex, and grandparents.

Ryan Heptig was in Acalanes High recent drama production and Stefan Miller is in Hello Dolly! at Campolindo.

Worship Bulletins have been received from:

Bruce and Martha Gerringer, worshipping aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2, postmarked from Australia!

Dorcas Channell, from Tomoka United Methodist Church, Ormond Beach, Florida;

Judy Stillman, from First United Methodist Church, Durango, Colorado, where her son, Jeff Huber is pastor!

New Look Comes to Maggie Mae Lounge!

New furniture has arrived in Maggie Mae Lounge. Our thanks to Catherine Sinnott for the generous donation of new sofas. Other funds were used to purchase the new chairs and entertainment cabinet. Team members working on this project included Corinne Roberts, Donna Partlow, Barbara Breashears, and Sue Renno! Thanks to Joe Darrell's persistence, the leaks have not returned!



Baptism and New Members

Baptism and Reception of New Members will be offered during worship on Sunday, March 25. Those who are interested should contact Pastor Lori.

APRIL



3	David Chow	12	Colene Gruhn	21	Ann Kritscher
	Tommy Renno		Marylye Johnson		Michael Tornow
	Elena Walker	13	Marisol Carrillo	22	Nick Kolbe
4	Melissa Emerson		Barbara Tilton		Judy Stillman
	Toby Wingo	14	Ross Nakamura	24	Blanche Cancel
5	Karin Husch		Cole Robertson	25	Mackenzie
	Luke VandenBerghe		Kyra Robertson		Gerringer
7	Henry Lennstrom	17	Drew Dashner		Jack Rigger
	Alistair Shearer		Corinna Sebastian	26	Bobbie Field
				28	Julianna DiMiceli
				29	Jacob White



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Sue and Don Kibby
- 25 Yvonne and Charlie Wingo
- 26 Teresa and Michael Gerringer
- 28 Jane and David Smith
- 29 Robyn Roberts and Steve Morger

APRIL FOOD BASKET

The suggested food items for April are
peanut butter and canned vegetables.

Food baskets can be found at both
entrances to the church sanctuary.



Rummage Sale
May 17 - May 20



Thinking of Spring cleaning? Getting rid of clutter? Think of LUMC! Our annual rummage sale will be in May – starting with the preview party for church members on Thursday evening, May 17, and then the Public Sale Friday and Saturday May 18-19. Plan to save sometime in your busy schedules to come down earlier in the week to help with the set-up! Watch for details later this month of what you can do to help!



SILENT AUCTION – SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7 --- save the date for the Luncheon after the 10:30 church service, and be thinking of what you would like to donate for this popular church fundraiser – baskets, services, etc. what ever you think would appeal to others. Watch for more details - Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857, Jeanette Shearer, 284-9093



Our sincere thanks for your support in helping us cope with the death of our son, Paul. Your prayers, calls, cards and hugs have given us strength during the last few weeks."
Daisy & Paul Persons



EASTER CELEBRATION FLOWERS

Would you like to have a part in our floral celebration of Easter? Our altar will bloom with lilies and tulips, and we will again have a beautiful garden in Fellowship Hall to enjoy our Easter Brunch. Lilies or tulips are \$8 each, or you may wish to contribute toward the Easter garden. All gifts will be recognized in the bulletins on Easter Sunday. Please wait until after 10:30 a.m. service to pick up your plant.

Easter Lilies/Tulips - \$8.00 Each

Please fill in the following information:

Donated by _____

Phone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to LUMC

I prefer to give _____ for other Easter Decorations
(Deadline for ordering is, Sunday, April 1, 2005)



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HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 1 - PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

10:30 - Palm Processional begins in courtyard



Thursday, April 5 - **HOLY THURSDAY**

7:30 P.M. Holy Thursday Worship



Friday, April 6

7:30 p.m. - Worship led by our youth



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

9:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch

10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt for Children

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 30 - AUGUST 3

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DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE --

Cell Phones – boxes in the entry to sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, also in the office

Ink Cartridges - boxes in entry to sanctuary and the church office

Plastic Bottles (caps off, please) – container in entry to Fellowship Hall

Aluminum Cans – container in entry to Fellowship Hall



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TOWER NOTES ON LUMC WEB SITE

The Tower Notes is on our church's Web Site www.thelumc.org. You can download it for dialup or broadband.

Many people do not receive the Tower Notes by mail in a timely manner. Getting it on the Web Site you will not miss any events or news at LUMC.

Please notify the church office by phone 925-284-4765 or email lumc@pacbell.net if you want to get your Tower Notes on the Web Site and do not need it mailed to you.

RETREAT

COMING SOON: END OF EARLY REGISTRATION FOR

“DANCE WITH STARS”

All-Church Retreat, April 28/29

Don't let this “opportunity to save” go by!!

Families of 3 can register for \$175 and families of 4 or more, for \$200 by Sunday, April 1. Children under 5 are free!!

We will start our "DANCE WITH STARS" at 11A.M. on check in at Monte Toyon Retreat Center. With lunch, dinner, bed/bath and breakfast provided, the cost per families of 3 is \$195 after April 1; families of 4+ \$220 after April 1. Plans for the activities are in progress. More information/registration forms are on a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Take a look at the pictures from 2006!!

More questions: Barbara Levander 284-7687 Maps and lists of what to bring will be available soon.

Checks to Lafayette United Methodist Church (LUMC) and write “RETREAT” in memo space. Registration closes April 15.