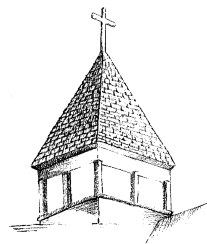


LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

March 26, 2007

Seeds of a Sower

In April 1968, ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Christians around the world were to celebrate Easter, while still in deep mourning, grief, and despair. Brian Wren, British pastor and hymn writer wanted to communicate to his congregation the presence of Christ with them in their pain and suffering. The risen Christ is not just a majestic but remote presence in the universe. The risen Christ is involved with everyday life. He wrote a new hymn called, "Christ Is Alive," No. 318 in our hymnal.

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

May the suffering love of Christ draw near to you in your heart ache. May
the promise and hope of new life be embraced by our bruised world.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Lori

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
In Fellowship Hall



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

A Program of Remembrance on The Holocaust and Resistance

Sunday, April 15, 5:00 p.m.
Temple Isaiah, Lafayette
"The Power of Memory" by Dora Sorell
Admission is free.

Dora Sorell survived Camps A, B and C in Auschwitz. She is a frequent speaker through the Bay Area and is the author of *Tell the Children: Letters to Miriam*.

RETREAT

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS APRIL 1!!

“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 11 A.M. on check-in at Monte Toyon Retreat Center. Lunch, dinner, bed/bath and breakfast are included. After April 1, the cost for families of 3 is \$195, and families of 4+ \$220. 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.

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

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.



ROUND ABOUT LUMC . . .

Congratulations to Chris Newcomb who received his Eagle Scout award from Troop 204 at their Court of Honor on March 24. As his Eagle project, Chris built a walkway and retaining wall for our front driveway. Dale Newcomb led a crew in completing the second half of the walkway. The walkway and retaining wall were designed by Mason Walters. Dale and Mason were awarded Methodists of the Month for March!

On Sunday, March 11 we hosted Boy Scout Troop 204 and other Girl and Boy Scouts for Scout Sunday. Among those attending was Colby Pines. Colby's Eagle project was installing sprinklers and planting landscaping for the north entrance to the front driveway. Colby was deemed an Honorary Methodist of the Month for his contribution.

Bruce and Martha Gerringer continue to enjoy their cruise around the world on the Queen Elizabeth 2. In a postcard they report that they are enjoying all five meals a day on the ship!

Congratulations to Peter and Kate Kintner, whose Odyssey of the Mind team is going to the State championships for the second year in a row. Coach Margaret Kintner leads winning teams!

Seeking Congo Drums!!

Our youth will experience a drumming circle on Sunday, April 22nd at their youth group meeting. Rev. Tarah Trueblood, Campus Minister at Wesley Foundation, UC Berkeley, will teach and lead us in drumming circles. We need a few more African or Cuban style drums to play that evening. Do you have a drum we can borrow? Even a decorative drum should be played so the skin on the head is oiled by human hands! Call the church office if you have one we can borrow for the evening.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 30 – AUGUST 3**

“Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is”

Join us for a special educational workshop in the Fireside Room after coffee hour on Sunday, April 22nd. The workshop will be conducted by Carol Lu Zischke, of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Topics to be discussed are:

- 3 steps to financial freedom
- Solutions for every stage of your life
- Creating a plan that's right for you

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, call 296-5168 to reserve your place, or e-mail carol.zischke@nmfn.com. Refreshments will be served.

LUMC Men's Breakfast

East Bay Regional Parks: Our Local Treasures in Word and Image

Presented by Stu Selland

Saturday, May 5th at 8:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room

Stu Selland is a commercial photographer and Bay Area native. Having recently moved his studio from San Francisco to his home in Lafayette, he has pursued a wide range of photographic endeavors, including the completion of a M.A. degree in Liberal Studies at St. Mary's College. For his final project he produced *The East Bay Regional Parks, A Public Treasure*.

Stu says, "I have lived in the Bay Area all my life and never seemed to get to the parks. But once I began to investigate these wonderful places so close to home I learn and see more flora and fauna than I ever dreamed existed." Stu now walks the East Bay Regional Parks on a regular basis, finding exciting and new places to venture.

Enjoy a multimedia presentation and be inspired to enjoy the beauty around us!

Understanding Progressive Christianity

An approach to Christianity that is inclusive, innovative and informed

Keynote speaker: Fred C. Plumer, President

The Center for Progressive Christianity www.tcpc.org

Saturday, May 5, 2007

9:00-11:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m.

A free will offering will be taken to defray expenses

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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!

Spring Cleaning at Garden Park Apartments

Sunday, May 20 1-4 pm

Garden Park Apartments on Lisa Lane in Pleasant Hill offer permanent, affordable housing to formerly homeless persons. LUMC is a member of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH). We have furnished one of the apartments and offer financial support.

On May 20, 20-25 volunteers are needed to clean up the grounds. Duties include clean-up, weeding, planting, digging, trimming, and staining the new stairs. We will work alongside our tenants to spruce up the property. Please bring gloves, buckets and any other needed tools.

RSVP to Julie Mason, Volunteer Coordinator, at 677-0680

Church Sign We want to upgrade the church layout plaque on the outside corner of Fellowship Hall. Is there a graphic artist who would volunteer for this? Contact Vic Smith – 376-6750, or Pastor Lori.

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. whatever you think would appeal to others. Watch for more details - - Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857, Jeanette Shearer, 284-9093

Summer Church Camps

Our California-Nevada Annual Conference offers several United Methodist church camps for children through adults. Here's a taste of what's offered this summer:

Children's Camps

Toyon Kids Camp will look for Jesus at the beach, in trees... July 15-20
Super Kid Camp celebrates Friends Forever July 22-28

Junior High Camps

Alive Now! With daily hikes at Donner Mine Camp June 24-29
Super Camp offers swimming, hiking, star watches, & more... July 15-21
Camp Quest at Monte Toyon with climbing wall! July 22-27

Senior High Camps

Lodestar Senior High Camp July 29-Aug. 4
Senior High Backpack Camp in Lake Tahoe Area Aug. 5-11

Adult and Family Camps

Shasta Family Camp July 28-Aug. 3
Adult & Family Camp at Silver Spur June 17-24

Special Needs Camp

Camp Explore for mentally & physically challenged persons June 22-25

Retirement Celebration for Dave Slorpe at Mount Tamalpais United Methodist Church

Dave Slorpe was the Youth Minister at LUMC from 1965-1968 while he attended Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. Dave and his wife, Jan, were both active members of the church. Dave was very popular and successful with the youth, led the basketball team of the church, and even attempted to organize a young adult group within the church. He led an active youth group in regular programs, mission projects, ski trips, promoted youth choirs and organized drama presentations. Several church members served as advisors and helpers. Eighty four youth and parents attended a youth retreat at Monte Toyon campground.

On June 3, 2007, a celebration of the ministry, career and friendship of Pastor Dave Slorpe will be celebrated immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Mount Tamalpais UMC. A book of letters of memories and pictures is also being compiled. If you would like additional information, please contact the church office.

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, April 12 , 2007**

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