

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

April 29, 2007

ITS COMING - HUGE ALL CHURCH KUMMAGE SALE!

(Our Big Fundraiser for the Mission of our Church)

Friday and Saturday May 18 and 19 with a Church Preview Sale of Thursday eve with the wrap-up Sale after church on Sunday! Thank You for the tremendous volunteer sign-up thus far — There is still a spot for you, so do plan to give us some time! (See the separate sign-up sheet - right now the heaviest signups are on Monday and Saturday). We'll start set up early Monday morning, May 14. If you have items to donate you may start bringing them to the church as early as Tuesday, May 8. However, our Hall will be used by out side groups that week, so if you come that week, items should be boxed and neatly stacked along the window wall in Fireside Room. Donated items can be anything, but, please, no big heavy items such as overstuffed couches and washing machines. We don't have the "lifting power!" (It would be most helpful if all donated items were at the church prior to noon Wed. May 16!) **DO JOIN IN THE FUN OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CHURCH — Ginny Leavitt - 284-7857**



(PS I have half of a garage full of items stored at Janet Sategna's — can you help bringing them to the church between the 8th and 13th? Call me!

LUMC MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

Presented by Stu Selland

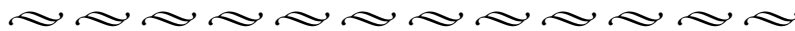
Saturday, May 5 8:00 a.m.

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!



LUMC CANDLE PARTY FUNDRAISER

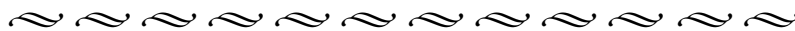
Sunday, May 6, in the Fireside Room following Friendship Time enjoy all the new scents and the new summer offers.

Remember: TRULY dripless tapers, beautiful aromas, many new products, as well as some old favorites that have been brought back by popular demand. See them all, experience these candles.

THE ONLY candles that go to full liquid and burn CLEAN!

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

Barbara Falkenberg 283-3978



Do you have someone graduating soon? Please let the church office know the name of your graduate, name of high school or college, future plans, degrees, majors, etc. We will be honoring those graduates in the coming weeks.

Choose High Road Victories
Christian Women in the Workplace and Daily Life

Connie Van Berkel, Guest Speaker

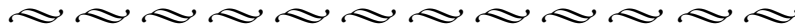
Wednesday, May 9

7:15-9:00 p.m.

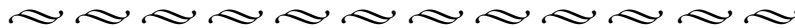
Maggie Mae Lounge

Connie Van Berkel, is the author of a new book, *Choose High Road Victories: For Christian Women in the Workplace*. Connie grew up as a child at LUMC. She is the sister-in-law of Jeanette Shearer. Connie will address how we can live our Christian faith in the workplace, community, and our daily lives.

We'll have a time of sharing, refreshments, and Connie's message. Perhaps this is the beginning of a new women's group for LUMC. RSVPs would be helpful. Call the church office, 284-4765, or email Pastor Lori (sawdon2@pacbell.net.)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 30 – AUGUST 3



Thank You to Julia White and Carol Slatten for doing the last three issues of the Tower Notes while the Henderson were on vacation.

LUMC'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 18 AND SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

PREVIEW PARTY for CHURCH FAMILY THURS. EVE. May 17 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

PLAN TO BE A PART! Here's how - indicate as many ways as you would like to be involved! Set-up times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Come for the amount of time that fits your schedule!) We hope to be all set up by noon Thursday, so bring those items in as soon as possible in the week!

_____ will donate items

_____ can pick-up items

_____ can help with set-up _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs.

_____ AM _____ PM

_____ can provide lunch for the all day workers _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed.

_____ can provide appetizers for Thursday Evening Preview Party

_____ can make punch/coffee - supervise refreshment table Thursday eve.

_____ will plan to attend Thursday's Preview Party

(\$5 per person - workers receive Comp ticket)

_____ can help with the SALE _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ AM _____ PM

(This year we plan to have the SALE also during Friendship Time
Sunday Morn. for church families)

_____ can help with take down Sunday after sale closes

(Please fill out this form, drop it in the offering plate, or turn it in to the church office)

NAME _____ Phone _____

MANY THANKS TO ANY AND ALL WHO CAN BE A PART OF THIS FUNDRAISING
PROJECT FOR OUR CHURCH'S MISSION.

If you have any questions, call Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857



M&M'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER May 26, 5:30 p.m.

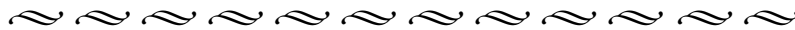


The Cowden's are planning a progressive dinner starting at Julia and David White's home with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 PM. We will progress to the home of Ginny and Doug Cowden for the main course and we will end the evening with dessert at the home of Mary and Tom Henderson. Please call Mary Henderson for your food assignment and questions: 283-0576.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Janet Sategna has offered her beautiful garden for our June picnic once again. We will gather at her home on Thursday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. The program will be "Grandma's Apron". Plan to share a special apron with the group on that day. It might be one handed down through the generations, one made by a friend, or one that you created yourself. Be ready to tell us the story of your apron. More information will be provided in the future. If you need transportation or have any questions, please call Nancy Flood at 283-3409.



LUMC COUNCIL MINUTES

April 17, 2007

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairperson Pat Hershey. Robyn Roberts, Tom Henderson, Ginny Leavitt, Pastor Lori Sawdon, David White, Joe Darrell, Ginny Cowden, Doug Cowden, Dean Coons and Mary Hobson attended. Joys and Concerns were shared. Pastor Lori brought up the sadness at Virginia Tech this week. In the Bible, we can read about when David's son Absalom was killed in battle. David grieved, as did so many parents this week in Virginia. In Psalms the prophets tell us after deep grief, hope will finally come. God is still there and he will continue to act. God's love reigns forever.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Life - this will be continued next meeting.

Staff Parish – Ginny Cowden reported that Staff Parish had discussed and brought before the Finance Committee a recommendation for church contributions under the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP). Participation by the church is discretionary under this plan, so Staff Parish recommends that if there are funds available at the end of the year, the church contribute to the plan on behalf of all eligible employees. If funds are not available to make a contribution to all eligible employees, but some funds are available, Staff Parish recommends that LUMC make a contribution to the plan on behalf of the eligible employees who themselves contribute to the plan up to a maximum of 2% of the eligible employee's salaries. Discussion followed. Mary Hobson seconded the recommendation. All agreed except one.

•Ginny then brought up the changes to the Clergy Pension Plan made by the General Conference, which were effective on January 1, 2007. The effect of these changes is that our pastor loses \$60 per month in pension contributions. Staff Parish recommended that the pastor receive an extra compensation of \$60/month in pension contributions, retroactive to January 1, 2007. The pastor may choose to contribute this amount to the

plan, which would keep her whole. Ginny Leavitt seconded the recommendation. Motion carried. This recommendation will be considered for approval at a Charge Conference led by Jim Lockwood-Stewart on May 15, 2007.

•Pastor will be attending a conference on April 25-27, and will be at the LUMC Retreat on April 29th. Pam Abbey will be the preacher on that Sunday.

Finance Committee - Ginny Leavitt said that the 2005 Audit was finally “wrapped up”, and that it showed our books to be in good order. The 2006 Audit was completed at the end of March, and the auditor plans to get the report to us in June. Jim Lockwood-Stewart congratulated us for giving 100% of our apportionments due.

Treasurer's Report - David White passed around copies of the February and March 2007 Treasurer's Report. Feb. and March were good months financially, although pledged income was less than anticipated. He also mentioned that the cost of the Audit increases each year.

Program Council - Pastor Lori said that the surveys from the congregation showed most interest in the following areas: an International lunch, an Advent event, an art and talent show, a film festival, Halloween party and family fun nights. She will try to get some folks in the congregation to lead some of these events.

Trustees - Joe Darrell reported that the Trustees met on April 9th. The cedar trees in the front of the church have been trimmed. Dry wall and plaster repair has been done in the kitchen and Maggie Mae lounge. There is new furniture in the Maggie Mae lounge. There is a new structure around the meter area outside. This was done by Vic Smith and Peter Vanderliet. Greg Horner worked on the parsonage garage. Joe said we are on track for the budget. There was a request to the Trustees for funding for a Landscape Plan. The Trustees approved this and the architect is to develop a master plan. Mason Walters will review the scope of work prepared by the architect. Tom Henderson asked if all the Boy Scouts were recognized for their work. They have been recognized.

New Business - none

Old Business - none

Tom moved that we adjourn the meeting. David seconded. Next meeting will be on May 15th, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Hobson, Church Council Secretary

CHURCH STAFF

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, May 10, 2007**

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