

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

August 12, 2007

SonForce Celebration

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

What a great week we had at SonForce Kids Headquarters, orbiting on a satellite high above earth. Songs like "I Trust You with My Life", "Listen to Advice", and "Together in Harmony"; games involving water balloons and hula hoops; the Astro Jump Machine; teen dramas and Bible verse relays; cuddly animals including baby kittens, dogs, chickens, a rabbit and guinea pig; glittery rocket ships, planets, and moon rocks; and delicious rice-krispie squares, pop corn and root-beer floats, all made for a happy week!

Bible stories illustrating God's gift of courage to us - the baby Moses, beautiful Queen Esther, the servant Daniel, the prophet Jeremiah, and the spy Joshua - were shared with the children in costumes, dramas, games, crafts, and snacks! We learned to TRUST in God's plans, UNITE with God's people, TRAIN for God's service, FOLLOW in God's path, and LEAD others to God's promises.

Early morning meditations, our fabulous lunch for everyone afterwards, the Program Celebration and Ice Cream Social, collecting school supplies for homeless children at the Bay Area Rescue Mission, our beautiful handmade SonForce Kids quilt, funny early morning skits by the high school kids, our out-of-this-world purple t-shirts, balloons, our Bible verse puppet Special Agent Gadget, our Astro Boy Beep, Beep, Beeper, our excellent sound system and photography, Sunday morning service, and fabulous outer space decorations, all set the stage and contributed to a Spirit-filled week!

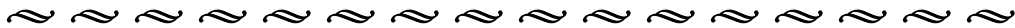
Field trips to the Contra Costa Food Bank to sort food and Futures Explored to host a party, and an end-of-the-week swim party at the Kintners made a busy week for our middle schoolers.

One hundred and one wonderful children and 28 great teens participated in our SonForce Kids adventure! Sixty-four fabulous adults led the activities. Two over-flowing grocery carts of school supplies were given to children at the Bay Area Rescue Mission! "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

Experiencing Christ's Love through Worship

August 19 - Rev. Gil Vieira preaching

August 26 - Worship led by Sierra Service Project Team
sharing their week of mission in Central Los Angeles



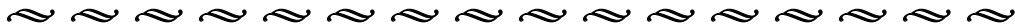
**IT'S SUMMER!
STAY COOL!!!
JUMP INTO THE LUMC POOL!!!!**

Income distributions have just been made to the beneficiaries of the LUMC Pooled Income Fund. The income realized for the beneficiaries was 7.2%. That is certainly better than you local bank or any Certificates of Deposit available, and better than most available investments.

The Pooled Income Fund is a collective trust whereby people make a contribution to the church BUT receive all of the income their contribution produces for the rest of their lives. In other words, it a GIFT THAT GIVES BACK. It is a WIN-WIN situation since the donor receives a substantial income tax deduction, receives back income for life, AND gives substantially to LUMC.

We currently have 4 donors who are the income beneficiaries of the Pooled Income Fund. Each received a 7.2% return on their gift/investment. Why not join them and jump into the LUMC Pooled Income Fund so you can enjoy the fun too.

Contact the church office for more information.



M&Ms BARBECUE POTLUCK

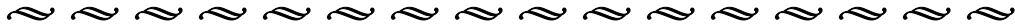


Monday, September 3rd – 3 p.m.
at Mary and Bob Hobson's home.
Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m.

Bring your swimsuit and towel for a swim
in the pool or a dip in the hot tub.
Call Mary, 284-7266, by August 27th
for your food assignment.

Around About LUMC

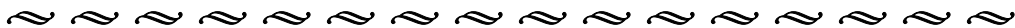
Congratulations to Tommy Renno and Amanda Knudson who were united in marriage at LUMC on July 28. They will live in their new home in Moraga, where both are teachers at Campolindo High School.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our "Puppeteers": Amelia Roberts, Jacob Partlow, Kathleen Emerson, Spencer and Shelby Davis, John & Chris and Kyle Kintner, Melanie VandenBerghe, Sean Noah, and Lauren Chuck. Bible lessons took on an animated look for these special classes in room 7 for Preschoolers through 5th graders.

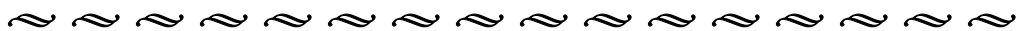


SonForce Thank You

Thank you to so many who helped prepare and lead our VBS this summer.

Registration	Lorri Sullivan
Crafts	Jill Shibuya, Karen Schroter, Lynn Rocksvold, Nancy Lennstrom
Snacks	Janet Sategna, Nancy Flood, Carolyn Kain, Helen Harding, Mrs. O'Neil
Music	Sarah Mohr
Drama	Jan Davis
Games	Donna Partlow, Lissa Heptig
Storytellers	Preschool: Maureen Straw K: Karin Husch, Jane Smith, Barb Falkenberg 1: Pastor Lori, Mary Renno, Gavin Schroter, Ryan Heptig, Anthony Paolini 2/3: Ginny Horner, Greg Horner 4/5: Cathy VandenBergh, Cyndy Gifford Palermo 6/7/8: Judy Stillman, Margaret Kintner, Mark Sawdon
Animals	Sarah Coons, Emerson girls
Lunch Leader	Karen Brown, Julia White, Carol Slatten, Pat Doughty, Maureen Clark - Sandee Hubbs, Ann Kritscher, Gloria Pleis, Carol Sebastian, Mary Hobson, Mary Teichmann, Chris Coons, Jeanne Gianokos, Carol Zische, Meng Ward, Barbara Levander, Debbie Newcomb, Catherine Sinnett, Ginnie Cowden, Mary Henderson, Sandy Porter, Virginia Black, Tiffany Grayson, Helen Harding, Barbara Breashears, Donna Partlow, Nancy Lennstrom, Ellen Walters, Barbara Tilton, Carol Slatten

T - Shirts	Nancy Flood, Gloria Duffy,
Devotions	Pastor Lori
MC	Sarah Mohr
Bell Ringer	Shelby Davis
Astronaut Man	Chris Newcomb
Bible Verse/Puppet	Zoe Inglis
Mission Moment	Mary Renno, Claire Lacey, Sarah Newcomb, x
Skit	Judy Stillman - Hilary Smith, Stefan Miller, Spencer Davis, Jacob Partlow, Joseph McDannald, Kat Welcomer
Sound	David White
Photo	Jack Cotteral, Donna Partlow
Ice Cream Social	Donna Partlow, Paul Renno, Teens
Set-Up/Décor	Steve Breashears, Donna Partlow, Jill Shibuya, Mark Emerson
Muscle Men	Tom Henderson, Wendell Pleis, Steve Breashears, Greg Horner
Quilter	Maureen Straw
Greeter	Lynn Rocksvold
Monday Sign-In	Nancy Flood, Pat Doughty, Maureen Clark
Babysitter	Gabie Paolini
Nurse	Pastor Lori
CD Producer	Sarah Mohr, Dave White
Balloon Blow-Up	Kintner Family
Morning Set-Up	Greg Horner
Tower Notes	Mary and Tom Henderson
High School Helpers	Sarah Coons, Marshall Danese, Shelby Davis, Spencer Davis, Veronica Dominguez, Melissa Emerson, Allison Falkenberg, Eric Falkenberg, Taylor Gatti, Ryan Heptig, Zoe Inglis, Claire Lacey, Joseph MacDannald, Stefan and Brad Miller, Chris and Sarah Newcomb, Gaglielle and Anthony Paolini, Jacob Partlow, Mary Renno, Mark Sanderson, Gavin Schroter, Hilary Smith, Claire Sprock, Hanna Straw, Jake and Kat Walenter, Kathleen and Liz



Stewardship Opportunity: Blood Drive Coordinator

Sunday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the bloodmobile will be on our church campus to receive donations of blood. We need someone to schedule donors, be our contact with the blood bank, and publicize the opportunity. If you are willing to share your time and talents in this way, please call the church office. And remember to eat your spinach and build up your blood to be a donor in September!

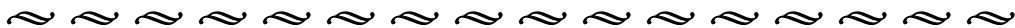
September



1	Gene Swift	9	John Cowden	22	Connor Davis
3	Tiffany Grayson		Richard Reeder		Wesley Harding
5	Virginia Black	10	Virginia Thompson		Kurt Teichmann
	Ann Longley	11	Evelyn Clark	23	Eric Falkenberg
	Mary Renno	17	Julia White	25	Sarina Woo
6	Jessie Welcomer	18	Cheen Chow	26	Evan Chow
7	Taylor Greenthal		Thomas Farrow	27	Fletcher Hartshorn
	Brad Lennon	19	Mary Hobson	28	Pat Davies
8	Barbara Levander	20	Hosu Choi	29	Lauren Chuck
		21	Sherri Gendron		Harrison Kim
				30	Madison Gerringer



2	Jim and Carol Floyd
3	Gloria and Wendell Pleis
8	Bill and Brenda Cooke
14	Dennis and Debbie Nakamura
20	Mark and Cathy VandenBerghe
27	Bill and Sharon Whitten
29	John and Beth (Ferree) Eaton



THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY (BACN) NEED YOUR HELP

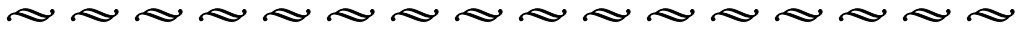


BACN is in search of volunteers to work with children birth through age five at our Nursery and ages six through eleven at our Dahlstrom House facility. There is a commitment of one, three-hour shift on a set day for six months. (We can work around vacations, illnesses, etc.) We are especially in need of volunteers on weekends and evenings. Please contact Lisa H at 925-685-6633 if you can help or would like more information about becoming an adult volunteer.

BACN also has a job opening for a Facility Manager to work with children ages birth through age five. If you have experience working with children and at least 2 years of college and are looking for a challenging and rewarding experience, please apply. Contact Lisa B at 925-685-6633 for more information, or fax your resume to 925-689-5815.

SEPTEMBER FOOD BASKET

The suggested food items for September are tuna and soup. Food baskets can be found at both entrances to the church sanctuary.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Two new upholstered chairs have been purchased for the Maggie Mae Lounge. One chair was purchased with the Helen and Dick Melrose Memorial Fund and the other the Marylye Johnson Melrose Fund.



**BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS**

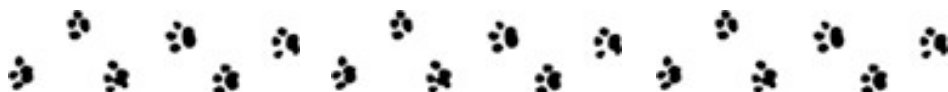
Community Concert
Sunday August 26, 4:00 p.m.
809 2nd Street

"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"

A songfest celebrating the gifts of creation
(especially animals!)

It's funny! It's theatre! It's inspiring!
It's original music! It's got something for all ages!
It's performed by kids and adults!

Contra Costa County premiere of songs by Royetta Rule
from Shel Silverstein's Where the Sidewalk Ends
ADMISSION IS FREE (donations gladly accepted)
For more information call 634-3093





Homecoming Sunday

September 9

Worship at 8:30 and 10:30

All-Church Potluck at 11:30

Plan to come home to God and our church family!

There's a place at the table for you!

P.R.A.Y. the Bible

Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

Starting September 10

Room 9

This fall we will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Study books are available in the church office. All are welcome to join this group of folks interested in claiming the message of the Bible and living it in our daily lives.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 15

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Fireside Room

Deep River Group for Women

Alternate Wednesdays beginning September 26th

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Led by Ellen Walters and Lori Saw don

Our resources will be *Finding the Deep River Within: A Woman's Guide to Recovering Balance & Meaning in Everyday Life*, by Abby Seixas

From the author: *Today's women don't need more time management skills to help them pack even more into their already over-packed schedules. They need tools to help them put on the brakes, gather themselves, and remember what really matters.*

You are invited to take some time for yourself, pause in the stillness of God's presence, and tap into the Deep River of nourishment for the journey of life.

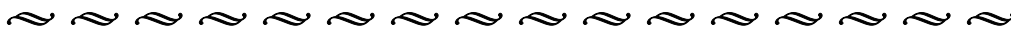
CHURCH LIBRARY The Book Cart



The book cart (which you will see on Sundays in Fellowship Hall) is a very nice convenience and a first step to using your church library. The books chosen for the book cart are the most recent gifts and purchases. There are also books that relate to the church year, your class and group studies and those that lend inspiration and support to family and life challenges. Quite a menu! The book cart borrowing is an honor system. Here's how it works:

- Step 1 Choose your book
- Step 2 Locate the borrower's register.
- Step 3 Fill in your name, phone number, book title and the date.
- Step 4 Take your book home, read and enjoy!
- Step 5 When finished return your book. Put it in the return box on the book cart and draw a line through your name and information on the register.

It's that easy! So give it a try!



ITS COMING, IT'S COMING! LUMC'S SILENT AUCTION – SUNDAY. OCTOBER 7



Have you an idea of how you would like to contribute to our second big fundraiser for the mission of the church? The Silent Auction Luncheon is a fun way to raise funds, and needs the talents of many! You could consider donating a basket to be auctioned – you can be as creative as you like - what about donating a service, such as computer help, tutoring, handyman chores, painting, babysitting, pet care, etc. What about a gift certificate from your place of business, a weekend in your vacation home? Let us know your ideas by calling Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857 or Jeanette Shearer, 284-9093 or by filling out the form below and turning it in at the church office, or just drop it in the collection plate on a Sunday!

I will help with the Silent Auction by donating:

A gift basket, _____ (type of basket, such as baby basket) I will prepare the basket myself _____, I would like to committee to prepare my donation _____

A Service _____ (type of service)

A gift certificate for _____

Other _____

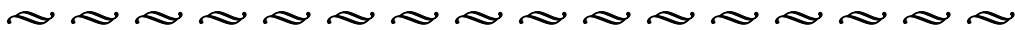
I would be willing to help with the food prep for the Luncheon _____

NAME _____ Phone _____

Holy Land Peace Lamps

Our Lay Members to Annual Conference, Celeste Graham and Carol Slatten, recently presented a Holy Land Peace Lamp to the congregation. The Peace Lamps originate from Taybeh, a small Christian village located northeast of Jerusalem. Produced in the Olive Branch Foundation workshop, this initiative helps more than 20 young men and women work to secure their livelihoods and those of their families through gainful employment. The goal is to place a Peace Lamp in every single church in the world and to unite as many Christians and people of faith in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land.

Peace Lamps are also available for individual purchase. A lamp the size of the one on our altar costs approximately \$27.50. A smaller slightly different version is also available. They can be viewed at www.holylandartisans.com. Let the church office know if you are interested and we will make arrangements to get some from the Conference Task Force on Palestine and Israel.



Project Homeless Connect 2

October 16, 2007

9AM - 3PM

Willow Pass Center

2748 East Olivera Road

Concord, CA 94519

We need your help for a one-day, one-stop shop to offer a variety of services to people experiencing homelessness, connecting them with benefits, medical care, substance abuse and mental health counseling, social services, housing and shelter.

We need volunteers and service providers to help:

- complete applications for medical care & dental care
- provide employment services & placement
- provide mental health & alcohol & other drug counseling & referral
- greet and route people
- provide translation
- serve food
- provide legal assistance & referral
- provide massage, foot care & pet care
- provide wheelchair repair
- provide educational classes
- provide domestic violence counseling & referral

Visit the website at cchealth.org or contact Contra Costa County Health Services Homeless Program at 925-313-6124. Pastor Lori volunteered in Richmond last year. It was a worthwhile investment of time.

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

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