

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

October 14, 2007



It's true. A simple shoebox can make a world of difference to a child. Especially when it's an Operation Christmas Child gift filled shoebox. Children enduring poverty, disaster and disease can experience God's love through your generosity.

You may bring your own filled shoebox plus \$7 for shipping by November 4. Or the LUMC youth is again offering an "easy shopping" alternative! For \$20 a gift filled shoebox will be packed for you. You add shipping for \$7 and a personal note or photo if you'd like and you're done! All proceeds go to the youth Sierra Service Fund. Box labels, lists of suggested items and prefilled box orders will be available after Sunday services on October 21 and 28. Any questions, call Renee at 639-1438.

New Membership Orientation
Sunday, October 21
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Maggie Mae Lounge

Pastor Lori and the Hospitality Team invite any persons interested in membership in Lafayette United Methodist Church to get acquainted with leaders of the congregation, the mission of the church, and the United Methodist Church. Those interested in joining as members will be received during Sunday worship on one of the following Sundays.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



All 3rd-5th graders are invited to learn "How to Use Your Bible" in Room 8 at 10:15 A.M. on Sundays, October 21 and 28. Bring your Hands On Bible with you.



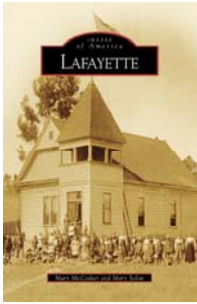
Around About LUMC

Welcome to the world, **Nicholas James Chechele**! Nicholas was born on September 27 to **Corinna Sebastian** and **Peter Chechele**. Big sister is Isabella! Proud grandparents are **Van** and **Carol Sebastian**. Nicholas weighed in at 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Ginny and **Greg Horner** have been touring Colorado, with their home base in Fort Collins. They sent worship programs from First UMC (6 pastors on staff!!) and Christ UMC (our size congregation!). We look forward to their homecoming at the end of October!

Judy Stillman also went to Colorado to see her grandchildren and worshipped at First UMC, Durango, where her son is pastor!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The next meeting of the UMW will be on Thursday, November 1, 2007. Our speakers will be Mary McCosker and Mary Solon, authors of the new book on Lafayette history. They will share some of the history of our community and tell us a little about the process of writing the book. We will gather in the Fireside Room at 11:00 a.m. for a brief meeting followed by the program and lunch. I hope to see you there!



NOVEMBER



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| 3 | <i>Chor Jee Chow</i> | 13 | <i>Sophia Lennon</i> | 24 | <i>Martha Preuss</i> |
| | <i>Nancy Flood</i> | | <i>Patty Renno</i> | | <i>Thomas R. Woo</i> |
| | <i>Jillian Smith</i> | | | | <i>Cindy Zhu</i> |
| | <i>Donald Walter</i> | 14 | <i>Nancy Cotteral</i> | 25 | <i>Suzanne Heizer</i> |
| 6 | <i>Jean Wright</i> | | <i>Mandy Sheehan</i> | | <i>Zoe Inglis</i> |
| 7 | <i>Mark VandenBerghe</i> | 16 | <i>Willow Hallager</i> | | <i>Katie Vanderliet</i> |
| | <i>Jessica Warner</i> | | <i>Cathy VandenBerghe</i> | 26 | <i>Brian Chuck</i> |
| 8 | <i>Karen Chuck</i> | 18 | <i>Kelly Hartshorn</i> | | <i>Tucker Loughran-Smith</i> |
| 9 | <i>Lissa Heptig</i> | | <i>Sue Kibby</i> | 27 | <i>Juliette Eyl</i> |
| | <i>Daisy Persons</i> | 19 | <i>Isaac Inglis</i> | | <i>Meng Ward</i> |
| 10 | <i>Kendra Dillard</i> | 20 | <i>Sean Noah</i> | 28 | <i>Bill Linson</i> |
| 12 | <i>Rebecca Grubman</i> | 21 | <i>Nicole Porter</i> | | <i>Ellen Walters</i> |
| | | 23 | <i>Donna Partlow</i> | 29 | <i>Therese Amidon</i> |
| | | | | | <i>Sally Stan</i> |



- 6 *Nancy and David Sanders*
16 *Martha Cervantes and Warren Makinson*

NOVEMBER FOOD BASKET

The suggested food items for
November are

**Canned green beans, sweet potatoes
and cranberry sauce.**

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 17

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Jim Floyd, a former member of LUMC, will share his experiences as a
Volunteer in Mission in the Gulf Coast and Africa.



**LIMA Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Worship
(LIMA-Lamorinda Interfaith Ministry Association)**

Wednesday, November 23 7:30 p.m.

Tempe Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd.



THE CRECHE AROUND THE WORLD

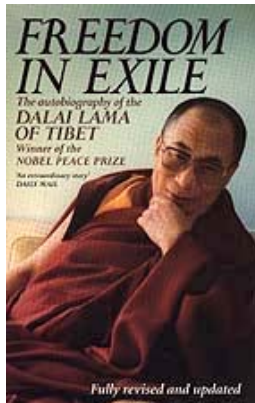


Do you have a Nativity Set you'd like to share? December 8 and 9
LUMC will host an open house of The Creche Around the World.

This display will feature miniature nativity sets from many
countries and will be open to the public. Please contact Mary
Hobson (maryhobs@yahoo.com) or Carol Slatten (cslatten@comcast.net) if you
have a question or will share your treasure.

CHURCH LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

“Freedom in Exile” The Autobiography of the Dalai Lama



Lhamo Thondup was born in 1935 the ninth child of parents who were small farmers in Takrsar northeastern Tibet. They grew barley, buckwheat and potatoes on the leased land and kept chickens, sheep, goats, cows, horses and yaks. Except for occasionally bartering for tea, sugar and cotton cloth they were self sustaining. Tibetans are hospitable to passing nomads and travelers. So it was that a small party of ordinary appearance were made welcome in Thondup's home. Lhamo Thondup was not quite three years old at the time. This however was a prestigious group of scholars and spiritual adepts in search of the incarnation of the thirteenth Dalai Lama. They had been following mystic visions, clues and signs for almost two years. Their identity undisclosed, they spent time with young Lhamo Thondup. His responses and reactions to personal articles of the Dalai Lama caused them to declare him the Fourteenth Dalai Lama. Lhamo Thondup was four years old when he became the spiritual leader of his people. He is held to be the reincarnation of all thirteen prior Dalai Lamas dating back to 1351 A.D. and seventy-fourth in a lineage dating back to Buddha Shakyamuni. Thus began an extraordinary life story. The Dalai Lama has always had tutors, counselors and attendants in his service. When traveling publicly his entourage numbers in the hundreds and everywhere he is met by adoring citizens. Privately his quarters are spare and his possessions few. His daily routine is strict and comprises study, prayer, meditation and attention to political issues and envoys. Since the 1950's when he secretly left with a small group to sanctuary in India his government has been in exile. Others have followed and there are about twenty Tibetan settlements in India today. The homeland they left behind had suffered Chinese Communist armed invasion, persecution of monks and nuns, destruction of holy places and artifacts, killing of ordinary citizens and "China-fication" by a populous migrating Chinese people. The Dalai Lama has received the Nobel Peace Prize and other prestigious honors. His autobiography is an exciting read!

Reviewed by Blanche Cancel

Holy Land Tour

Karen Brown is going on a Holy Land Tour March 7-16, 2008. She would enjoy other church members joining her on this tour. If you are interested see the website for the tour.

<http://www.spiritualheritagetours.com/holylandtour/default.asp>



RECYCLING



Keep up the GOOD WORK! Madeleine Trouerbach has been taking our recycling to Berkeley and getting a much better return, so keep bringing those plastic bottles and aluminum cans to the containers in the entry of Fellowship Hall. Also we have been getting a good return on laser and ink cartridges and cell phones, so keep those no longer used items coming. Look for the appropriate boxes in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.



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