

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

February 17, 2008

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 16 Palm Sunday

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

10:30 – Palm Processional begins in courtyard



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 20 Holy Thursday Worship

7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship

Experiencing Jesus: A New Covenant of Friendship



Good Friday

Friday, March 21 Good Friday 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

12 noon – 2 p.m. Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 23 Easter Sunday

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

Experiencing Jesus: The Joy of New Life

9:30 a.m. – Easter Brunch

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



Experiencing Christ's Love in Worship Lent 2008

Sunday, February 24 Is the LORD Among Us?

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Charles Tinsley, Chaplain of the Juvenile Detention System for Contra Costa County

Sunday, March 2 Experiencing Jesus: Fresh Vision

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

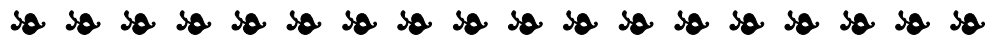
Holy Communion

One Great Hour of Sharing with special offering for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Sunday, March 9 Experiencing Jesus: Love is Stronger than Death

Psalms 130; John 11:1-45

Scout Sunday – All Girl and Boy Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms
Girls Scouts assisting with Worship Leadership



Round About LUMC

Caralyn Woodruff was recognized as January Methodist of the Month. Caralyn recently retired from the Choir after singing as an alto for over twenty years! We are glad that she continues to sing along with the congregation.

Becky Straw has recently spent time in Malawi, Africa, surveying sites for potential water wells and visiting 16 wells funded last year by her agency, charity: water. She reports that some schools have over 1,000 students in five classrooms, spilling out under trees or any shade teachers can find. Because girls are the primary haulers of water, most have to wake up at 5 a.m. to gather water for their families and then gather water for the school. They carry 45 lbs. of water on their head several times a day.



Lafayette Seniors

The Lafayette Seniors would like to invite members of LUMC and friends to their luncheon and play on March 13th. The show will be "I Remember You" presented by The Vagabond Players at 12 pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10. Call Lorrie at 925-934-1401 no later than March 3, if you would like to attend.



Would you like to have a part in our floral celebration of Easter? Our altar will bloom with lilies, and we will again have a beautiful garden in Fellowship Hall to enjoy our Easter Brunch. Lilies are \$10 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 - \$10.00 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, March 16, 2008)



Easter Baskets



The Lafayette United Methodist Women are gathering materials to create Easter Baskets for needy children again this year. The baskets will be distributed by the Food Bank. We need Small Toys, Toiletries, School Supplies, and Baskets to complete this project. If you would like to participate, please bring your items to Church by Sunday, March 2 or bring them to the UMW meeting on March 6 and join the fun of packing the baskets. If you have any questions, call Nancy Flood at 283-3409. Thank you.

Spring Cleaning

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection,
not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.”

~ Martin Luther



It's time to breath new life into our church campus!!!

Come join us for **Church Clean Up Day** on

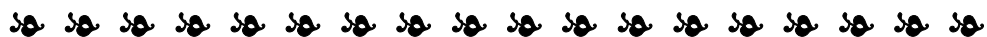
Saturday, March 8th

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



Bring your buckets, cleaners, gloves, gardening tools,
and elbow grease

And enjoy morning pastries, coffee, and good fellowship!!

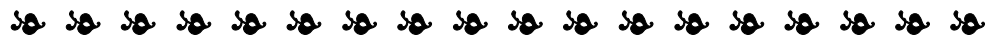


JOYFUL BEGINNINGS

Looking for a Preschool, or know of a friend who is??? Then consider our own Joyful Beginnings, now enrolling for its 14th year. We currently have openings available in our T, Th class or our Pre-Kindergarten class. Any questions, do call Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857 or contact the Preschool directly – 284-1143.

THE STRATHDEES IN CONCERT
Sunday, February 24, 3 p.m.
Grace Presbyterian Church
2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek

Internationally honored hymn and songwriters, worship leaders and concert artists, Jim and Jean Strathdee share the power and sensitivity of their music with thousands of people each year. Their recordings and songbooks will be for sale following the concert. There is not charge for attending the concert, but a free-will offering will be received



MARCH

Happy Birthday

3	Anna Grayson	15	Lorri Sullivan	25	David Hill
5	Blake Tollen		Wesley Thomas	26	Stefan Miller
8	Chadwick Follmer	17	Max Grayson	27	Charlie Eaton
9	Steve Breashears		Rafael Marcus		Lindy Evans
	Spencer Davis	19	Bill Cooke	28	Hanna Carter
	Hannelore Heizer	20	Sharon Whitten		Mary Teichmann
	Campbell Zeigler	21	Jane Smith	29	Jax Gendron
11	Chris Coons	23	Christopher Eaton		Charles Heizer
	Jenna Curtis		Matthew Eaton		Greg Newcomb
13	Matthew Ward	24	Elizabeth Falcone	30	Ronald Sutherland
			Michael Sanders		



26 Jeanette and Alistair Shearer
31 Kurt and Mary Teichmann

The Northern California Welsh Community
invites you to join us at our

St. David's Day Gymanfa Ganu

a musical celebration of traditional hymn singing

When: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2008

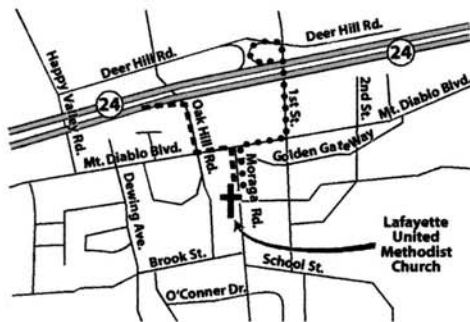
Where: Lafayette United Methodist Church
955 Moraga Road, Lafayette (www.thelumc.org)

Conductor: Popular Los Angeles musician Rhiannon Evans Acree will lead the congregational singing in both Welsh and English. A fluent Welsh speaker, she has regularly conducted at Welsh singing festivals in Los Angeles and other western cities, and coordinates the music for the Welsh Church of Los Angeles.

Organist: Donna Llewellyn Swanson, organist and hand-bell choir director at Los Gatos Methodist Church, will be the accompanist. Donna's early musical training was in Detroit with Gordon Young, the well known organist and composer.

Te Bach: A *Te Bach* (little tea) will follow in the church social hall. Coffee and tea will be provided. Donations of Welsh cakes and finger food would be appreciated.

For further information, contact
Idris Evans at (925) 283-0912
or by email at lorite@gte.net



From San Francisco (24 Eastbound)

Take Oak Hill Road Exit
Turn Right
Turn Left on Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Turn Right on Moraga Road
Church will be on right side
955 Moraga Road

From Sacramento (24 Westbound)

Take Central Lafayette Exit
Stay to the Right on the offramp
Follow ramp to the Right onto 1st St
Turn Left on Moraga Road
Church will be on right side
955 Moraga Road



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WELSH AMERICAN SOCIETY
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www.wasnc.org

MARCH FOOD BASKET

The suggested food items for
February are

beans and pasta

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



Put this on your calendar!!

ALL CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT AT MONTE TOYON

APRIL 26-27

THEME:

" Playing in God's Presence" with Proverbs 8;22-31 NEB



POCKET SHOTS

A new "Youth Friendly" product has arrived in California called "Pocket Shots." The "Pocket Shots" is packaged to resemble a miniature, soft-sided bottle that will easily fit in your pocket. Each contains 50 ml (1.69 oz.) of 80-proof liquor. Varieties include bourbon whiskey, rum, vodka, gin and tequila.

The company said the packaging was designed to "address the need for convenience in today's highly mobile lifestyle." But, one might ask, "Who besides under age drinkers, alcoholics and those taking alcohol where it is prohibited (sporting events, movies, parks, etc.) need to hide liquor in their pockets?" Company founder and CEO Jarrold Bachmann said. "We're not just selling alcohol, we're providing a fun and functional way to break out of the bottle that fits with an active and on-the-go lifestyle."

"On-the-Go" with alcohol is not what we need in California.

From California Council on Alcohol Problems, January 2008 newsletter. www.calcap.org

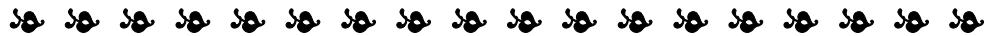
ALL CHURCH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Thinking of spring cleaning? Then it is time to think about sharing all those useable cast-offs with the church for our Annual Rummage Sale to be held the weekend of April 18th.



Items may be brought to the church starting after church on Sunday, April 13. If you need to clear out your items sooner, contact Ginny Leavitt. Some storage space is available.

Watch for other ways that you can be a part of this fundraiser to benefit the mission of our church! Working together on a project is a great community builder!



NO ECSTASY IN “ECSTASY”

Although Alcohol is still the number one drug abused in America, other drugs are assaulting our youth. One group of drugs is called “Club Drugs” and has become popular among teens and young adults at dance clubs and “raves.” One of these is MDMA/Ecstasy, Producing both stimulant psychedelic effects, MDMA/Ecstasy is often used at parties because it enables party-goers to dance and remain active for long periods of time. Using MDMA can cause serious psychological and physical damage. The possible psychological effects include confusion, depression, anxiety, and paranoia and may last weeks after ingesting the drug. Physically, a user may experience nausea, faintness, and significant increases in heart rate and blood pressure. MDMA use can cause hyperthermia, muscle breakdown, seizures, stroke, kidney and cardiovascular system failure, and may lead to death. Chronic use has been found to produce long-lasting, possibly permanent, damage to the sections of the brain critical to thought and memory.

Our youth need to know that Ecstasy is a very dangerous drug.

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, March 13, 2008**

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