

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

March 16, 2008

Holy Week



Thursday, March 20 Holy Thursday Worship

7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship

Experiencing Jesus: A New Covenant of Friendship



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

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



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

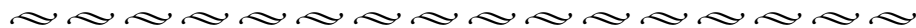
10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt for Children

Welcome our New Organist!

Ken Mansfield joins our staff on March 24 as our Organist. A native Californian born in King City, Ken studied piano in San Diego from age eleven through high school. While a student at Harvard, he continued private piano study under Heinrich Gebhard. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in music from Harvard, where studies in theory and composition were done under Randall Thompson and Walter Piston. In his junior year he began private organ studies and upon completion of the Master's degree, he was awarded a two-year Traveling Fellowship in Europe by the Harvard Music Department. While in Europe organ studies continued under Sir William McKie in London, Andre Marchal in Paris, and Edward Mueller in Basel.

During his career in Northern California, Ken has served as organist for Episcopal and Lutheran Churches. He was the organist at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church for 34 years, where he coordinated the building of the organ. He is Professor Emeritus at California State University, Hayward, where he taught in the Music Department from 1966 to 1995. He is a past Dean of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Compositions include words for organ, choir, piano, and solo voice.

We are delighted to welcome Ken to our staff and to our music ministry!



ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19
Preview Party for church families, Thursday eve.



Are you in to cleaning out those closets, the garage, etc? . Then think of the church's annual RUMMAGE SALE and know with your help and contributions, it can be the biggest and best yet! We can take all sorts of items for sale, except, please, no heavy overstuff furniture or big appliances! In other words, anything so heavy, it takes a crew to move it! Clothing is accepted but remember it should be clean and in good condition. (Team logo shirts do not sell!) It would be best if you bring your goods to donate after church on Sunday, April 13, or during the first three days of the week during church office hours. Should you need to bring items early, call me. We have some arranged storage. Remember, your discards are often someone else's treasures.

We will be setting up for the sale during the days of Monday through Thursday. If you can spare some time to help, with set up or during the sale days, please let us know by filling out the separate flyer (in this Tower Notes or in the Sunday bulletin starting after Easter), or give me a call. Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857

LUMC'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, April 18 AND SATURDAY

April 19, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PREVIEW PARTY for CHURCH FAMILY THURS. EVE.

April 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. _____ Thurs

_____ 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)

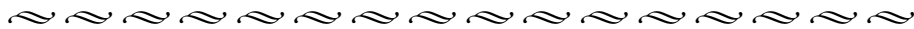
_____ can help with the SALE _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ AM _____ PM

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

(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



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.



Tell your neighbors, friends, co-workers and relatives; the Sierra Service Project (SSP) youth will be hosting an eWaste fundraiser at the church Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th from 9am-4pm both days.

What is an eWaste fundraiser? It is a collection of *electronic waste* to be recycled. Help our environment and help our SSP youth earn funds to travel this summer to work on reserves in Indian Valley, California and Rock Point, Arizona.

Acceptable items FREE to recycle:

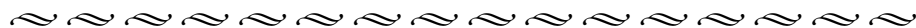
Monitors, TVs, Laptops, Cell phones and Ink jet cartridges.

Other acceptable items (nominal fee):

Printers, CPU, Stereos, Copiers, Fax machines, Cameras, MP3 players, DVD players, Audio cassettes, Radios, iPods, Speakers, Mice, Keyboards, Battery chargers, Wire, Clock radios, Routers, Hard drives, Mother boards, Headsets, VCR, Microwaves, Video cameras, Palm Pilots, Game controllers, Game stations, Tape recorders, Answering machines, Fluorescent bulbs and Dry batteries.

It's spring cleaning time! Clean out your closets and garages and recycle your eWaste.

Pick up is available! Contact Karen Schroter (945-6845) for pick up needs and questions.



Dear LUMC family,

We would like to thank you for the many prayers of support during the last two months. There were many difficult days, but your support and the avalanche of birthday cards were a great help. Greg is now at home and gaining in strength every day. He will be undergoing more chemotherapy starting March 21. We miss singing in the choir and seeing you in church on Sundays. We will return as soon as we can. With Sincere Appreciation,

Ginny and Greg Horner

Monte Toyon

ALL CHURCH RETREAT APRIL 26-27 Registration Form

Monte Toyon All Church Retreat Registration April 26-27

FEES: Adults \$80

Child (0-4) free

Child (5-11) \$50

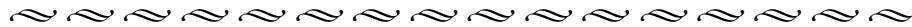
Youth (12-18) \$60

Before April 1: Family of 3 \$195 (After 4/1 \$210)

Before April 1: Family of 4 \$220 (After 4/1 \$240)

Each additional child \$40

Each additional youth \$50



NEWCOMER AND NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Curious about what United Methodists believe?
Interested in membership at LUMC?

Pastor Lori is hosting an orientation for Newcomers to the church and for those interested in becoming members of the church. They will be offered:

Sunday, April 6 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 4 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Our time together will include a brief history of the United Methodist Church, the core beliefs of Methodism, and the history and ministry of LUMC. If you are interested but cannot attend at these times, Pastor Lori is happy to visit your home for a time to share.

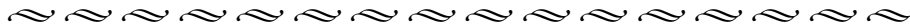
New Members will be received into the congregation during the services of worship on April 13, April 20 and additional dates. For more information or to express your interest, contact Pastor Lori at 284-4765 or sawdon2@pacbell.net.

Round About LUMC

Megan Berti performed her junior recital titled, "The Prince and Cinderella," at CSU Long Beach on March 14. Megan is earning a Bachelor of Music Degree with an option in Performance and a concentration in Opera.

Nina and Mike Hobson welcomed Alexa Marcella into the world on March 1. She joins her brother Nicholas. The joyous grandparents are **Bob and Mary Hobson**.

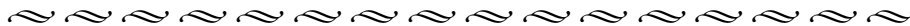
Ann Kritscher has moved. She is now living at Atria Valley View, 1228 Rossmoor Parkway, Room 121, Walnut Creek, Phone 210-1182. **Jean Wright** has also returned to her home in Martinez.



Save the Date

Come to SonWorld Adventure Park for the Adventure of a Lifetime

We are excited about Lafayette United Methodist Church's
Vacation Bible Day Camp
July 14 - 18, 2008



DONATION

The church has recently received a donation from Frank and Martha Raggon of two Oakmont Cemetery plots. The church also has two additional plots that were donated several years ago. If any church members are interested in buying the plots please contact Doug Cowden, chairman of Endowment Committee 925-284-7026. The proceeds will go to the Endowment Fund.



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.

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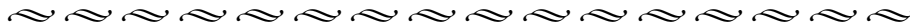


3	David Chow	13	Marisol Carrillo	22	Morgan Calhoun
	Tommy Renno		Barbara Tilton		Nick Kolbe
4	Melissa Emerson	14	Ross Nakamura		Judy Stillman
5	Karin Husch		Cole Robertson	24	Blanche Cancel
	Luke VandenBerghe		Kyra Robertson	25	Mackenzie Gerringer
6	Patricia Farrow	17	Drew Dashner		Jack Rikken
7	Henry Lennstrom	21	Ann Kritscher		Brodie Zeigler
	Alistair Shearer		Michael Tornow	26	Karen Brown
12	Colene Gruhn				Bobbie Field
				28	Jacob White



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14	Sue and Don Kibby
26	Teresa and Michael Gerringer
28	Jane and David Smith
29	Robyn Roberts and Steve Morger



CHURCH STAFF

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, March 27, 2008**

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