

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

May 25, 2008

SEEDS OF A SOWER

Recently in worship we heard 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, which speaks of the varieties of gifts, service, and activities offered by the many members of the one body of Christ, the church. This congregation is a wonderful model of a rich variety of gifts offered to achieve our mission of ***Experiencing and Expressing Christ's Love.***

Weekly Sunday school teachers share the stories of Jesus and his love with our children and youth. Ushers and greeters offer the warmth of hospitality as we enter worship. Pew stewards and ushers clean up after we leave worship. Liturgists take seriously their role in leading worship. Our youth recently led a meaningful Mother's Day worship service. The choirs rehearse weekly to learn new anthems to inspire us and recently presented a beautiful cantata, requiring many hours of preparation. Our music staff members prayerfully prepare to coordinate with the themes of the service. Technicians run our sound and video equipment so that all can hear and participate in worship. Parents and others with an affection for youth prepare programs and meals for our weekly Sunday evening youth ministry. During the summer many musicians in our congregation will offer their gifts to God during worship.

Our financial team members conscientiously counts our worship offering, record our giving, pay our bills, monitor our funds, grant endowment funds, and more. The Board of Trustees has nine members with unique expertise who thoughtfully consider the care of our church campus and parsonage, meet with contractors, supervise work, and oftentimes do the labor themselves. A team of gardeners rotate responsibility for hand watering garden beds. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee supports our staff in various ways.

Special events offer opportunities for a variety of gifts. The rummage sale invited in donors, heavy lifters, sorters, cleaners, pricers, sellers, publicizers....! Not only was it a fundraiser, it was an outreach to the community and an opportunity to build community among our own participants. Some among you are even assisting me with a project for the Bishop's Retirement Celebration, cleaning, sanding, and spraying gourd shards!

There are indeed a variety of opportunities and needs and you as a congregation respond with commitment, enthusiasm, and generous spirits. By no means is this a comprehensive list of all the ways you serve. It is an expression of appreciation for the variety of ways in which you share. It is a joy to be in ministry with you!

Gratefully,

Pastor Lori

SAVE THE DATE!!



All women of the Church are invited to join with the United Methodist Women for a picnic lunch on Thursday, June 5 at 11:00 a.m. We will gather at the home of Janet Sategna, 566 Arrowhead Drive, Lafayette. Bring a salad or dessert to share with others. If you need transportation or have any questions, please call Nancy Flood at 283-3409.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no classes for children June 22 so that all may attend the JAZZ IN JUNE service in Fellowship Hall.



Featuring the Tice Valley Jazz Band, led by Bob Sutherland

Enjoy the music of Dixieland jazz, sing some old favorites, and join in a hot dog picnic lunch following the service. If your last name starts with A-M please bring Dessert to share; N-Z bring Salads to share. Hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be provided.



Easter Offering Thank You

Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center has sent a note of appreciation for our gift of \$55. More about their work can be found at their website www.mtdpc.org.



Vacation Bible Day Camp

July 14 - 18, 9 - 12 noon
At Lafayette United Methodist Church
955 Moraga Road, Lafayette
(Across from the Lafayette Library)
Ages 3 - 15, \$50 each
284-4765



Crafts, music, games, stories and snacks!
Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends.

Visiting a theme park,
Learn to make good decisions.



"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."

Joshua 24:15, NIV





Vacation Bible School

at

Lafayette United Methodist Church

When: Monday through Friday, July 14-18, 9:00am - 12:00 noon and

Thursday evening, July 17, 7:00 pm, Ice Cream Social

Who: Children entering preschool - entering 7th grade.

Cost: \$50 per child

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To pre-register please return to:

Lafayette United Methodist Church

955 Moraga Road, Lafayette, 284-4765

Please enclose a check made payable to LUMC.

Child's Name_____ Birthdate_____

Parent or Guardian's Name_____

Street Address_____

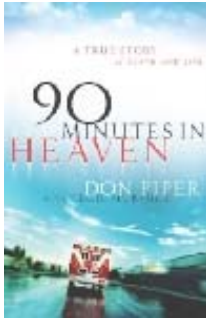
City_____ Zip_____ Phone_____



Around About LUMC

Henry and Nancy Lennstrom traveled to the East Coast and worshiped at Arch Street UMC in Philadelphia, where they use the Lafayette Doxology written by former pastor Gil Vieira! As worship visitors at Mount Vernon Place UMC, they were greeted with a warm loaf of homemade bread! Upon returning from Egypt, **Chris and Dean Coons** worshiped at Christ Church UM in New York City.

LIBRARY – ON THE CART



On the way home from a conference, Don Piper's car was crushed by a semi that crossed into his lane. Medical personnel said he died instantly. While his body lay lifeless inside the ruins of his car, Piper experienced the glories of heaven, awed by its beauty and music.

Ninety minutes after the wreck, while a minister prayed for him, Piper miraculously returned to life on earth with only the memory of inexpressible heavenly bliss. His faith in God was severely tested as he faced an uncertain and grueling recovery. Now he shares his life-changing story with you in his book "90 Minutes in Heaven". (non-fiction)



FRIENDSHIP TIME

Ever wonder who prepares the lemonade, coffee, tea, and treats for Friendship Time following worship? We have several faithful servants who arrive early Sunday morning around 7:30 to prepare the beverages and set out the treats which they have purchased beforehand. Persons currently serving in this position are Karen Brown, Pat and Tom Farrow, Mary Hobson, and Carol Zuckerman. We appreciate their ministry of hospitality that makes our Friendship Time more tasty!

The Worship Team is seeking someone willing to be a member of this team. Each team member serves three months of the year. If you would be interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the church office or Jan Davis, Leader of the Worship Team.



Stewardship Opportunities

Campbell's Soup Labels are collected as a fundraiser for a mission. We are in need of someone to properly prepare the labels for mailing. It would involve cutting the labels and sending them a few times a year. Please contact the church office if interested.



Table Refinishing. A small wooden table in the Fellowship Hall is in need of work to make it more secure and refinishing in order to look nice for use in our facility. If you have skills that you might share in this area, please call the church office.



Methodists of the Month

Beth White was recognized on May 11 as Methodist of the Month for her weekly service as the Sunday School teacher for the high school youth class. All of our Sunday school teachers offer a generous amount of time and care in team teaching. Beth, however, has chosen to teach weekly without a team partner because this is her ministry and passion. We are blessed by her consistent, faithful presence with our high school students.

Tom and Pat Farrow were recognized on May 18 as they prepared to move from Lafayette to Los Gatos to live closer to family. They arrived two years ago and have been faithfully serving in many ways, often "behind the scenes": preparing Fellowship Time refreshments, counting Sunday offering, coordinating acolytes, singing in the choir, and ushering. We have appreciated their presence and send them with blessings to the UMC in Los Gatos.



Summer Vacation Photos!



We're preparing a slide show of YOUR summer vacation to show our church family on Homecoming Sunday, September 7! Send a photo with your family names and vacation location to David White at dandjw@comcast.net.



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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, June 12, 2008**

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