

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Aug. 17, 2008



FALL EVENT

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

Homecoming Sunday - September 7th
Worship at 8:30 and 10:30
All-Church Potluck at 11:30

Come and worship with the LUMC team, welcome back the choir, and enjoy great food and fellowship. If your last name starts with A-L, please bring a main dish for 8-10. Those whose last names begin with M-R, please bring salad for 8-10. Last names beginning with S-Z, please bring a dessert for 8-10. Plan to come home to God and our church family! There's a place at the table for you!



OLDIES BUT GOODIES



UMW will meet on Thursday, September 4th at 10:45 a.m. The first meeting of the year will feature Beverly Crane - a songstress who brings her guitar and features songs from the 20s through the 50s. This music never gets old and is sure to launch our new year with a bang. Please invite your friends and neighbors and join us for music and lunch. The program starts at 11 a.m. so please be there by 10:45.



32 youth and 6 adults went to Sierra Service Project this summer to renovate homes by reroofing, building decks and ramps, painting and repairing interiors with dry wall.

Loleta, California - Wiyot Tribe on the Table Bluff Reservation near Arcata. Counselors: Mark Emerson and Tina Martin. Youth: Jacquie Miller, John Kintner, Jeff Sawdon, Kelly Noah, Isaac Inglis, Chris Kintner, Allison Falkenberg, Eric Falkenberg, Melissa Emerson, Trevor Martin, Paul Ghaziani and Maddy Crohn

Rock Point, AZ - Navajo Nation near 4 corners. Counselors: Tom Partlow, Jeanette Shearer, Judy Stillman and Beth White. Youth: Emily Shearer, Claire Breashears, Dominique Eyl, Hilary Smith, Jacob Partlow, Gavin Schroter, Harrison Kim, Hanna Straw, Jessie Welcomer, Spencer Davis, Sean Noah, Connor Davis, Jessica Zischke, Johnny and Charlie Askay.

Honduras: Zoe Inglis and Marisol Carrillo

Walker River, NV - Piute Tribe. Kathleen Emerson who went with the Loomis UMC group.

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the more than \$5,000 we raised to pay for transportation and gas for our trips. SSP is life changing for the youth and adults who participate and we see God's spirit at work at the sites and when we come home.

Please come to SSP Sunday, August 24th to hear about our work and our experiences.

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Ginny Cowden will not be editing the Aug. 28th and Sept. 11th Tower Notes. **Please email your articles to Mary Henderson at tomaryh@comcast.net.** Ginny will resume editing articles for the **Sept. 25th** Tower Notes.

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## STITCH-in-TIME



The last five scheduled meetings for Stitch-in-Time are Thursday August 21st at 1 pm, Thursday September 18th at 1 pm, Saturday October 18th at 10 am, Thursday October 30 at 1 pm and Saturday November 8th at 10 am. All meetings are in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can bring your own project or work on a group project. We are making crafts to be sold at the boutique on November 15th. If you have any suggestions for projects or questions, call Ginny Horner at 925-284-9585.

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Sunday School

On September 7th regular Sunday school classes will begin for Preschool through 5th grade children. BUT at least 2 more teachers/leaders are needed for the K-1st and 2nd-3rd grade groups. The new Methodist curriculum, "Rock Solid", is easy to follow and involves the children more than ever. These groups vary from 6 to 8 children per Sunday. All classes will have an adult helper in accordance with our "Safe Ministry Policy for Work with Children and Youth".

Please see Barbara Levander (284-7687) if you can be a leader (or substitute for the regular teachers).

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***Thank you** to Julia White for typing and formatting the July 27<sup>th</sup> Tower Notes.*

## WELCOME OUR NEW (RENEWED) DIRECTOR OF MUSIC!!

The Music Search Team is pleased to announce that Colene "Bunny" Gruhn is returning to serve as LUMC's Director of Music. Bunny served in this position for eight years until her retirement in June, 2006. Her schedule once again allows the flexibility of serving in this capacity and we are delighted to welcome her home. In addition to serving LUMC, Bunny has been the Choral Director of Hillcrest Congregation Church Chancel Choir. She has had numerous other experiences with choral groups as director and chorister. Currently she sings with Contare Con Vivo and leads a quartet, Four Sisters. Bunny will be conducting the first adult choir rehearsal on Thursday, August 28.

We are grateful to the members of the Music Search Team for their work this summer: Pat Porter, Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson; Linda Berti, Jack Cotteral, Jan Davis, Celeste Graham, Don Keeble, Ken Mansfield, Ellen Walters, and Pastor Lori.



## HIGH TEA AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

*November 15, 2008 - Mark your calendars and tell your friends! The LUMC High Tea and Holiday Boutique is coming! The event will feature a multi-course High Tea experience (reservations needed). The Holiday Boutique will showcase unique handcrafted items, which make ideal Christmas gifts. Our goods range from the practical to the whimsical, and are sure to help solve your shopping dilemmas. Items include linens, jewelry, accessories, food, aprons, ornaments, tote and "eco" bags, vintage fabrics (quilters take note!), doll clothes, and much more.*

*Outside vendors are welcome and should contact Ginny Leavitt. New this year-- don't have time for high tea? Take a break from shopping and enjoy a relaxing moment in our tea cafe.*

## NEW COMMUNION CHALICES AND PLATENS COMMISSIONED



Baptism and communion are the two sacraments of the Protestant tradition. LUMC's baptism font was given in memory of Rev. Stephen Crowe, pastor of LUMC from 1930-31. His grandson, Robert, Bob, Crowe was a long-time member of church and served as custodian here for 35 years. Bob died in 2005.

Some of his memorial funds have been used to purchase books for the church library. His wife, Raymonde, and daughter, Janine, thought that a fitting use of the remainder of Bob's memorial funds would be a complement to the baptism font. A potter has been commissioned to make communion chalices and platens for our use. On Sunday, August 3 two chalices and two platens were consecrated to the glory of God for service in this church in loving memory of Bob Crowe.



### September birthdays

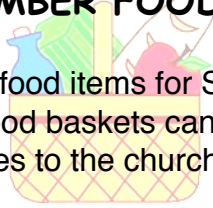
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| 1 | Samantha Martin  | 10 | Virginia Thompson | 23 | Eric Falkenberg    |
|   | Gene Swift       | 11 | Evelyn Clark      | 24 | Patrick Roarty     |
| 3 | Tiffany Grayson  |    | Addison Placzek   | 25 | Sarina Woo         |
| 5 | Virginia Black   | 17 | Julia White       | 27 | Nicholas Chechele  |
|   | Ann Longley      | 18 | Cheen Chow        |    | Fletcher Hartshorn |
|   | Mary Renno       |    | Thomas Farrow     | 28 | Pat Davies         |
| 6 | Jessie Welcomer  | 19 | Mary Hobson       | 29 | Lauren Chuck       |
| 7 | Taylor Greenthal | 21 | Sherri Gendron    |    | Harrison Kim       |
|   | Brad Lennon      | 22 | Connor Davis      | 30 | Madison Gerringer  |
| 8 | Barbara Levander |    | Wesley Harding    |    |                    |
| 9 | Richard Reeder   |    | Kurt Teichmann    |    |                    |



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| 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  |
| 29 | John and Beth (Ferree) Eaton |

## 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.



## RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE!

Are you remembering the church's recycling program --- plastic bottles, aluminum cans, ink cartridges, cell phones!!! Help your church and the environment the easy way!! RECYCLE! Recycle your money, too - Renew or signup for eScrip and participating merchants will recycle some of your money spent in their establishments back to the church! The church's ID number for eScrip is #140622383. If you have any questions, contact Ginny Leavitt - 284-7857



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2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008**

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