

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

April 26, 2009

EXPERIENCING CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP

- May 3 The Bible and the Afterlife: The Last Judgment
May 10 Festival of the Christian Home – worship led by our senior high youth
May 17 The Bible and the Afterlife: Glimpses of Paradise



The Shack Book Discussion

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 at 12:00-1:00 p.m.. Room 9 - Bring your lunch!

Wednesday, May 13 and 20 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Maggie Mae Lounge

(Note: these are correct dates)



The Shack, by William Paul Young, has been on bestseller lists for months. The story is a fictional account of the tragic death of one of Mack's children and his subsequent struggle with his Christian faith. While it is not literature worthy of a Pulitzer Prize, it does touch on many major theological themes. Pastor Lori is offering a three-session book discussion to "flesh out" these themes. The only requirement is that you must have **finished reading** the book in order to attend the sessions. This discussion might be a good opportunity to invite an unchurched friend who has read the book and is asking some questions about faith.



*We sorrow, but not as those without hope,
upon the death of Virginia Thomas,
wife of Wes Thomas, on April 20.*



What Do May Flowers Bring?



It's Leiola Walter! You are invited to UMW on Thursday May 7th at 11 a.m. where you will be treated to a flower arranging demonstration by our own Leiola. Lunch will be served (donation suggested). Please plan to join us.



M&M'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER May 30, 5:30 p.m.



The Cowden's are planning a progressive dinner starting at Julia and David White's home with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 PM. We will progress to the home of Ginny and Doug Cowden for the main course and end the evening with dessert at the home of Nancy Flood. Please call Ginny Cowden, 284-7026, for reservations and food assignment.



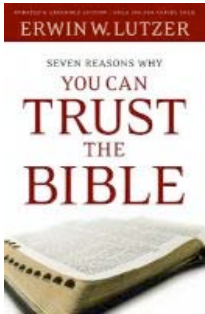
RUMMAGE SALE WRAP UP

Thank you so very much to all of you who participated in some way with the RUMMAGE SALE this past week - from those who donated, to those who did pick-up or delivery, to those who loaned us much needed tables, to those who toted the stored boxes, to those who sorted, set-up and priced, to those who brought food to nourish and restore our strength, to those who stopped in to give us encouraging words, to those who helped the days of the sales, to those who bought someone else's discards, to those who took down the tables and toted boxes to storage for me, and to those who helped tidy up! I had a terrific crew to work this fundraising event! I greatly appreciate each and every one of you! We netted nearly \$4500 for the mission of our church. I would also like to express my appreciation to our neighboring church, Community Christian Church, who came in on Sunday afternoon and took away all of our leftovers for their own rummage sale!

Thank you, and God bless! Ginny

ON THE BOOK CART

"Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible" by Edwin W. Lutzer (theologian, frequent radio host, and award-winning author)



"I have a friend who says he saw a beautiful house standing opposite Mont Blanc on the border between France and Switzerland. What puzzled him was that the shutters on the windows that faced that beautiful mountain were always closed. No matter how remarkable the Bible is, it will not have an appeal to those who refuse to give it an honest hearing. At the end of the day, whether we believe it or not depends on whether we are willing to " fling the shutters open and see what is before us."

Professor Lutzer's book is ideally written and organized for group study as well as individual reading. The breadth and depth of his scriptural and historical references make it best suited to those who have a little Bible background.

****LUMC Book Review by Blanche Cancel**

LIKE TO READ? SEVERAL NEW BOOKS ARE READY FOR READING AND COMMENTS. HELP US SO WE CAN GET THE BEST BOOKS ON THE CART/SHELVES IN LUMC LIBRARY.

Contact Barbara Levander, 284-7687.



The Consensus about MONTE TOYON

**Weather-Wonderful
Food - Filling & Flavorful
Companions - Congenial
Games - Goal Giggling
Sue's Magic - Mystifying
Dancing - Delightful
S'mores - Scrumptious
Nighttime - Nodding Noggins
All Church Retreat -REFRESHING!!**

LOOKING FOR SUMMER FUN, SERVICE and SPIRITUAL GROWTH!

Check out these opportunities!

Vacation Bible School July 13-17 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Church Camps offered by the California-Nevada United Methodist Conference

Varied Dates – Great Locations – All Ages and families

Check out the website www.cnumc.org/camping

Volunteers in Mission needed in California, the U.S., and around the world

Check out the website www.cnumc.org and click the link to UM Volunteers in Mission



Easter Garden



Many thanks to everyone that brought plants, furniture and decorations for our Easter garden. Special thanks go to Donna Partlow, Carol Lu Zischke, and Dean Coons for their artistic vision. And thank you to Mt. Diablo Nursery for letting us borrow some of the larger plants. They delivered them and picked them up all as a service to our church.

The Worship Team



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