

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

June 14, 2009

NEW WORSHIP TIME BEGINNING JULY 5 10:00 a.m.

There was a great response to our survey regarding our Sunday morning schedule. The majority of the congregation would like an earlier worship time. In consultation with church leaders, our worship service will be offered at **10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, July 5!**

EXPERIENCING CHRIST'S LOVE THROUGH WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21

9:00 a.m. All Church Breakfast hosted by our Youth

10:30 Father's Day Worship celebrating fathers

Faith Moment by Rodrigo Marcus

Drama by our youth

Commissioning of first Sierra Service Project Team

"Words to Live By: Honoring One Another" Exodus 20:12

Sunday, June 28 10:30 worship

"Rethinking Clichés: If Jesus is Your Choice, You can Buy a Rolls Royce"

2 Corinthians 8:1-9; John 10:10

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE – Starts July 5 – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 5 10:00 Family Worship with Baptism and Communion

"Words to Live By: The Gold Standard of Life" Matthew 7:12

Sunday, July 12 "Words to Live By: Six of Life's Most Important Words" Colossians 3:13

Sunday, July 19 Vacation Bible School Sunday, led by our VBS children and youth

Sunday, July 26 10:00 a.m. **JAZZ IN JULY!**

Featuring the Joyful Noise Jazz Band in the Fellowship Hall

Followed by a Potluck meal. Please bring something to share according to your last name:

A-R Salad

S-Z Dessert

Hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be provided.

Volunteers Needed for Project Homeless Connect Wednesday, June 17 9:00-3:30

The Contra Costa County Health Services Homeless Program is seeking persons who can help with Project Homeless Connect 4, a one-day, one-stop shop to offer a variety of services to people experiencing homelessness. The event connects them with benefits, medical care, substance abuse and mental health counseling, social services, housing and shelter. Volunteers will be working with a variety of nonprofits, corporations, government agencies and faith-based organizations which will be onsite. You can help with completing applications for medical and dental care, greeting and routing people, providing translation, serving food, giving legal assistance, giving massage, foot care and pet care, giving counseling services and the like. If you can help, contact 925-313-6124 or ProjectHomelessConnect@hsd.cccounty.us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

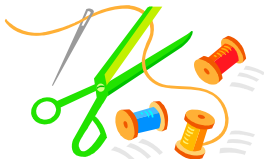
Classes (preschool-5th grades) will continue through the end of June with our regular teachers planning different activities to learn about the Word of God and how it applies to everyday life.

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FATHER'S DAY ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - 9 AM

Sponsored by
LUMC YOUTH GROUP

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Stitch-in-Time will meet on Saturday, June 20 from 10 am to noon in the Fireside Room. The meetings are resuming to get ready for the silent auction or a future boutique. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Bring ideas for projects or bring your current projects to share. The facilitator is Ginny Horner (925-284-9585).

COSTA RICA VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (VIM) TRIP

One of the Volunteer in Mission teams Joe Darrell will be joining in Costa Rica in February, 2010 has a few spots open. Joe will be available in the Fireside Room on Sunday morning, June 28, at 9:30 a.m. to describe the opportunity and answer questions about logistics, dates, and the scope of volunteer work. Please consider joining Joe and Pastor Lori for a brief no-obligation, informative discussion.

Around About LUMC

We grieve, but not as those without hope, upon the death of **Frank Wilking** on June 3. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m. in Rossmoor. Frank was the oldest member of LUMC at 96 years.

Congratulations to **Julia Husch**, who earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award by making 16 blankets for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

Welcome our Newest Member!

Alissa Scanlin formally united in membership at LUMC on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Alissa and her mother, Audrey Eatmon, have been actively participating in the congregation. Alissa is married to Bill and has two sons, Tim and Chris. She is a Learning Specialist for Contra Costa Community College. Welcome, Alissa!

May Methodists of the Month

The Methodist of the Month Award was shared by those who have faithfully served the 8:30 worship service as ushers and sound tech. **Jim Brown; Del Kolbe; Pat, Sandy & Nicole Porter;** and **Robyn Roberts** have served as ushers, arriving early to turn on lights, light the candles, set out the Friendship Folders, and greet worshippers. **David White** has been present to run the sound system. We are grateful for their service over the years and recognize their ministry as the 8:30 service has drawn to a close.

Appreciation Expressed for Our Easter Offering

From Wesley House and Student Center, University of CA, Berkeley:

We are most grateful for your very generous gift of \$300 to Wesley Foundation at the University of California, Berkeley. It is an exciting time as groundbreaking for Wesley House is right around the corner. We deeply appreciate your continued support throughout the years. Thank you for being our partners in outreach ministry to UC Berkeley where we continue to raise up leaders for the future and for today's new challenges.

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Tarah Trueblood,
Executive Director and Campus Pastor

From Contra Costa Interfaith Housing:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH), to thank you for the generous donation of \$250. The past few months have been filled with exciting news for CCIH and the families we serve. CCIH is actively seeking to develop a second permanent supportive housing project for Contra Costa families experiencing homelessness and/or financial limitations. We were able to replace the roofs at the Garden Park Apartments with the monetary help of the City of Pleasant Hill. Our families are developing greater self-sufficiency and the youth are showing significant improvements in academics, social skills, and emotional health. The positive strides by our tenants are documented by ongoing assessments made by staff and tenants and by report cards. This year, one of our teens is graduating from high school; she is the first in her family to accomplish this milestone! She will be attending Diablo Valley College in the fall.

We are encouraged by these accomplishments and recognize that we could not do this work without the support of our faith communities – it truly takes a village. On behalf of CCIH's Board of Directors, staff, and the families we serve, thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Peace and blessings,
Louise Bourassa, Executive Director

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A Guide to LUMC Recycling Containers!

On our church campus, here's a guide to what to place in which containers!!

Note: we only receive money for aluminum cans and plastic & glass containers with the CRV label!
You need not bring your paper products to the church; you may recycle them at home!

Gray containers	Aluminum cans, Plastic & glass containers with CRV label in Fellowship Hall Entrance for cash!!! (These produce income for our budget)
Blue recycling containers	Paper products (Sunday program, etc.) for materials used on church campus Used paper coffee cups without coating Plastics which do not bring cash...coffee cup lids, clean food containers Pizza boxes empty of food scraps
Trash cans	Food waste, restroom waste, plastic bags...

COME TO SONROCK KIDS CAMP FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!
We are excited about Lafayette United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible Day Camp to be held July 13-17, 2009. The program this year is *SonRock Kids Camp* – a week of fun and adventure! To register, call the church office (284-4765) or pick up a registration card on the Usher's table.



Vacation Bible Day Camp

July 13 - 17, 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!

Don't miss the fun at SonRock Kid's camp!

This camp ROCKS!

WHERE KIDS BUILD THEIR LIVES ON THE ROCK: JESUS!

FALL FUNDRAISER FOR THE MISSION OF OUR CHURCH!

As summer rapidly approaches, keep our SILENT AUCTION scheduled for October in mind! Think about what you could contribute, and watch for summer sales! All types of baskets could be made up – a “Day at the Beach” Basket, Bath and Body Basket, Sports Basket, Family Fun Night Basket, Time for Tea Basket, Reader’s Delight Basket, Chocolate Lovers Basket, Scrapbooking Basket, the ideas are limitless. Just let your creative juices flow! Also, if you have a business that you frequent – how about asking for a donation for our church?? Just keep LUMC’s SILENT AUCTION in mind as you go about your daily activities! Any questions, please contact Ginny Leavitt – 284-7857

July Birthdays

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <i>Barbara Breashears</i> | 9 <i>Aaron Makinson</i> | 21 <i>Cameron Sanders</i> |
| <i>Mark Heptig</i> | 10 <i>Idris Evans</i> | 23 <i>Kathryn Walenter</i> |
| <i>Randall Husch</i> | <i>Allison Falkenberg</i> | 24 <i>Jonathan Askay</i> |
| 2 <i>Daniel Curtis</i> | <i>Bob Hobson</i> | <i>Jim Bolen</i> |
| 3 <i>Ryan Heptig</i> | 11 <i>Steve Hobson</i> | <i>Amelia Roberts</i> |
| 4 <i>Conner Chia</i> | 13 <i>Michael Reeder</i> | <i>Brooke Tollen</i> |
| <i>Gloria Pleis</i> | 14 <i>Morgan Davis</i> | <i>Rada Walsh</i> |
| 5 <i>Megan Curtis</i> | 16 <i>Ginny Cowden</i> | 25 <i>Virginia Thomas</i> |
| <i>Laurel Hill</i> | 18 <i>Zoe McPhail</i> | 27 <i>Ginny Horner</i> |
| 7 <i>Chuck Walls</i> | 19 <i>Tammy Thompson</i> | 28 <i>Heather Alger</i> |
| 8 <i>Isabella Chechele</i> | 20 <i>Janice Kolbe</i> | 30 <i>Lauren Darrell</i> |
| <i>Perry Corcoran</i> | | <i>Savannah DeCarlo</i> |
| <i>Jake Walenter</i> | | |

July Anniversaries

- 2 *Pat and Roger Falcone*
 Mary and Tom Henderson
 Beth and Scott White
- 3 *Tiffany and David Grayson*
- 15 *Carole and Bill Linson*
- 16 *Sherri and Paul Gendron*
- 18 *Lorri and Jim Sullivan*
- 19 *Nancy and Henry Lennstrom*
- 20 *Mary and Bob Hobson*
 Dottie and Gil Vieira
- 26 *Jean and Chadwick Follmer*
- 27 *Michele and Alan Miller*

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

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Minutes of the Church Council Meeting of May 19, 2009

Members present: Chairperson Pat Hershey, Ginny Leavitt, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Robyn Roberts, David Inglis, Ginny Cowden, Tom Henderson, Doug Cowden, Jack Cotteral and Secretary Kurt Teichmann.

The meeting began with sharing of Joys and Concerns. Chairperson Hershey officially opened the formal meeting at 7:33 with a prayer.

A discussion of the book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations was held, specifically the chapter on Extravagant Generosity . This included a video presentation. The book author asked us to remember a time when we were really happy about giving. He said that every example of generosity is about extravagant generosity. Extravagant generosity is unexpected, over the top. Tithing stretches us. He said that Christians need to give. The Church Council members agreed that our church encourages giving without putting pressure on people. One way of doing that is providing transparent Income and Expense reports which show givers where their donations are going and how the church needs those donations. Most Council members expressed appreciation for LUMC's approach and for givers giving with love from personal need to give. The Council expressed hope that church goers will be intentional about our giving.

Finance: Chairperson Leavitt reported that pledged giving was down nearly \$3,000 YTD. Non-pledged giving was \$13,712 YTD above budget although this number is influenced by a one-time gift of \$10,000. Plate offerings were down \$700 YTD. The Easter offering exceeded \$3,600. The rummage sale was right on target. The use of the church was \$2,400 above expectations substantially because of the continued use by Futures Explored. Total expenses were \$18,000 under budget YTD, which by itself is misleading because Trustees have delayed many projects while waiting to see what funds are available this year. On a year to date basis, Net Income After Expenses was approximately \$35,000 better than budget reflecting the aforementioned factors. It was generally agreed that the low expenses could not be maintained. Also mentioned were periodic obligations that are upcoming.

Chairperson Leavitt said that Finance Committee was recommending \$2,507.50 in the Memorials Fund be moved to Trustees' budget for landscaping. She noted that the subject funds were placed in Memorials because the donor had passed away rather than the donor specifying that funds be used for Memorial purposes. An extended discussion ensued with the Finance Committee's recommendation being approved 9 to zero with one abstention.

It was announced that our church's Annual Conference collection this year will be used to purchase a tractor for West Angola.

Trustees: no report

Staff Parish: Chairperson Hershey presented Chairperson Pat Porter's report that the church will not be advertising for a Youth Director at this time but for now will continue to fill that position with volunteers led by Teresa Gerringer.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Lori reported that the Committee will be meeting next week to begin filling various church committees. She noted that, going forward, Committees will not necessarily be expected to meet monthly if there is no immediate need.

Worship: The Committee has decided that the 8:30 a.m. service should be discontinued. The Council consensus was that the service should continue through the end of May and then be canceled. It was agreed that the congregation be surveyed to determine whether 9:30, 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. should be the time of the one service.

The Youth Ministry Team is to meet the Conference Director of Youth and Camping Ministries on June 23rd.

Endowment: Doug Cowden said the Committee was planning to meet soon and then make a financial report. He noted that most of the funds had been in money market funds so had not sustained material stock market losses.

Stewardship Committee: The nature of this Committee was discussed at Finance Committee. That Committee had agreed to leave it to Lay Leadership to establish a Stewardship Committee; if they couldn't, the function would continue to be a part of the Finance Committee. A Stewardship Committee description with responsibilities was distributed and discussed. The general nature and the goals as described were accepted. The Council assented to Lay Leadership prioritizing and modifying the description while securing nominees for the new committee.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Church Council Secretary Kurt F. Teichmann

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FS - Fireside Room OWA - Office Work Area MML - Maggie Mae Lounge FH - Fellowship Hall YR - Youth Room Church Office Hours: M-Th. - 8:00-4:30			1 - Futures Exp. 1:30-Seniors Board 3- Chinese Class - 8 7:30 - MH Group- 8	2 Church Office Closed 9 - Futures Explored	3 1- Futures Explored	4
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5 Morning - Family Worship	6 7- AA - 5 7 - 7 th Tradition - 8	7 9- Futures Explored 9 - Prayer Group	8 1- Futures Explored 3- Chinese Class - 8 7:30 - MH Group- 8	9 TOWER NOTES DEADLINE 9 - Futures Explored 9-2 Seniors 7- Staff Parish	10 1- Futures Explored	11
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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, June 25, 2009**

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