

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

July 26, 2009

SEEDS OF A SOWER

WOW!!! What an Outstanding Week!! What an Outstanding Team of 22 youth and 65 adult leaders who rallied to serve 128 children and youth during Vacation Bible Day Camp! What a Church that supported it with a great variety of gifts, talents, skills, and prayer! Thanks to Sue Renno for leading the week for her eleventh year.

I marvel at the dedication and commitment so generously offered by the entire congregation in order to serve 100 children, youth, and families who are not regular participants in our congregation. Many went "the extra mile" in order to accommodate the large numbers of campers. At the ice cream social about twenty Bibles were set out and offered for families to pick up if their child or family did not have a Bible. All of them were taken!! Several parents spoke with me regarding baptism for the children and questions their children were asking about God. I sensed a renewed interest in the Christian faith on the part of many.

Our opportunity and challenge is to follow up with these families and offer the ministry of Jesus Christ. We have a well established Sunday school under the leadership of Barbara Levander and a wonderful team of teachers and helpers. As Judy Stillman officially retires from youth ministry and moves into small group ministry, a team of volunteers is planning to lead our youth ministry, including Sunday school, youth groups, Sierra Service Project.

Beyond these, I dream of additional small groups to nurture the spiritual formation of adults, so that they are equipped as spiritual leaders in their families, the church, and the community. I envision additional fellowship events for the church family to gather as a body to develop friendships. I believe that a fellowship group for parents of young children and another for parents of youth would be well received. We have a growing number of "empty nesters" who might enjoy spending time together.

If you feel a nudge or call from God to follow up in inviting VBS families to LUMC or lead a small group or start a fellowship group or host an event for the church family, let us know. The opportunities are endless! We want to keep the fires of faith kindled.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori



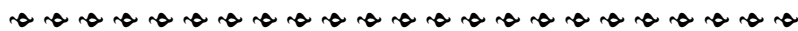
Experiencing Christ's Love through Worship

Sunday, August 2 *Words to Live By: Be Angry, But Don't Sin,*
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Holy Communion will be served.

Sunday, August 9 Rev. Gil Vieira, former pastor of LUMC, will be preaching

Sunday, August 16 Rev. Donna Morrow DeCamp will be preaching

Sunday, August 23 Sierra Service Project Youth will lead worship,
sharing their experiences at Indian Valley, CA, and Walker River, NV,
repairing homes in Native American communities.



Where Do You See God this Summer?

Take a photo – sketch a drawing – write a poem!
Send it in for our **Annual Homecoming Sunday Celebration**
Sunday, September 13, 11:15 a.m. after worship
Send photos to David White at dandjw@comcast.net.
Submit drawings or paintings for scanning or bring them to hang on a
bulletin board.
Let Pastor Lori know if you have written a poem or reading to share about
your experience!



COMING SOON TO LUMC
THE PONY EXPRESS!

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

Round about LUMC

On Sunday, July 5, it was a joy to offer the sacrament of baptism to **Siena DeCarlo and Evonne Soon**. Siena is in first grade at Lafayette Elementary School. Her sister, Savannah, is in the third grade. Their parents are Susie and Louie DeCarlo. Evonne Soon is a recent graduate of Miramonte High School. She will be attending UC Davis in the fall. Her parents are Eduard Soon and Esther Tan. Evonne also became a professing member of LUMC. We welcome you to the LUMC family!

We grieve, but not as those without hope, upon the death of **Virginia Thompson** on July 19 and the death of **Jean Wright** on July 21. We surround their families with prayer and love. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

We celebrate with **Barbara Tilton** the 50th anniversary of joining the membership of LUMC on July 26! Barbara has faithfully and generously offered her prayers, presence, gifts, and service in these 50 years!

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SILENT AUCTION! **JUST AROUND THE CORNER!** **SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, OCT. 18, AFTER CHURCH!**

It is not too early to let us know your idea for your donation to LUMC's FALL FUNDRAISER, the SILENT AUCTION! You can email me at ginleavitt@comcast.net, or turn in the flyer below - collection plate or church office! Haven't thought of an idea yet - there is still plenty of time -- a theme basket, a service, (get your teenagers involved here - babysitting, window washing, yard work, etc.), a gift certificate from your favorite business! The ideas are wide open! JUST LET THEM PERK AWAY! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me - Ginny Leavitt - 284-7857!

I plan to donate

to the FALL FUNDRAISER - SILENT AUCTION

_____ PS (I would make appetizers for the after church event on October 18!)

Name _____ Phone _____

Thank you to so many who helped prepare and lead our VBS this summer.

Director: Sue Renno

Registration: Lorri Sullivan

Music: Jan Davis

Crafts: Karen Schroter, Jill Shibuya, Jane Smith, Lynn Rocksvold

Snacks: Janet Sategna, Nancy Flood, Lynn Sabatini, Sande Hubbs

Drama: Margaret Kintner

Games: Judy Stillman

Storytellers Preschool: Roseann Beeman, Helen Harding, McKenzie Demos, Danielle Inzerillo

K: Pat Hershey, Carol Zuckerman

1/2: Sarah Young, Leslie Murray, Mary Ann Gilderbloom

3: Katherine Welcomer, Ginny Horner

4/5: Cathy VandenBerghe, Cyndy Gifford Palermo

6/7/8: Teresa Gerringer, Teri Logan, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Joe Darrell

Animals: Renee Emerson

Lunch Leaders: Pat Doughty, Maureen Straw, Karen Brown

Devotions: Pastor Lori

Sound: David White

MC: Margaret Kintner

Banjo Bear: Spencer Davis

Puppet/Bible Verse: Matt Ward

Skits: Judy Stillman

Quilter: Maureen Straw

T-Shirts: Gloria Duffy, Jan Davis

Ice Cream Social: Jane Smith

Set-Up/Décor: Steve Breashears, Karen Chelini, Sharon and Christine Chia, Lisa Heptig

Muscle Men: Tom Henderson, Wendell Pleis, Greg Horner, Joe Darrell

Monday Sign-In: Pat Doughty, Nancy Flood, Greg Horner, Mary Renno

Sunday Service: Virginia Black, Bonnie Okamoto

CD Producer: Dave White

Balloon Blow-Up: Greg Horner, Tom Kintner

Morning Set-Up: Greg Horner, Gavin Schroter, Spencer Davis

Follow-Up: Karen Schroter

Th. Program MC, Photo Show Help: Mark Logan

Substitutes: Leiola Walter, Donna Walls, Mary Renno, Patty Renno, Paulina Inzerillo

Teen Helpers: Spencer Davis, Sarah Newcomb, Stephanie Schroter, Hanna Straw, Melanie VandenBerghe, Melissa Emerson, Jeff Sawdon, Matt Ward, Chris Kintner, Mary Renno, Gavin Schroter, Hilary Smith, Kathleen Emerson, Marisol Carrillo, Michelle Doughty, Jacob Welcomer, Patty Renno, Mackenzie Demos, Danielle Inzerillo, Paulina Inzerillo, Gabi Paolini

Lunch Helpers: Julia White, Gloria Pleis, Carol Sebastian, Mary Hobson, Mary Teichmann, Chris Coons, Carol Lu Zischke, Debbie Newcomb, Catherine Sinnott, Ginny Cowden, Mary Henderson, Nancy Lennstrom, Ellen Walters, Martha Cervantes, Laurel Hill, Celeste Graham, Lori Loughran-Smith, Maureen Straw, Barbara Falkenberg



Kids Camp Celebration

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" I John 3:1

What a great week we had at Son Rock Kids Camp! With songs like "SonRock Kids Camp, "Peter Was A Fisherman", Walking on the Water"; games involving water balloons and beach balls; the Astro Jump Machine; teen dramas and Bible verse balloon pops; cuddly animals including baby kittens, dogs, chickens and a snake; glittery rock fish, colorful God's eyes, and fun rock families; and delicious pop corn, popsicles, and root-beer floats, all made for a happy week!

Bible stories illustrating how lives can be transformed by God's love. Children learned about the apostle Peter, and learned what it means to be ACCEPTED BY JESUS, PROTECTED BY JESUS, SAVED BY JESUS, FORGIVEN BY JESUS and LIVING FOR JESUS.

Early morning meditations, our fabulous brunch and then lunch for everyone afterwards, the Program Celebration and Ice Cream Social, collecting food for the Food Bank, our beautiful handmade SonRock Kids Camp quilt, funny early morning skits by the high school kids, our SonRock green t-shirts, glitzy balloons, Bible verse puppet Rocky Raccoon, Banjo the bear, our very own Sunshine MC, our excellent sound system and photography, Sunday morning service, and fabulous SonRock Kids Camp decorations, including a mountainside mural, and finally our funny camp names, such as Firecracker, Chipper, Cookie, Busy Bee and Hummingbird, all set the stage and contributed to a Spirit-filled week!

Field trips to the Contra Costa Food Bank to sort food, Futures Explored to play games, Bay Area Rescue Mission to prepare food, and an end-of-the-week swim party at the Kintner's made a busy week for our middle schoolers.

One hundred and twenty eight wonderful children and twenty-two fun teens, equaling one hundred and fifty great campers participated in our SonRock adventure, making it our biggest ever! Sixty-five fabulous adults led the activities. Two over-flowing carts of food were given to the Contra Costa Food Bank!

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TOUR OF MALAYSIA – Oct. 27 – Nov. 9, 2009

This tour will visit all colorful sites, religious centers and cultural events in Malaysia. The tour will take you to Singapore, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur and Kota Kinabalu. Meet church leaders and learn about the challenges and opportunities of being the church in a Muslim society. The tour will be led by the Rev. Dr. James Shum, an expert in Asian church history and the cultures of Asia.

Cost for the 14 day tour will be \$2,600 which includes air fare, comfortable hotels and most meals.

For more information on this tour contact Pastor Lori.



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