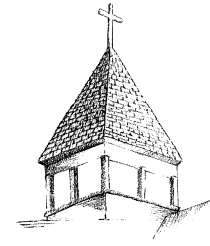


LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

August 16, 2009

Seeds of A Sower

One of the ways we are good stewards of our facilities is in sharing it with the community when it is not needed for our own ministries. As the only downtown church, LUMC is in many ways a community center for the downtown. Several youth organizations, community choirs, social groups, and educational enterprises use our facilities, many making a suggested donation to assist in covering expenses for utilities, supplies, and custodial care.

Recently the Board of Trustees considered a request to use the upper parking lot for vendor parking for the proposed Farmers Market for the downtown Park Plaza. The pilot dates for the Farmers Market on Thursday happen to fit a sliver of time during which our facility has minimal use. Thus the decision was made to offer the use of our upper parking lot for farmer parking on Thursdays, Sept. 3, 10, and 17 from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m.

After our own ministries, our first priority in sharing the facility continues to be to our long-term and regular facility users. We do not wish to jeopardize those relationships, but we are willing to assist the community as is manageable. This is an experiment to see how this usage works. The parking lot use will be monitored during this time and Trustees will evaluate the pilot upon its conclusion before making any further commitment.

Thanks for your generous stewardship in sharing our bounty with others.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

"The new 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship time continues all year long!"



Experiencing Christ's Love through Worship

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.



GROUP ACTIVITY FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE CHILDREN IN ROOM 7 SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 (AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

This includes a lesson presented in drama form, puzzles and games.

After church parents can gather their children in Fellowship Hall where the group will be having snacks.



M&Ms PICNIC



The Hobson's will host an annual M&Ms potluck picnic on Labor Day, Sept 7th at 3:00. Please bring a dish to share. Call Mary to see what is needed. Swimming and/or hot tubbing is optional. 284-7266

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW will host Budd MacKenzie on September 3 in the lower Fireside Room at 11 a.m. Budd is the founder of Trust in Education, a grass roots non profit organization based in Lafayette, that funds teachers, supports children, delivers medical aid, food and clothing, and provides fruit trees, seeds, fertilizer, and microcredit loans to farmers in Afghanistan. Learn about Budd's last and upcoming trip to Afghanistan, and his assessment of the "war for hearts and minds". Can it be won? How?

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Trust in Education. Lunch will follow. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this timely program. RSVP to Nancy Flood, 283-3409 please.



Around About LUMC

A memorial service celebrating the life of **Virginia Thompson** will be held at LUMC on Sunday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to **Idris Evans** upon the publication of his new book, *Super Duck Stories*! Idris told Super Duck stories to his children at bedtime, creating new adventures over the years. The stories introduce children to others countries and customs as Super Duck journeys around the world responding to those in need of help. A copy of the book is available in our church library.

We rejoice in the baptism of **Hadley Grace Calhoun** on Sunday, August 2. Hadley is the daughter of **Danielle and Brad Calhoun**, sister of **Morgan and Madison**, and great-granddaughter of **Sande Hubbs**.

We celebrate the birth of a new grandson to **Mary and Tom Henderson**. **Mason Thomas** was born on July 27 to **Tara and Mark Edmondson**.

School Supplies Needed

The Outreach Team is seeking school supplies for the kids at the Interfaith Housing's Garden Park Apartments. The Wish List is set forth below. Please bring supplies the church office by September 9.

Supplies for Homework Club (10 each)

- * pkg. 8 washable markers (fine line and broad line)
- * Box of 24 crayons
- * highlighters
- * pencils
- * post-its
- * graph paper
- * construction paper
- * white glue
- * notebook paper
- * spiral notebooks
- * scissors (adult style)
- * erasers
- * masking tape
- * multi colored tissue paper for school projects
- * Tempra & craft paint for school projects
- * Paper for primary grades (has red and blue lines with dashed line in center)
- * Large roll of white newsprint paper
- * Poster board (large and small)
- * Old misc. craft supplies, silk flowers...for school projects.
- * Water color paints
- * Index cards



Additional Needs

- * Safeway gift cards for after school snacks
- * Lakeshore gift cards for learning materials
- * Target gift cards for unexpected supplies throughout the year

LIBRARY

A NEW CHECK OUT SYSTEM has been organized. (Actually it is a very old system.)

There is a grey card file box on the Library Cart. Many books have a catalog number and pockets now, humungous thanks to Brenda Cooke. To check out a book, print your name, phone number and date on the card and put it in the file box alphabetically by author's LAST NAME. When you return the book, just put it in the RETURN box in the library or on the bottom of the cart.

If the book has not been catalogued, (no pocket or card), use the pink card in the file box for your name, phone number, date and NAME OF THE BOOK.

Then place the pink card alphabetically by the author's LAST NAME.



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!



NEW BOOKS ON THE CART



Mom's Trapped in the Minivan by Cynthia Sumner

The 23rd Psalm for the 21st Century, a Jewish Shepherd's Story by Ion Solomon

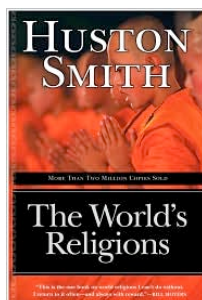
Birth Control for Christians, Making Wise Choices by Jenell Paris

Ten Commandments of Dating by Ben Young

Have a New Kid by Friday by Dr. Kevin Leman (discipline)

What Herbie Left Behind by Peggy Wilber (a FaithKids early reader)

WORLD'S RELIGIONS SEMINAR SERIES



Are you interested in other religions? Have you wondered what the Koran says? Celeste Graham will offer a seminar class starting September 20th right after church and again on October 11th after church. Huston Smith's 50th Anniversary Edition of The World's Religions (Plus) (ISBN9780061660184) will serve as the basis for discussions.

The first session will discuss Islam with other class subjects chosen by the group. Please let Celeste know if you will be attending and purchase (\$11.55 at Amazon.com) and read the chapter on Islam by the first class. Celeste can be reached at: 925-676-7525 or cqgraham@yahoo.com.



COMING SOON TO LUMC



THE PONY EXPRESS!

WATCH FOR DETAILS!



FINANCE

Thank you to all of you who have stayed current in your financial giving over the summer months! This has been most helpful since those monthly bills do keep coming in! If you have been away, September is a good time to think "catch-up"!

Your Finance Committee

September Happy Birthday

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

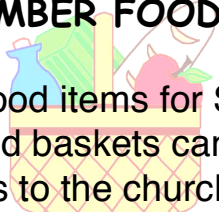
Happy Anniversary

2	Jim and Carol Floyd
4	Gretchen and Alex Placzek
4	Gloria and Wendell Pleis
8	Bill and Brenda Cooke
14	Dennis and Debbie Nakamura
20	Mark and Cathy VandenBerghe



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.



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 _____



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