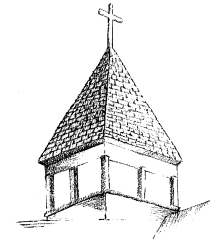


LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

August 30, 2009

SEEDS OF A SOWER

Since the days of our founders, United Methodists have found it imperative to apply our Christian faith to the social issues of the day. John Wesley found ways to offer medical services at no cost to the poor in London. He not only preached spiritual health, but worked to restore physical health among the impoverished who heard his call. He wrote *Primitive Physick*, a primer on health and medicine for those too poor to pay for a doctor.

As our nation considers the matter of health care, I share with you a portion of The Social Principles approved by the United Methodist Church to guide its members in making prayerful, thoughtful responses to the issues of our time. If you would like a fuller statement on the issue, I'm happy to share a copy from *The Book of Resolutions*.

Providing the care needed to maintain health, prevent disease, and restore health after injury or illness is a responsibility each person owes others and government owes to all, a responsibility government ignores at its peril. In Ezekiel 34:4a, God points out the failures of the leadership of Israel to care for the weak: "You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured." As a result all suffer. Like police and fire protection, health care is best funded through the government's ability to tax each person equitably and directly fund the provider entities. Countries facing a public health crises such as HIV/AIDS must have access to generic medicines and to patented medicines. We affirm the right of men and women to have access to comprehensive reproductive health/family planning information and services that will serve as a means to prevent unplanned pregnancies, reduce abortions, and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. The right to health care includes care for persons with brain diseases, neurological conditions, or physical disabilities, who must be afforded the same access to health care as all other persons in our communities. It is unjust to construct or perpetuate barriers to physical or mental wholeness or full participation in community.

We believe it is a governmental responsibility to provide all citizens with health care.

From *Social Principles*, 162.V *Right to Health Care*, United Methodist Church

Let us pray that our nation responds to the health care conversation with the compassionate spirit of the Great Healer, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

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

Experiencing Christ's Love through Worship
September Theme: The Leading Causes of Life

We are fairly familiar with the leading causes of death, such as cancer and heart disease and we do our best to avoid these. However, what are the leading causes of life that nurture health and are "preventive medicine"? We'll explore the things that generate the wholesome, abundant life God desires for each of us.

Sept. 6 Purpose & Meaning: Coherence Luke 4:17-19, Luke 9:1-2
Write a six-word mission/purpose statement of your life
to put on a graffiti wall in Fellowship Hall!

Sept. 13 We Do, We Live: Agency John 15:14-16, James 1:19-27

Sept. 20 Generations of Love: Blessing Genesis 12:1-3, John 1:16, 1 Peter 3:8-10

September 27 Not Just Wishful Thinking: Hope Psalm 42:1-5, Ephesians 1:15-23



Deepening Our Discipleship Through Small Groups

Are you yearning to be a more faithful follower of Jesus? Here is an opportunity to revisit John Wesley's principles for living as disciples of Christ. Using the book, *A Blueprint for Discipleship: Wesley's General Rules as a Guide for Christian Living*, small groups will reflect on the book and our daily lives as disciples. In the spirit of early Methodism, these Christian communities will hold one another accountable for living our faith and asking, "How is it with your soul?"

Groups will start in mid-September led by Judy Stillman or Pastor Lori. If you are interested, sign up at Friendship Time or let the church office. Possible gathering times are:

Sundays at 8:45 a.m. starting Sept. 27;

Sundays at 6:00 p.m. starting Sept. 20

Tuesdays at 12 noon starting Sept. 15;

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting Sept. 16.

Two or three groups will be offered, depending on sign-ups. Indicate all times you are available to participate.

SUNDAY BUZZ GROUPS

Sunday morning children's ministry groups will start on the first Sunday in September, 9/6, meeting after the message for children.

**PreK and Kindergarten will meet in room 1 with Roseann Beeman and Martha Cervantes.

**First Grade will meet in room 5 with Jill Shibuya, Meng Ward and Carol Zuckerman.

**Second Grade will meet in room 6 with Nancy Sanders and Tonja Marcus.

**Third/Fourth/Fifth Grades will meet in room 8 with Teresa Gerringer and Katherine Welcomer.

Teachers will be meeting Monday, 8/31, and Tuesday, 9/1, in the Maggie Mae Lounge at 7:30 P.M. to become acquainted with the NEW CURRICULUM.

The Hands on Bibles will be given on September 13.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



LUMC's Men's Breakfast program will try to equal last year's successes! The first meeting of the season is at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 19th. The subject will be "The History of the Bible", the New Testament, presented on DVD by University of North Carolina Professor Bart D. Ehrman. Breakfast will be served. And there will be plenty of time to express your opinions on what the Professor has to say. See you there!



LIBRARY FIND IT ON THE CART!!



"Super Duck Stories" by Idris I. Evans

"I wonder what he will be up to next." Almost every story ends with this statement after Super Duck interacts with the animal and human world of problems which he helps to solve. -- Fun for children and adults sharing the stories. (Barbara Levander) I like the way he (Idris) incorporates different cultures. Super Duck is like the Good Samaritan in seeing creatures in need and responding in a humble, helpful way. (Pastor Lori)

Homecoming Sunday!

Sunday, September 13th

One of the “Leading Causes of Life” is CONNECTION! Here’s an opportunity to
CONNECT with GOD in worship at 10:00 a.m. and

CONNECT with ONE ANOTHER in feasting and fellowship after worship.

For our all-church potluck, we invite you to bring:

Dessert if your last name begins with A-F

Salad if your last name begins with G-L

Main Dish if your last name begins with M-Z

We will CONNECT with one another as we share food, photos, poems, songs,
dances, skits.... about ***Where We’ve Seen God This Summer*** (or Spring)!

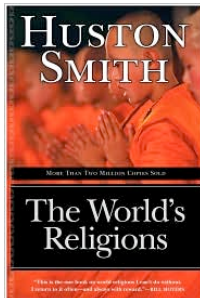
Send photos to David White at dandjw@comcast.net.

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!



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



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You will be enriched in every way for great generosity -- II Corinthians 9:11a

Round About LUMC

We wish blessings of happiness to **Liz Straw**, who will be married to Jordan Bamesberger on Sept. 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver! Sisters Becky and Hanna will both be in the wedding party and parents, Jim and Maureen, will offer the bride. Liz is a sixth grade teacher in Denver.

The memorial service for **Virginia Thompson** is scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m.



SILENT AUCTION LUNCHEON!

with our own Auctioneer, Jim Straw

JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, OCT. 18, AFTER CHURCH!

HAVE YOU GOT A DONATION IDEA UNDER WAY????

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 _____

(If you have your item/items ready and need storage, call Ginny Leavitt)

Solicitation Alert

A church member recently received a solicitation phone call utilizing my name as a referral source in the course of the conversation. As a matter of professional ethics, I do not share the names and contacts of church members, nor allow my name to be used, for marketing purposes.

This situation reminds us all that the church directory contains contact information for our ministry purposes only. It is not intended to be used as a marketing tool for businesses. Directory information should not be disclosed to any third party individuals or businesses. Thank you for respecting one another's privacy.

Lori Sawdon, Pastor



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2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, September 10, 2009**

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