

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

October 25, 2009

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 15, 4:00 p.m.

LUMC Fireside Room

This annual meeting will include election of church leaders and ministry team members for the new year; setting of the pastor's compensation package; and annual reports from various ministry areas. A revision of the Endowment Fund will also be considered. All church members have a voice and vote at the church conference.

LUMC is a member of the Diablo Valley Circuit. Clergy Members of the circuit are presiding at the church conferences this year, instead of the District Superintendent. The Rev. Mark Zier of St. Mark's UMC, Orinda will preside at Lafayette. Pastor Lori will lead St. Mark's Church Conference in December.



Thanksgiving with a Twist

UMW meeting

Thursday, November 5th at 11 a.m.

Lower Fireside room

Come to the UMW meeting for fun, fellowship and food led by Judy Stillman. Put on your thinking caps for the many things you are thankful for and be ready to share them.



Don't forget to renew your eScrip -- by Nov. 1 - it is really easy right now - just log on to eScrip.com, and click on the box that says "renew now"!



Stitch-in-Time



Stitch-in-Time plans to meet Saturday, October 31st at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 19th at 1 pm and Friday December 4th at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can work on a group project or bring your own project. New ideas are always welcome. We will be selling items at a Holiday Boutique on December 6th after church. If you can't come to our meetings, but you would like to make something and donate it, contact Ginny Horner (925-284-9585).



Round About LUMC

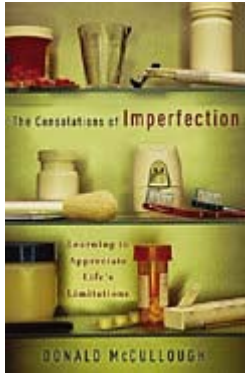
We rejoice in the baptism of **Nicholas Eric Purington** on Sunday, October 25. Nicholas is the son of **Erin and Steve Purington**, residents of Martinez. Pastor Lori officiated at their wedding five years ago!

On October 25 we welcomed into the membership of LUMC **Troy and Victoria Tollen**, parents of Blake, age 4, and Brooke, age 2. Troy owns Pacific AirFinance and Victoria is a homemaker.

We sorrow, but not as those without hope, upon the death of longtime member **Janet Sategna**, on October 16. A funeral was held at LUMC on October 26. We hold in our prayers Janet's children, Judy, Jim, and Janine and their families. We fondly remember Janet's cheerful spirit, her dramatic gifts, and her love of LUMC and our God.

We sorrow, but not as those without hope, with the Partlow family upon the death of Donna's father, **Ross Jacobs**, following a long illness. May God sustain their family with strength and peace.

BRAND NEW ON THE BOOK CART!!



THE CONSOLATIONS OF IMPERFECTION, Learning to Appreciate Life's Limitations by Donald McCullough (former Presbyterian seminary president and pastor, author of several books including "The Wisdom of the Pelicans", "The Trivialization of God", and "Say Please, Say Thank You."

It is easy to hate or even deny our limitations, but despite our greatest efforts, there are things we cannot change.

In this book Donald McCullough explains that everyone lives out a particular story, and the very limitations that frustrate us may also be freeing us toward new growth. An aging body, for example, reminds us of the transcendent power of the human spirit. Broken relationships remind us that love is a gift, not an obligation, and death is the beginning of something greater, not the end of everything.

Weaving anecdotes and inspiring stories into this well-written book, McCullough covers topics ranging from limitations on the body, senses, and knowledge to limitations on moral goodness, spirituality, and time.

If you are looking for encouragement and a better way to approach life's inevitable limits, you'll enjoy this witty and insightful book.



Dear Friends,

We are grateful for the love and support expressed by our church family upon the death of Mark's mother, Lorraine Sawdon, on October 12. You graciously embraced Lorraine in the three and a half years she lived near us. We appreciate your warm hospitality which always made her feel welcome.

Fondly, Mark, Lori & Jeff Sawdon

THANKSGIVING LETTERS



If you would like to appreciate and thank a friend or family member, then why not send a Thanksgiving Letter to that person right before Thanksgiving? Pastor Lori will bless such letters during the worship service on November 15 and 22. Please bring your letters to worship or send your letter(s) to the church by Saturday, November 21, and each will be stamped with the following message: "A letter of appreciation blessed by LUMC." Your letters should include the proper amount of postage and be fully addressed.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Annual INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will take place on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 PM at Orinda Community Church at 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. The service is sponsored by the Lamorinda Interfaith Ministerial Association (LIMA).



Seeking Christmas Crafts



Do you have a special family craft that you might like to introduce to the congregation? Yule log, Advent wreath....

Sunday, December 6 we are planning a Christmas craft making event after worship. We are seeking a few families who might prepare supplies for a craft and invite others to make one for their home. If you have an idea or can lead a craft, please let Pastor Lori know.

Souper Holiday Sunday is Coming!

On Sunday, December 6th, we will be having a Souper Sunday. This Souper Sunday has several events: (1) An all you can eat soup lunch, bread and homemade pie will be available for a modest price. (2) A Holiday Boutique with items for sale made by the Stitch-in-Time group. (3) Holiday crafts for children (we are looking for volunteers for this one). Save the date and invite your friends and families.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To all of you who donated items to the Silent Auction, to those who brought food for the event, to those who helped with set up, during the event, or with take down, to those who bid on items – THANK YOU! When all remaining items have been picked up, we will have made just under \$3,500 for the mission of our church! I am most appreciative of all your help! Ginny Leavitt



KUDOS TO LOCAL MERCHANTS

We greatly appreciate the very generous donations to the Church's Silent Auction from the following local merchants:

Chow's

Powell St. Sweet Shoppe

Megan Haney Floral Arrangements

The Counter-Custom Built Hamburgers

Lamorinda Benz, Inc.

Storyteller

Petar's

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2nd & 4th Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, November 12, 2009**

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