

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Since 1855

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

March 28, 2010

Encounters with Jesus Lent 2010

From biblical days people have had life-changing experiences as they have encountered Jesus in their daily lives. God's transforming power continues to be available to us today through the presence of the risen Christ.

This Lenten season, we are encountering Jesus anew through worship, scripture, small group sharing, and devotional reading. May your spirit be attentive to the Spirit of God.

April 1 Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

John 19:25-27 The Beloved Disciple is commissioned by Jesus

April 2 Good Friday 12:00-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Journey to the Cross Jesus invites you to Journey to the Cross with him. Interactive centers based on the traditional Stations of the Cross will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Pilgrims on the journey will be given prayer guides to lead them through an activity at each station. Plan on spending at least an hour moving through the Stations of the Cross in solidarity with Jesus on this holy day.

April 4 Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (note time change for this day only!)

9:30 Easter Brunch

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt for children

John 20:1-18 Mary Magdalene meets the Risen Christ

April 10 John 20:19-29 Thomas believes in Jesus

United Methodist Women – April 1st – 11 a.m.

The LUMC VIM Team will join the UMW on Thursday, April 1 at 11 a.m. A DVD will be shown and there will be lots of opportunity for informal questions and explorations of the experiences of Joe Darrell, Greg Horner, Judy Stillman, Celeste Graham and Pastor Lori. We look forward to seeing you there. Lunch will be served and a free-will offering taken.



EASTER BRUNCH GARDEN



On Thursday, April 1 starting at 1 p.m. - a group of us will be transforming the Fellowship Hall into a "Garden" for the Easter Brunch. If you have any flowering planters, garden furniture, etc. that you would like to "loan" for a day to help brighten the Hall, please bring it down! If you enjoy this kind of "transformation" please feel free to join in the fun! If you have any questions, ask Ginny Leavitt - 284-7857 or email ginleavitt@att.net.



Confirmation Class Service Project: UMCOR Health Kits

Our Confirmation Class invites you to contribute to their service project. Health kits are given to those experiencing disasters.

We welcome your donations of NEW items according to the season of your birthday:

The following items must be NEW:

hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)

washcloth

comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.

Cash donations will be used for additional supplies or shipping. A box is in the Fellowship Hall to receive your donations by May 1. Thank you!



SUNDAY BUZZ GROUPS:

Easter Sunday there will be no classes for children and youth so that they may attend the services with their families.

AROUND AND ABOUT LUMC:

We sorrow, but not as those without hope, upon the death of Gloria Pleis' brother, Gary Cook, on March 21st. We hold Gloria and Wendell in our prayers in this season of loss.

We sorrow, but not as those without hope, upon the death of former member, Bill Foltz, on March 22nd in Modesto following a bicycle accident.

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ENDOWMENT MONEY STILL AVAILABLE

The Outreach Grant of \$250 was used for the VIM Project in Costa Rica. The Endowment Committee has received one request of \$250 for the Inreach Grant, leaving \$655 available. Interested groups can get an application from Lorri Sullivan in the church office. The applications can be left in Doug Cowden's box by the church office.

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ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17

Preview Party for church families, Thursday eve., April 15



Are you into cleaning out those closets, the garage, etc.? Then think of the church's annual RUMMAGE SALE and know with your help and contributions, it can be the biggest and best yet! We can take all sorts of items for sale, except, please, no heavy overstuffed furniture or big appliances! In other words, anything so heavy, it takes a crew to move it! Clothing is accepted but remember it should be clean and in good condition. (Team logo shirts do not sell!) It would be best if you bring your goods to donate after church on Sunday, April 11, or during the first three days of the week during church office hours. Should you need to bring items early, call Ginny Leavitt at 284-7857. We have some arranged storage.

Remember, your discards are often someone else's treasures.

We will be setting up for the sale during the days of Monday through Thursday (April 12-15). If you can spare some time to help with set up or during the sale days, please let us know by filling out the separate flyer (in the Tower Notes or in the Sunday bulletin) or give Ginny a call – 284-7857.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP AT LUMC's ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Below is a list of help needed; please indicate as many ways as you would like to be involved! Set-up times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Come for the amount of time that fits your schedule!) We hope to be all set up by noon Thursday, so bring your items in as soon as possible during the week!

_____ will donate items
 _____ can pick-up items
 _____ can help with set-up _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed.
 _____ Thurs. _____ AM _____ PM
 _____ can provide lunch for the all day workers _____ Mon. _____ Wed.
 _____ Thurs. (Tuesday is filled.)
 _____ can provide appetizers for Thursday Evening Preview Party
 _____ can make punch/coffee - supervise refreshment table
 Thursday eve.
 _____ will plan to attend Thursday's Preview Party (\$5 per person - workers receive Comp ticket)
 _____ can help with the SALE _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ AM _____ PM



(This year we plan to have the SALE also during Friendship Time Sunday Morning for church families)

(Please fill out this form, drop it in the offering plate, or turn it in to the church office)

NAME _____ Phone _____

MANY THANKS TO ANY AND ALL WHO CAN BE A PART OF THIS FUNDRAISING PROJECT FOR OUR CHURCH'S MISSION. If you have any questions, call Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857

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LIBRARY

Another new book will be shelved in the Christian Living section of our library. **Seeking the Unseen God, Faith Lessons From the Life of Moses**, by Martin R. Berglund, is filled with practical lessons about God, showing what faith looks like. Berglund takes us through Moses' life, highlighting his struggles, instruction and victories, to illustrate God's faithfulness and how we can follow.



The Play Group (an informal play time for 1 to 3 year-olds, and a chance for the Moms to get better acquainted) will meet weekly in the church nursery, on a drop-in basis, on Wednesday mornings, starting at 9:30 a.m. Babies are also welcome.

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR LUMC IN 2010: UPDATE

Signups are going well for the new pictorial directory of our church family. This directory, to be done by Olan Mills, will help us connect names with faces. We haven't had a new pictorial directory since 2005.

Please sign up to be photographed if you haven't already done so. For each family photographed at our church, LUMC will receive two "Olan Mills Dollars," coupons we can use to help pay for activity pages and extra directories for future new church members. Our goal is 103 family sign-ups. As of March 27, we have nearly 70 signed up.

The photography dates are May 5, May 6, May 7 and May 8. Signups following the morning worship service will continue through the end of April.

If you have a family member in the military service, Olan Mills offers a free directory page to honor those serving our country. Please give his/her photograph to me.

Other families not available for photography should also give me their photograph for inclusion in the "not available for photography" section of the directory. Some limited opportunities exist for photography at other local churches, if your family is unavailable on May 5-8 and wish to be included in the main section of the directory. Contact me to inquire.

In the meanwhile, please check your listing in the most current LUMC non-pictorial directory to be sure all your information is correct.

I've very excited about coordinating a new pictorial directory for LUMC and I hope all of you will participate. Our new directory won't be complete without you.

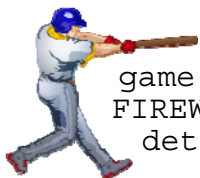
Laurel Anne Hill

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2010 Summer Camps Announced

United Methodist Camps for our California-Nevada United Methodist Churches have been announced for children, junior high and senior high youth. More information is available at www.cnumc.org/camping. Church camp is often a life-changing experience.

PLANNING AHEAD!



LUMC's night at the OAKLAND A's - August 7, 6 P.M.
game Group tickets for the A's vs. Rangers - plus spectacular
FIREWORKS. Tickets are limited - save the date! Watch for
details!



FOOD DONATION BASKETS

Times are tough for many of our neighbors and friends here in Contra Costa County. In order to help alleviate hunger here at home, one of the easiest and most effective things we can do as a congregation is to make sure our food donation baskets are filled every week with non-perishable food items (canned fruits & vegetables, soup, boxed pasta, etc.) so that we might help The Contra Costa Food Bank keep their stocks up. Most of us here at LUMC have plenty of food and for that we should be thankful. We should also be thankful that we have this opportunity to help those in need. Please find the food donation baskets (one is located in the west entrance to church and the other has been moved to Fellowship Hall) and help us to fill them up!

Save the Date

Get It! 1

SonQuest Rainforest VBS

Come to SonQuest Rainforest for the Adventure of a Lifetime!

We are excited about Lafayette United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible Day Camp

to be held Monday - Friday, July 12 - July 16, 2010
9 a.m. - 12 noon
Ages 3-15
Cost: \$50
955 Moraga Road, Lafayette

This summer, bring your kids to SonQuest Rainforest VBS—an experience of discovery they'll never forget! Based on five key Bible verses that will change a child's life—including John 3:16—SonQuest Rainforest VBS transports young minds into a vivid rainforest environment of jungle sounds, sights and smells, where they'll dig into the Bible and meet Jesus in every day's story.

Theme Verse:
For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. —John 3:16

Get Found! 2

Get Praying! 3

Get Going! 4

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, April 8, 2010**

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