

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

May 16, 2010

LUMC Challenge to Sponsor a Child in the Philippines

Twelve years ago the California-Nevada Annual Conference honored Bishop Melvin G. Talbert's wife, Ethelou, with an offering dedicated to establishing the Ethelou D. Talbert Shelter for Girls. The shelter has since been incorporated with the Center for Children and Youth Welfare (Gilead Center) in the countryside. The Center's mission is to:

1. Provide education, food, and clothing to children suffering from the devastating effects of poverty;
2. Serve the poor in a caring and liberating way;
3. Journey with the poor in building a new heaven and a new earth.

Currently the program is housing and serving 32 children at a cost of \$707 per child, per year. The 2010 Annual Conference Offering goal is to raise funds to provide 50% of that cost.

LUMC's Finance Committee believes that LUMC has the heart and passion to fund the full cost of a child for a year – a total of \$707!! You are invited to help make that challenge. Donations for this cause will be received as a Special Offering on Sundays, May 23 and 30. Checks may be payable to LUMC, designated "Shelter for Girls."



PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23

We will celebrate the birthday of the church on May 23. We will welcome 12 confirmands into the membership of LUMC. Wear red, orange, or yellow to signify the tongues of fire that lit upon the disciples, endowing them with the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2)!

STITCH-IN-TIME

Stitch-in-Time will meet at 12:30, May 20 at Ginny Horner's house. We will have a potluck lunch and then work on a group project. The group project this month is zipper pulls. For this project we need beads. New ideas and people of all skill levels are always welcome. If you would like to come or donate beads, contact Ginny Horner at 925-284-9585 or vhorner@earthlink.net.



Facebook Ate My Teenager *Parenting Your Teen in the Digital Age*

- Does your son give hours to video games and only minutes to chores, homework and friends?
- Is your daughter texting instead of sleeping?
- What happens if my son receives porno on his phone?

Wednesdays, May 19th and 26th, 7-8:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill

Speakers: Dr. Marc D. Komori Stager, East Bay Family Therapy
Officer Kelli Geis, Pleasant Hill Police Department

In this two-part series, you will learn about digital technology and its effect on your teens and your family. You will find out about Facebook, instant messaging, texting, file sharing and video games. We will explore both the positive and negative aspects of each technological issues, including legal aspects.

The event is free, but seating is limited. To register contact Dr. Marc at (925) 325-5022, Dr.Marc@EastBayFamilyTherapy.com or www.EastBayFamilyTherapy.com



California Council of Churches Primary Election Ballot Recommendations

The California Council of Churches has carefully deliberated on the five propositions found on the June 2010 statewide ballot. Their recommendations and background can be found on their website, www.churchimpact.org. Copies will also be available at Friendship Time.

JUNE Happy Birthday

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Patricia Hershey | 13 Alicia Hill | 22 Dean Coons |
| 2 Tanner Burke | Chris Newcomb | 24 Evonne Soon |
| Tom Woo | 15 Fran Smith | Celeste Warner |
| 3 Jacquie Kolbe | 16 Jacqueline Miller | Sara Woo |
| David White | Frank Raggon | 26 Skyler DeMartini |
| 4 David Smith | 17 Linda Curtis | 27 Roger Falcone |
| 5 Helen Harding | 18 Juliett Gendron | Kalene Sanders |
| Emily Shearer | Julia Husch | 28 Troy Tollen |
| Liz Straw | Trevor Martin | 29 Matthew Hartshorn |
| 6 Gretchen Placzek | Martha Raggon | 30 Jan Davis |
| 8 Russell Alger | 21 Jack Cotteral | |
| 11 Peter Vanderliet | Christopher Kintner | |
| | John Kintner | |
| | Pat Porter | |

Wedding Anniversaries

- 5 Martha and Frank Raggon
- 9 Barbara and Rod Levander
- 11 Julie and Brad Lennon
- 12 Chor Jee and David Chow
- Fran and Vic Smith
- 14 Alissa and Bill Scanlin
- 16 Maureen and Jim Straw
- 18 Barbara and Ray Peters
- 20 Heather and John Alger
- Donna and Chuck Walls
- 24 Sara and Tom Woo
- 25 Anne and Mark Vale
- 27 Jan and Tracy Davis
- 29 Meng and Greg Ward

FRIENDSHIP TIME PREPARATION

Many have noted the special nature of the fellowship time we have following worship. If you would be willing to take on this responsibility one or more Sundays in June please let the church office know by calling: 284-4765 or lumc@pacbell.net. Sundays in need of this ministry are: June 6, 13, 20 and 27. Basic responsibilities include:

Arrive by 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Start coffee, hot water for tea, and prepare lemonade
Purchase (and be reimbursed) muffins or light snacks
Set up snacks on trays



A Guide to LUMC Recycling Containers!

On our church campus, here's a guide to what to place in which containers!!

Note: we only receive money for aluminum cans and plastic & glass containers with the CRV label!

You need not bring your paper products to the church; you may recycle them at home!

Gray containers

Aluminum cans, Plastic & glass containers with CRV label in Fellowship Hall Entrance for cash!! (These produce income for our budget)

Blue recycling containers

Paper products (Sunday program, etc.) for materials used on church campus. Used paper coffee cups without coating
Plastics which do not bring cash...coffee cup lids, clean food containers
Pizza boxes empty of food scraps

Trash cans

Food waste, restroom waste, plastic bags...

Save the Date



**Come to Son Quest 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*



Dear Friends,

Healing comes from many places. In Dottie's case, this includes our friends in the Lafayette congregation. We wish both to thank you for your warm "get well" messages and to report that Dottie is progressing well and looks forward to returning home in another week.

*Blessings and love,
Gil Vieira*

PLAY GROUP

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.



Celebrate Father's Day at LUMC

Come to worship service and stay for a PICNIC afterwards!

Details to follow, but save the date – Sunday, June 20!



I want to compliment the persons responsible for setting up the “Stations of the Cross” experience. It was magical. It was mystical. It was done with artistry and simplicity. One could sense the intent with which the elements on each table were selected and placed. I think the “Stations of the Cross” should be repeated every year. It certainly has value to the church membership and as a community mission outreach.

Blanche Cancel



LUMC GOES to the As GAME!
Saturday, August 7, 2010

6:05 p.m. game with FIREWORKS afterwards
CHOICE SEATING!

Section 218 - Plaza Infield - Rows 8,9,10

\$20 each -- reserve early

Call Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857 or email ginleavitt@att.net

LUMC Minutes of the Church Council Meeting of April 20, 2010

Members present: Chairperson Tom Henderson, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Robyn Roberts, Jack Cotteral, Pat Porter, Lynn Sabatini, Bob Lewis, Carol Slatten and Secretary Kurt Teichmann.

The meeting began with sharing of Joys and Concerns. Chairperson Henderson officially opened the formal meeting at 7:35 by announcing that the Committee would begin reviewing the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Two sections, Radical Hospitality and Passionate Worship were discussed.

The February 16, 2010 Church Council minutes were presented. Jack Cotteral noted that there was a policy exception with the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Trustees having terms expiring the same year. This was discussed. Motion for approval made by Carol Slatten and seconded by Robyn Roberts. Approved unanimously.

FINANCE: Chairperson Bob Lewis reported that through March, pledged income was \$7,100 under expectations while non-pledged income was about \$7,500 above expectations. Plate offerings were \$400 under expectations while Special Offering was above \$700 above budget. Use of church facilities was on budget. Total Income was about \$900 over budget. Administrative office Maintenance and Building Maintenance expenses are running about \$3000 below budget. Programs were \$1200 over budget specifically Sierra Service Project/Choir and Music although this is a seasonal anomaly. Our Pastor's expenses are running \$1000 above expectations principally because of Health Insurance costs. Staff and Staff expenses are running about \$5,900 below budget of which about \$2,600 is because a Youth Director has not been hired. Overall, Net Income is currently about \$7,000 over budget. There were no significant Balance Sheet items to report.

TRUSTEES: Pastor Lori Sawdon reported that the Courtyard Committee has scheduled a meeting for 4/21. The Courtyard Committee will solicit expressions of interest from 10 landscapers. These will be narrowed down to three and then interviewed. The Courtyard Committee includes Mason Walters, Mark VandenBerghe, Wendell Pleis, Eric Schroter, Henry Kim, Robyn Roberts, and Pastor Lori Sawdon. Separately, Pastor Lori complimented the Clean Up Work Day efforts by many Boy Scouts and many church faithful. Hot water has been re-installed in the Pastor's Office Area lavatory. Also there has been some maintenance at the parsonage including cosmetic additions and creating a more efficient furnace system.

STAFF PARISH: Robyn Roberts reported that the Committee is looking for a Youth Leader. The selection committee is to include present youth leaders, Staff Parish Committee members, Pastor Sawdon, and some youths.

PROGRAM COUNCIL: It was reported that the Rummage Sale had netted \$5,200. Church Council commended the hard work of Ginny Leavitt and many, many LUMC faithful. The next event is a dinner at El Jaros on May 2nd.

ENDOWMENT: It was reported that Chairperson Doug Cowden was stranded in Rome because of the Icelandic volcano. Reports will be presented at the next meeting. It was

To make it easier for members who are planning a gift to the church (e.g. in their will), Church Council also approved a new form that can be used to designate how a gift should be used. This new form is reproduced below, and you can get a copy for your use in the church office. Copies of the proposed revisions to the Endowment policy are also available in the church office, for members who are interested.

We are truly blessed to have an Endowment Fund, and grateful for the generous contributions that have made the Fund possible. If you would like to learn more about the Endowment Fund, this year's Inreach and Outreach grants, or the proposed changes to the policy, please stop by the Lower Fireside Room after church on June 6, 2010. We will have information available and people who can answer your questions.



PLANNED GIFTS to Lafayette United Methodist Church

Lafayette United Methodist Church has been the blessed recipient of several estate gifts from church members. We are grateful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of those who remember the church and are interested in its continuing vitality and ministry.

If you are arranging a planned gift to the church (bequest by will, charitable remainder trust, assignment of life insurance, life income gifts, etc.), you might consider offering direction to the church regarding use of the funds. The following notations from you, registered in the church office, would be helpful to the Church Council upon receipt of your gift.

My preference is that my bequest or gift be used in the following manner:

_____ LUMC PERMANENT ENDOWMENT Fund

(Select one or both of the following Funds):

_____ INREACH Fund – for special projects (program and building) within LUMC

_____ OUTREACH Fund – for special projects outside the LUMC community

_____ For CURRENT NEEDS as determined by Church Council at the time of receipt. This might include a specific ministry, capital project, etc.

_____ To be allocated between the LUMC PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND and CURRENT NEEDS as determined by Church Council at the time of receipt.

_____ OTHER: _____

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please give a signed copy to the Lafayette United Methodist Church Office for future reference.

12/15/09

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TOWER NOTES DEADLINE

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