

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

July 11, 2010

Summer Worship at LUMC – *The Stories of Jesus*

In coordination with the Vacation Bible School's focus on the parables of Jesus, our worship life this summer will focus on Jesus' parables from the Gospel of Luke. A parable has been referred to as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning."

Join us for worship at 10:00.

July 18 Vacation Bible School Sunday

July 25 Jazz in July Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Parable of the Lost Son

August 1 Sierra Service Project Sunday

August 8 Communion Luke 18:9-14 Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector

JAZZ IN JULY WORSHIP!

Sunday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.

Featuring the Joyful Noise Jazz Band in the Fellowship Hall



Followed by a Potluck meal.



Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

Chicken, dessert and beverages will be provided.

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LUMC Dines out in Lafayette At MANGIA!



Wednesday, July 21 - 5:30 p.m.

Regular Menu (most entrees are between \$9 - \$12, plus tax and tip).
Contact Ginny Leavitt by Sunday noon July 18, if you plan to attend so
that Mangia! reserves enough table space for us! One check for our
group! - so be sure you have cash!

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A's Game and Fireworks

LAST CHANCE to join the LUMC group at the A's game and
fireworks. On FRIDAY, August 6 - - - 7 p.m. Game Time! Contact
Ginny Leavitt - 284-7857 or ginleavitt@att.net before noon, on
Wednesday July 21!



Summer Vacation Photos!

We're preparing a slide show of YOUR summer vacation to show our church family on Homecoming Sunday, September 12! Submit up to five photos with your family names and vacation location. Digital photos of the highest quality may be emailed to David White at dandjw@comcast.net. Print photos may be given to David or left in the church office for scanning; they will be returned to you.



JOYFUL BEGINNINGS!

Know someone looking for a preschool with reasonable rates? Just had a new neighbor with little ones move into the area? Joyful Beginnings, our own preschool, has some availability in all three session - T, Th for 3 year olds, MWF for the 4s, and PreK (5 days) for the 5 year olds or nearly 5. The Preschool can be reached at 284-1143, or call Ginny Leavitt - 284-7857, for more information. Joyful accept children who will be 2 1/2 by September 1. (The child does not need to be potty trained.)



FOOD BASKETS

**Don't forget to bring
nonperishable food and place in the
food baskets at both entrances
to the church sanctuary.**



Around About LUMC

We sorrow, but not as those without hope, upon the death of **Martha Gerringer** on July 2. As we remember and celebrate her life, we offer our love and prayers to her husband, Bruce, son Michael, and his family, Teresa, Madison, and Mackenzie.

Judy Stillman worshiped at Rockville Presbyterian Church, Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, on June 27, 2010. She enjoyed a reunion with nine members of the Costa Rica Volunteer in Mission Team! Pastor Lori enjoys seeing the worship programs from your travels!



August

Happy Birthday

2 Carol Miller	13 Rod Levander	21 Peter Heizer
3 Jessica Zischke	Peter Shephard	23 Veryl Shaffer
4 Shelley Harding	15 Jacob Partlow	24 Michael Gerringer
10 Michele Miller	16 Paul Gendron	Cindy Tornow
11 Beth White	18 Debbie Nakamura	25 Jim Straw
12 Raymond Heizer	19 Evan Heptig	31 Janine Crowe
Sophia Loughran-Smith	Debbie Newcomb	
	Jared Schroter	

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Victoria and Troy Tollen
- 6 Chen Yin and Randy Noah
- 12 Leslie and Chuck Murray
- 14 Nancy and Jack Cotteral
- 17 Leiola and Richard Walter
- 18 Chris and Dean Coons
- 21 Ginny and Doug Cowden

The Magic of EFT has come to LUMC

Having trouble remembering when your pledge is due? Tired of writing pledge checks? Now through the magic of electronic funds transfer (ETF) you can have your pledge automatically withdrawn from your bank account in the same manner that some of you pay your utility bills (PG&E, EBMUD and etc.). For more information and a transfer form, stop by the church office or contact Lorri Sullivan in the church office at (925) 284-4765.

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Costa Rica 2011

Volunteer in Mission Team Gears Up—You're Invited!!

Interested in joining the 2011 LUMC Costa Rica Volunteer in Mission team, or just thinking about it, or want to know how you can help with your support and prayers? The tentative date for the mission is February 25 through March 6. The mission involves building relationships, construction, and Vacation Bible School. Spanish language ability not required!

We'll get together on Sunday, August 29 after church service in the Lower Fireside Room to begin plans. If you have any questions about the mission before the meeting, check with Joe Darrell or Pastor Lori. See you there!!

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LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL and our ALL CHURCH FUNDRAISER Boutique and Luncheon - Sat. Nov. 6

This is your opportunity to share some of your talents! Stitch in Time has made many items - neck warmers, zipper pulls, scarves, purses, cardholders, knit hats, etc., BUT there will be plenty of need for something that you might like to contribute - crafts? wooden items? pottery? note cards? jams and jellies? baked goods? Give it some thought, think about the church project during some of those idle moments this summer, and get started on your idea now.... Indicate what you would like to contribute to me - Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857 - ginleavitt@att.net --- or simply fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office.....

I will make _____ for the Fall Fundraiser.

Name _____ Phone _____

Director of Youth Ministry Lafayette United Methodist Church

We are seeking an enthusiastic, dynamic, faith-filled director of an active youth ministry for up to 40 middle school and high school youth. Our mission is to assist youth in experiencing the love of Christ and expressing it in their daily lives.

The Director of Youth Ministry coordinates

- Sunday morning Christian education;
- Sunday evening youth groups with fellowship, food, recreation, programs;
- Local service opportunities;
- Communication of youth events.

Hours: 20 hours per week
Start Date: July 1, 2010
Salary: \$20,800 a year
Contact: Rev. Lori Sawdon

Interested applicants should send a resume and letter of interest to:

Rev. Lori Sawdon
Lafayette United Methodist Church
955 Moraga Road
Lafayette, CA 94549
Phone: 925.284.4765
FAX: 925.284.5170

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LUMC Church Council Minutes June 15, 2010

Members present: Chairperson Tom Henderson, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Doug Cowden, Ginny Cowden, Ginny Leavitt, Dean Coons, 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 7:37. The April 10, 2010 Church Council minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Carol Slatten, Seconded by Doug Cowden. Approved unanimously.

Finance: Chairperson Bob Lewis reported that through May 30, pledged income was \$9,500 under budget while non-pledged income was about \$6,300 above expectations. Plate offerings were \$400 under expectations while Special Offerings were about \$900 above budget. Use of church facilities was \$900 below budget. Parking lot use is running about \$1,000 above expectations. Total Income was about \$2,400 below

budget. Administrative office Maintenance and Building Maintenance expenses are running about \$3,100 below budget. Programs were \$400 under budget. Our Pastor's expenses are running \$500 below expectations. Staff and Staff expenses are running about \$9,100 below budget of which about \$4,300 is because a Youth Director has not been hired. Total expenses are running about \$12,600 below budget. Overall, Net Income is currently about \$10,200 over budget. The process of hiring a new Youth Ministry Director may not occur until Fall but this will affect expenses the remainder of the year. There were no significant Balance Sheet changes to report.

Trustees: The Courtyard Committee has begun interviewing landscape architects for the major courtyard project. Chairperson Henderson distributed an email from Trustee Pat Porter which reported that retaining wall repairs (from the parking lot to the courtyard) are to be done in June, the parking lot was restriped in May and hot water was installed in the office lavatory. Boy Scouts helped with the parking lot restriping. The Trustees are in the process of buying a new sound system for the Sanctuary. The Trustees toured the Education Building and Fellowship Hall and noted many items needing attention. The length of the list (2+ pages) will require prioritizing. The Trustees plan to walk through the Sanctuary at their next meeting.

Staff Parish: The Committee will step up its advertising for the Youth Director position.

Program Council: Ginny Leavitt reported that there were 21 for a Sunday evening dinner at El Jarros. There will be hamburgers plus a pot luck for Fathers' Day on June 20. For the June 27 service, members are invited to wear the clothes they will wear the rest of the day. Jazz in July is scheduled for the last Sunday of that month. Sign ups for the A's game including fireworks have been going well.

Endowment: Committee Chairperson Doug Cowden reported that Endowment had approved an outreach grant of \$250 for the church's volunteer mission to Costa Rica through VIM. Inreach grants of \$400 for the Youth Ministry for the purchase of contemporary language Bibles and \$255 to the Worship Commission for a new Nativity Scene for the church and \$1,132 to the Trustees for new stand-alone campus maps. Motion to approve these grants made by Kurt Teichmann, seconded by Ginny Cowden, and approved unanimously. Also, the Endowment Committee requested approval of a \$250 grant from the Inreach Fund for scholarships for the church's annual retreat and a \$250 grant for the Retreat Fund for the annual retreat expenses. Motion to approve these grants made by Doug Cowden and seconded by Ginny Leavitt. Approved unanimously. Doug Cowden also reported that the Investment Policy was in its fourth draft so should be finalized soon.

Old Business: Ginny Leavitt said that the Smith Barney account was no longer needed and would be closed.

Chairperson Henderson noted that so many Church members contributed their time to the church so it would be good to recognize them. Pastor Lori noted that a high percentage of worship attendees also participate in other ministries of the church. She will prepare a Tower Notes article to report on this.

New Business: Pastor Lori, Tom Henderson, Jack Cotteral and Ginny Leavitt attended the most recent Lafayette City Council meeting. It was reported at that meeting that Lafayette had agreed to purchase the property on Moraga Road adjacent our play area. The price is \$2.3 million. The City is planning a parking lot for up to 72 vehicles. The ramifications of this were discussed. These four members have been

The upcoming Annual Conference is to vote on whether each church in the Conference must pay for its minister's pension directly rather than through apportionments. The drawback of paying from apportionments is that it is a voluntary-best-efforts basis so not all churches have been paying them. Since LUMC has been regularly paying its apportionments, paying just its own minister's pension would save LUMC over \$6,000. Pastor Lori asked for feedback on whether LUMC would want to donate that savings to help pay for other churches' pensions. This was discussed at length with the consensus being that we should not.

Pastor Lori distributed copies of the book SiMPLE CHURCH to the Committee members. It was agreed that all members would try to read the first 82 pages by the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Kurt F. Teichmann, Church Council Secretary



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