

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOWER NOTES



Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

August 12, 2010

HOMECOMING SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 12
AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

OLD FASHION POTLUCK LUNCHEON
BRING A FAVORED DISH TO SHARE

JOIN IN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!
WATCH THE DVD PRESENTATION OF
SUMMER FUN!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PS Have you turned in your favorite photos
to David White so you, too, can be in the presentation????



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.

LUMC DINES OUT

FAMILY NIGHT!

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

Monday, August 23, 2010

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Take this flyer to Lafayette Round Table
Submit with your meal payment
Round Table will donate a % to LUMC!



Costa Rica 2011

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

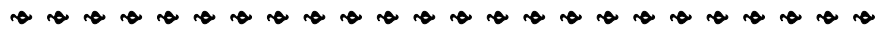
Interested in joining the 2011 LUMC Costa Rica Volunteer in Mission team, or just thinking about it, or want to know how you can help with your support and prayers? The tentative date for the mission is February 25 through March 6. The mission involves building relationships, construction, and Vacation 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!!



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.)



Around About LUMC

We sorrow, but not as those without hope, upon the death of **Mary Hobson** on July 27. Mary was a member of LUMC for 36 years, along with her husband, Bob. Mary has been serving in a variety of ways, including as a member of Staff-Parish Relations Committee, United Methodist Women, a Sunday offering counter, and Sunday morning Friendship Time preparation. We offer our condolences to Bob and their sons and spouses, Steve and Michelle, Mike and Nina, and grandchildren, Nicholas and Alexa.



Small Groups for Bible Study and Spiritual Formation

Please join us for a 9-week small group experience. We will use the book *The Way of Grace* to explore the Gospel of John and how divine grace is at work in our lives today, just as it was in the lives of biblical characters 2000 years ago.

Two groups will meet in the Church Library/Room 9 as follows:

Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. beginning September 14 – led by Judy Stillman

Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m. beginning September 19 – led by Pat Hershey

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and pick up a book after church service on September 5 or 12. You can also call the church office to sign up, or just come to the first meeting.

More August Birthdays to Celebrate!

17 Nat Beeman

21 Ken Mansfield



September Happy Birthday

1 Samantha Martin
Gene Swift
3 Tiffany Grayson
5 Virginia Black
Ann Longley
Mary Renno
6 Jessie Welcomer
7 Taylor Greenthal
Brad Lennon
8 Barbara Levander

9 Siena DeCarlo
Teri Logan
Richard Reeder
11 Evelyn Clark
Addison Placzek
17 Mark Vale
Julia White
18 Cheen Chow
Lynn Sabatini
21 Sherri Gendron

22 Connor Davis
Kurt Teichmann
23 Eric Falkenberg
24 Patrick Roarty
25 Sarina Woo
27 Nicholas Chechele
Fletcher Hartshorn
29 Lauren Chuck
Harrison Kim
30 Madison Gerringer

Happy Anniversary

2 Jim and Carol Floyd
4 Gretchen and Alex Placzek
4 Gloria and Wendell Pleis
8 Bill and Brenda Cooke
14 Dennis and Debbie Nakamura
20 Mark and Cathy VandenBerghe



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.



Sunday, October 3

Starts at 1:00 p.m. at Civic Park, Walnut Creek

Sponsor Forms are available in the Office

25% of the proceeds support the Winter Nights Shelter



WINTER NIGHTS

LUMC will once again be participating in the Winter Nights Homeless Shelter program sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. Families who are homeless live in churches or synagogues while congregations help to feed them. The program runs from October to April and the first stop is St. Anselm's Episcopal Church in Lafayette from October 11-24. LUMC will share the responsibility from Oct. 18-21 and we need your help. We will need people to:

- work with us from 5-8 p.m.
- provide evening meals
- buy food for breakfasts and lunches
- help with childcare and tutoring
- spend the night in case of emergencies

If you or a group you are involved with are interested in helping with Winter Nights, please get in touch with Jackie Cox (925) 284-7809 or carsonandcox@att.net To answer questions or get more information, contact Judy Stillman (925) 933-9351 or jstillma@pacbell.

In addition, WN has 'Traveling Tutors' who volunteer weekly to coordinate the childcare and tutoring programs. If you can spare one day a week from 5-8 p.m., and would like to be a TT, please contact Judy. High school and college age are welcome.

**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 _____

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**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

LUMC Combined Church Council and Finance Committee Meeting July 20, 2010

Members present: Church Council Chairperson Tom Henderson, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Ginny Leavitt, Dean Coons, Lynn Sabatini, Bob Lewis, Carol Slatten, Pat Hershey, Pat Porter, Robyn Roberts, Carol Zischke, Jack Cotteral, and Secretary Kurt Teichmann.

The meeting began with sharing of Joys and Concerns. Chairperson Henderson officially opened the formal meeting at 7:04.

The first part of the book SiMPLE CHURCH was discussed. The comments were complimentary to our church. It was agreed that our church was too small to have a lot of small groups. The consensus was that we should have members identified to greet visitors to the church. It was agreed that chapters 4 through 6 should be read by all before the next CC meeting.

The June 15 Church Council minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Dean Coons, Seconded by Carol Slatten. Approved with all voting in favor except Robyn Roberts who abstained.

Finance: Committee Chairperson Bob Lewis reported that through June 30, Pledge Income is running about \$13,400 under expectations. Non-pledged income is running about \$4,800 above expectations. Plate offerings are running about \$400 under expectations. Special offerings are \$900 below expectations. Use of church facilities plus parking lot use is \$2,200 above budget. He reported that Total Income is running about \$9,100 below budget. Administrative/Office expenses, mainly maintenance, are running about \$4,300 below budget. Pastor expenses are \$1,300 above expectations because pastor's health insurance bill was paid early. Staff and Staff expenses are running \$10,800 below expectations primarily because of not having a Director of Youth Ministry and Workman's Comp expenses. Overall, Total Expenses are running about \$13,300 below expectations. And Net Income is about \$4,200 over budget. He reported that there were no significant balance sheet items to report.

Trustees: Robyn Roberts reported for the Courtyard Subcommittee. The Courtyard Subcommittee has selected Charles McCullough as the landscape architect and has submitted his contract to Trustees for review and approval. McCullough has local and church experience. The cost of the plan is within budget which has already been put in reserve. Mason Walters is the chair of this subcommittee. The project may be done in stages.

Staff Parish: No report.

Nominations and Leadership Development: Pastor Lori reported that an August meeting will be set to start working on nominations for next year.

Program Council: Ginny Leavitt listed several appealing social functions planned. These include dinner at Mangia's, Jazz Sunday, and Oakland A's game. Homecoming is scheduled for September 12th including a potluck and vacation pictures to be shown on the big screen. So members are encouraged to get pictures in to David White by email or hard copy. The church will once again participate in Winter Nights (caring for the homeless) in October.

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