

**\* THIS WEEK AT LEESBURG UMC \***

**Sunday 1/1/12**

**New Year's Day**  
8:15 AM Traditional Worship  
9:45 AM Praise Worship  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship



**Monday 1/2/12**

**Office Closed**  
7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsm)  
7:00 PM UMW Exec Bd (Wes)

**Tuesday 1/3/12**

10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)  
7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)  
7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)  
7:00 PM L.E.I. (AG1)

**Wednesday 1/4/12**

10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)  
10:30 AM Missions team (Libr)  
7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)

**Thursday 1/5/12**

8:30 AM Play Day Thursday (nursery)  
10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)  
12:15 PM LUMP music (Asb)  
7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)  
7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)  
7:30 PM Lay Leadership (Libr)

**Friday 1/6/12**

11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)  
6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)  
8:00 PM rehearsal (AG)

**Saturday 1/7/12**

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Asb)  
9:00 AM OA (Parl)  
10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)

**Sunday 1/8/12**

8:15 AM Traditional Worship  
9:45 AM Praise Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship  
12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)  
3:00 PM ESL teacher meeting (Wes)

**Our Prayers**

**Healing:** Harry & Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Clayton Mallery, Ginny Moore, Jim Tiffany, Owen Robert, Sarah Domin, Charlie Luna

**Military & non-military personnel serving overseas,** especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, and Don Lew, Jr.

**Condolences:** to Carolyn Reynolds and family on the death of her sister, Jane, on December 22.

**Winchester District**

**Annual Leadership Training -January 14**

All church members in leadership positions of any kind are encouraged to attend! If you have not already signed up, you can go to District website [www.winchesterdistrictumc.org](http://www.winchesterdistrictumc.org) for the registration forms and more information.

**Church Robber Still At Large**

The thief who stole money and keys from LUMC in October is apparently still working churches in the area. Please be attentive and welcoming to unfamiliar people in our midst, so that visitors will be welcomed. Also, be careful of how and where you leave your valuables on Sunday mornings.

**CHECK THE CALENDAR!**

*LUMC facilities get a lot more use than you may be aware of. If you want to have an unscheduled meeting – especially in Wesley or Asbury halls – please check the weekly calendar posted by the office door before you get started. To schedule a room, please call or email Linda Stoutenburgh in the church office. 703-777-2056, office@leesburgumc.org*

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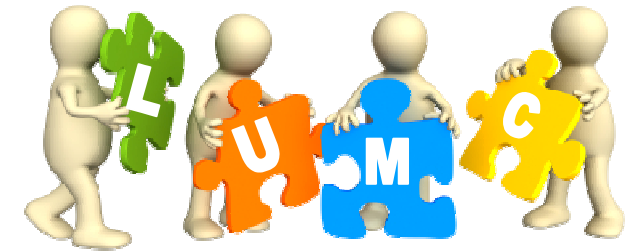
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## RECONNECT SUNDAY: Jan. 8

Please join us in Asbury Hall on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for Reconnect Sunday. Come find out where you can fit in during 2012! Breakfast will be served from 7:30 – 11:00am and the following ministries will be represented

Adult Discipleship  
English as a Second Language (ESL)  
Children's Ministry  
Evangelism (LEI)  
Missions  
Leesburg United Methodist Preschool (LUMP)  
Financial Peace University (FPU)  
Altar Guild  
Youth Handbells  
Greeters  
Stephen's Ministry  
United Methodist Men (UMM)  
United Methodist Women (UMW)  
Youth

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Laura van Leliveld; [laura@leesburgumc.org](mailto:laura@leesburgumc.org) or 703.443.0043

*LUMC4Life—We're downtown and all around!  
"The mission of LUMC is to make disciples who live transformed lives, and influence their generation and the next with God's love!"*

## Ministries

### ► FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AND NARTHEX

The Altar Guild would like to offer you the opportunity to have flowers on the Altar or in the narthex in celebration, honor, memory or thanksgiving of someone or for a special occasion. Would you like to sponsor a Sunday? If so, please sign the flower calendar across from the church office and fill out a "Flower Request Form."

Please note: This year, in the spirit of the Lenten Season (February 26-April 1), the Altar Guild will be placing greens on the Altar and in the narthex instead of flowers. All money collected for sponsorship during Lent will be donated towards a church mission or charity. If you would like to sponsor greens during a Sunday in Lent your message will appear in the bulletin and a donation will be made with the funds by the Altar Guild.

### ► RECONNECT SUNDAY: SAVE THE DATE!

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is Reconnect Sunday. Join us in Asbury Hall between 7:30 and 11:00 for breakfast, meet some new people and find where you will fit in! Representatives from the various LUMC ministries will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. For information or questions, please contact Laura van Leliveld at [laura@leesburgumc.org](mailto:laura@leesburgumc.org).

### ► PLAY DAY THURSDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with the Play Day Thursday ministry. Play Day Thursday is held the first and third Thursdays of every month from 8:30 – 11:30am in the Nursery. Caregivers of children under the age of 3 are able to drop the children off and enjoy a morning out, the new volunteer would join Celesta Miller and Margrit Snyder in caring for the up to 6 children that sign up. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laura van Leliveld at [laura@leesburgumc.org](mailto:laura@leesburgumc.org).

### ► FINANCIAL PEACE

**Financial Peace University dates** have been set for January! We will be starting the next session on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the AG front room. We are also considering a weekday morning

class, more details soon. More details are on the website: <http://LeesburgUMC.org/Ministries/FPU>

### ► LEESBURG UMC PRESCHOOL

Preschool registration begins Feb. 6 for church members and currently enrolled families. There is a \$25 discount in the registration fee if you register that week. There will be an Open House on Jan. 9 and Jan. 30, 9:30-11 am. Please see our website for information: [www.leesburgunitedmethodistpreschool.com](http://www.leesburgunitedmethodistpreschool.com).

### ► INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE FORMING AT LUMC

Do you play an orchestral or band instrument? Interest is growing for an instrumental ensemble at LUMC. The vision for this group is to include not only adults, but our *middle school and high school* instrumentalists as well. If interested, please contact Pam Bentley at [pam@leesburgumc.org](mailto:pam@leesburgumc.org) for more information.

### ► STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stress and tragedy seem to be most favored in December. Maybe it just seems that way because Christmas time magnifies the tragedy. Either way Stephens Ministers are here to pray with you or for you.

We can come to your home or here at the church. This is all held in strict confidentiality.. Talk to Pastor Jim, Wayne Reynolds, or Lou Legard, our Stephens Leaders for a referral.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. " - Colossians 3:16a

### ► GIVE THE GIFT OF COMFORTING PRAYER

Do you have an acquaintance, a special friend, or a family member around whom you'd like to wrap a physical reminder of your concern and prayers? A prayer shawl, provided by the LUMC Prayer Shawl team, will provide the warm, comforting reminder that your special someone is being remembered in daily prayers. To learn more about giving a prayer shawl, contact Carolyn Reynolds (703-777-4796) or Bonita Metz (703-443-2142) or the church office (703-777 2056).

If you like to join the Prayer Shawl Team, bring knitting needles, crochet hook, or scissors to the monthly work session on the last Monday of each month, 2 – 4 pm, in the Church Parlor.

## Missions

### ► ANGEL TREE/ HOLIDAY COALITION TREES

Thank you, Thank you. Wow, LUMC is in the Christmas spirit. The Angel Trees and Holiday Coalition Tree tags were all taken and replaced with gifts for deserving families in the area.

You purchased 54 gifts for Holiday Coalition including bikes, toys and clothing. Members also purchased six bikes and over 80 gifts of clothing, toys, video games, baby books and many more items for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Thank you for sharing the love of Christmas with many families who are struggling this Christmas season.

Thank you to Betsy Creamer for organizing this and for Celesta Miller for delivering the gifts to Holiday Coalition.

### ► INTERFAITH RELIEF

Reminder it is the first Sunday of each month. We are so appreciative of everyone's **generous** donations. In Oct and Nov we collected 422 lbs of food. The bags can be found under the Missions table in Wesley Hall and it has a list on it with commonly needed food.

### ► ESL TEACHERS NEEDED

There is an opportunity for several English as Second Language (ESL) teachers, starting in our winter session. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED, only need to speak English. Contact Wayne Reynolds 703 777 4796 or the church office, 703 777 2056.

### ► ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you have a problem with alcohol, there is help. 540-667-0322 or 1-800-835-6130  
[www.AALoudounDistrict10.org](http://www.AALoudounDistrict10.org)

## Administration

### ► YEAR END GIVING FOR 2011

It is now too late to make contributions for 2011. All offerings put in the offering plates on Sunday, January 1, will be counted for 2012, regardless of any notes or preprinted dates that may be marked on your offering envelope. End-of-year giving statements should be mailed out approximately mid-January.

### ► 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPE SETS HAVE ARRIVED

Our 2012 offering envelope sets have arrived! Please pick up your set to save us the considerable postage expense of mailing them to you. If you do not find a set printed with your name, please sign up on the clipboard that is with the envelopes in Wesley Hall, and we will see that you get a set. Using a pre-printed offering envelope greatly simplifies the work of the counters and the financial secretary. Thank you for using them as much as possible!

*Linda Stoutenburgh, Financial Secretary*

### ► BULLETIN ITEM SUBMISSIONS

Items and information are due to the office by the end of the day each Wednesday, so that I have all bulletin information available first thing Thursday mornings. Items received after 8:30 am on a Thursday may not be able to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

*-Linda Stoutenburgh*

### ► LUMC PICTURE DIRECTORIES

LUMC picture Directories are available in tWesley Hall.

### ► INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

As winter weather approaches, just a reminder that LUMC will be open for worship on Sunday, regardless of the weather, except in very extreme weather conditions such as a hurricane, "100-year" flood, blinding blizzard conditions, etc.. We were fortunate to have the church open every Sunday this past winter. Always use good judgment and err on the side of safety when inclement weather hits the area. Check the church's website and local television/radio when in doubt.