

Sunday 2/12/12

Newsletter items due

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM Cookie sale (Wes)
- 9:00 AM Children's choir (choir rm)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Youth Gallery (AG2)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:00 AM SH band rehearsal (AG2)
- 11:15 AM Children's team (Green room)
- 12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)
- 4:30 PM MS youth group (AG)
- 4:30 PM Confirmation (AG)
- 6:00 PM Youth dinner (Asb)
- 6:30 PM MS band (AG)
- 6:30 PM SH youth group (AG)
- 7:00 PM LLO Merry Widow (Asb)

Monday 2/13/12

- 1:00 PM Beulah Johnson (Wes)
- 6:30 PM Preschool Comm (Parl)
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Wes)
- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrn)

Tuesday 2/14/12

Valentine's Day

- 9:00 AM Women's study (Teal rm)
- 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
- 12:30 PM LUMP Chapel (Sanc)
- 6:30 PM ESL (3rd floor)
- 6:30 PM FPU (AG)
- 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)
- 7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)
- 7:00 PM LLO Merry Widow (Asb)

Wednesday 2/15/12

- 9:00 AM FPU (AG)
- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 10:30 AM LUMP Chapel (Sanc)
- 6:00 PM ensemble rehearsal (AG2)
- 7:00 PM New Member Class (AG1)
- 7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)

Thursday 2/16/12


- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 10:30 AM LUMP Chapel (Sanc)
- 12:00 PM Prayer group (Sanc)
- 12:15 PM LUMP music (Asb)
- 6:30 PM ESL (3rd floor)
- 7:00 PM Church Council (Asb)
- 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)
- 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

Friday 2/17/12

- 2/17/12 Youth Ski Trip...
- 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
- 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Asb, classroom)

Our Prayers

Healing: Harry & Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Clayton Mallery, Jim Tiffany, Charlie Luna, Betty Potterfield, Kim Hardman, Lou Legard, Connie Collis, Frank Hinkle, Chris Larkins, Christy Tallamy, Ginny Moore



The altar and narthex flowers are given in loving memory of our daughter, Debora Anne 2/8/1956—6/28/1979, by Carolyn and Wayne Reynolds

Altar Flowers

Saturday 2/18/12

- 9:00 AM OA (Parl)
- 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)
- 2:00 PM Emmaus Gathering (Asb)
- 2:30 PM Saturday UMW circle (Parl)
- 3:00 PM Emmaus Bd. Mtg. (AG1)
- 6:00 PM Emmaus Gathering (Sanc)

Sunday 2/19/12

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- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM Children's choir (choir rm)
- 9:45 AM Gallery (AG2)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)
- 4:30 PM Small group leader orientation (Wes)
- 7:00 PM LLO Merry Widow (Asb)

Monday 2/20/12

- President's Day: Office Closed**
- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrn)

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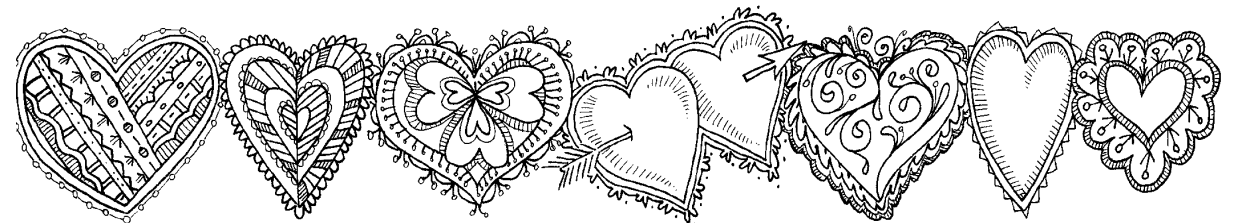
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*LUMC4Life—We're downtown and all around!
"The mission of LUMC is to make disciples who live transformed lives, and influence their generation and the next with God's love!"*

Ministries

► SOFTBALL SIGNUP

Spring is near! If you are interested in playing Softball for Leesburg UMC, please sign-up in on the Bulletin board near the church office. Also, please make a copy of your Driver License and place in the folder underneath the sign-up sheet. For question please contact Steve Miller (703) 669-0609 or csmiller94@verizon.net.

► SENIORS MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Help sponsor a Heifer International project using your five (or more) talents. Contact Margaret Good at (703) 777-8776. And watch for a lively event in late March or early April certain to please every senior.

► PLAY DAY THURSDAY

Play Day Thursday is back! Play Day Thursday (8:30am – 11:30am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month) is designed to provide a safe, nurturing Christian environment for young children to play with their friends, while their parents/guardians enjoy time for themselves. Sign up for February 16 is open on the bulletin board outside the church office! Questions? Please contact Celesta Miller at 703.669.0609 or csmiller94@verizon.net

► SUNDAY SCHOOL: FAITH FOR THOUGHT

Mark 10:13-31 — What happened when mothers brought their children to Jesus to bless them? What did Jesus say to the disciples?

► UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WEEK-END CIRCLE

If you are interested in spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and mission support, please consider joining a United Methodist Women's Circle. A new circle is forming for women who would prefer to meet on the week-end. Please join us as we organize the new circle and discover a new way to be in Christ. We will meet Saturday, February 18 at 2:30 in the Parlor. For more information contact Sheree O'Neil at shereoneil@verizon.net or 703-777-7632.

► ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5TH GRADER?

After Jesus told the rich young ruler to sell everything

and give it to the poor, the young man:

- A) Became sad C) Asked Jesus more questions
- B) Became angry D) Wept

answer Luke 18:23

► HEART TO HEART SUNDAY: TODAY

It is said that there is no sweeter sound than the sound of one's name. On the 12th we will be having Heart to Heart Sunday—a "nametag Sunday" where you will be asked to wear a heart shaped nametag. We ask that you also greet each other by name, and seek out someone that you do not know, to learn their name. As we connect "Heart to Heart" as individuals—the sense of community grows.

► THE JOHN WESLEY EXPERIENCE

Wanted: Ten* Courageous Christians to participate in "The John Wesley Experience" during the month of March. 1) Spend 30 minutes per day with God in prayer. 2) Meet weekly with others. 3) Give 1-hour* a week in serving Christ. 4) Give 10% of my income to God's work. 5) Tell others what God has done/is doing in my life. Questions? Contact Kim Domin, Wayne Reynolds, or Pastor Wishmyer. (* at least!)

► CHILDREN'S SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

The upcoming session of the School of Christian Living (SCL) is scheduled to begin February 26 and run on Sunday evenings through the month of March. For those of you that are not familiar with SCL, this is an opportunity for people of ALL ages to attend classes at the church and then, if you would like to, stay for dinner and enjoy some fellowship time. The SCL will run from 4:30 – 6:00pm. The information below tells you about all the fun stuff available for the kids.

Nursery – Child care will be available for those under the age of 3.

Preschool – Boz the Bear makes a triumphant return to entertain the preschoolers with exploration of God's world.

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade The Nature of God; Great Lakes Discoveries. In this class, kids will discover the incredible creativity, colorful artistry, and intricate designs that make up God's creation. Join us as we explore: Great Lakes Discoveries. Your visit in Great Lakes Discoveries takes you to the unique majesty of



Trail Guide -- Week of February 12, 2012 – "Digging Beneath the Surface"

Colossians 3:1 begins with a restatement of the indicative ("you have been raised with Christ") which forms the foundation for the imperative which follows: "set your hearts on things above". The literal translation for the phrase is actually more like, "keep seeking all that is above". Various translations and paraphrases of this phrase read, "seek the things that are above" (NRSV); "set your sights on the realities of heaven" (NLT); "the impossible-to-dissect-combination of verses 1 & 2 from Peterson ("So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground..." (The Message); and my favorite, "reach out for the highest gifts of Heaven" (JB Phillips). These variations point to the difficulty one encounters trying to capture the full essence of a word or phrase from another language, time and setting. So what's the big deal? Paul is here revealing the subterranean foundation for Christian ethics embedded in the complete orientation of one's life and the decisive turning of one's will to the person of Christ; a whole-hearted seeking to serve and please One who first came passionately seeking us (Luke 19:10). The Way of Christ is not simply another set of philosophical principles to be held up for picking and choosing like one would options or accessories on a car – it is an all or nothing selling out to self and seeking after Christ, and then learning to live out the implications of that destiny-changing choice. The commendation of the five-talent steward was not on his productivity, but for his faithfulness, service to the master and his goodness.

Mon, 2/13 *Colossians 3:1-4* What are the things you seek after? What does it mean to you to seek after "things above"; to "set your mind" there as well?

Tues, 2/14 *Colossians 3: 5-11* Paul's list is not comprehensive, nor is it a simple checklist of do's and don'ts (he actually argues against having such a list). Rather, his list exemplifies a deeper issue – idolatry, setting oneself up as king, judge, ruler, etc. In what ways do you seek to be in control instead of trusting in God? What do you need to "kill" in order to make room for Christ?

Wed, 2/15 *Colossians 3:12-13* Consider the virtues also as representative of one who "bends the knee" to the King of kings. What qualities would others like to see more of in you?

Thurs, 2/16 *Colossians 3:14* The King James Version translates love as "charity". In some ways, this word that we have relegated to a more narrow use actually helps us to grasp the essence of the love God desires to see in us – actions and attitudes that help others in need. How can you put on charity today?

Fri, 2/17 *Colossians 3: 15-17* Paul's final instructions in this section seem almost passive by comparison to the rest of this passage, "let...". He's telling us now to make sure to make room, allow space, time, energy, whatever for God's peace, God's rule, God's word and God's way to gain root and to grow; and to make sure nothing hinders that growth. How are you actively "letting" God's peace, etc. to grow in you?

Sat, 2/18 Review whatever insights you've gained; the verses you've memorized; the Steps you learned. Tell a friend what you've been reading and learning. Pray: Sunday worship & activities.

Leesburg United Methodist Church

Message Map February 12, 2012

"Affectionately Yours"
(5th in the Five-Talent Follower series)

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Scripture Reference: Colossians 3:1-14

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8** But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. **11** Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Prayer requests, insights, questions, application that I'd like to remember from today:

Lake Huron, wetland habitat, and the largest ecosystem in the world, as well as hardwood and conifer forests. With vivid imagery and exciting teaching, kids will discover the incredible creativity, colorful artistry, and intricate designs that make up God's creation.

4th-5th Grade –Club 45 — Our junior youth group for 4th and 5th graders offers a unique opportunity for fellowship, learning and fun!

If you are interested in signing your family up, you can sign-up here: <http://leesburgumc.org/ministries/SCLSpring2012>; please be sure to list all children attending. We are asking for a one-time donation of \$25 per family, which will help defray the cost of materials and meals.

► SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

LUMC's School of Christian Living for Lent begins Sunday, February 26.

Just one class will be offered for adults, which will begin at 4:30 pm with worship in our sanctuary and a brief "Sermon Follow-Up" by our pastor.

We'll then split up into small groups throughout the church to further dig into the bible passages and discuss their relevance/application for our lives today. Each group will also spend time praying for each other's concerns and for our world.

Our focus for Lent in worship, and in our School of Christian Living will be on "The Final Week in the Life and Ministry of Jesus". A theme woven throughout the Gospels is that Jesus is King; albeit, a different kind of King. Jesus' preaching and teaching focused on the good news of the Kingdom of God. He told his hearers and his followers that the Kingdom of God was: present, near, within them, and at hand. They struggled to understand, and sometimes, so do we. So three key questions throughout Lent will be: 1) What kind of king is this Jesus? 2) What kind of kingdom did he present and represent? And, 3) What does it mean to be a follower of this king and to live in the kingdom today?

Our prayer and hope as we journey through Lent toward Easter is that we will all be inspired and better informed about this king, even as we learn how to respond faithfully to his invitation to follow him as our King.

Now, our need is threefold: 1) for all to pray for our church and for those we will invited to come during this Lenten journey; 2) for all who are willing, to decide make the time to participate in the five sessions of the SCL (February 26 – March 25); and 3) for several persons who are willing to serve as small group facilitators* and to attend orientation/training with Pastor Wishmyer on Sunday afternoon, February 19, 4:30-5:30pm, OR Tuesday, February 21, 7:00-8:00pm.

(* Please contact Wayne Reynolds or Pastor Jim if you are interested.)

► NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next new member class will be held on Wednesday, February 15th. We meet from 7-9 pm in Aldersgate. All those interested in joining Leesburg UMC, as well as current members, are invited to attend. Topics include: Basic Christian Beliefs, Our United Methodist Heritage, History and Structure, The Meaning of Membership, and more. Get to know others who are new to LUMC while learning how to get better connected. Thanks!

► HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

There will be an orientation for all interested in this ministry to our homebound members. Saturday, February 28, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Contact Judy Craun or the church office.

► PANCAKE SUPPER, FEB.21

**Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 21
Available 5 pm - 7 pm in Asbury Hall**

Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 kids 10 & under,
Or \$15 per family

Served: Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee

All proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip.

Missions

► LOVE FOR L.A.W.S. BAKE SALE

A “Heart-to-Heart” Bake Sale will be held after each service on today in Wesley Hall. Proceeds will benefit Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter (LAWS).

► OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE - HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Deliver a few smiles within a few miles! Drivers are needed to deliver noontime meals to homebound seniors in the Leesburg Area . It only takes 1 hour once a week or even once a month .

This is a terrific opportunity to bring a hot, nutritious meal to a homebound senior and the gift of friendship. No cooking required either!

Call Debra Bressler at 703-777-0505 or email debra.bressler@loudoun.gov

► FIVE TALENT FOLLOWERS

Take the “Five-Talent Follower For Five Weeks” challenge! Sunday, January 15, after reading and reflecting on Jesus’ “Parable of the Talents” in Matthew 25, many accepted the challenge to receive “five talents” in the form of a \$5 bill, with the assignment to 1) take that \$5 and put it to use for God’s purpose, and 2) write a short “report” of what was done and the result, and send/email the report to the church office by the first Sunday of Lent, February 26. The reports/testimonies will be compiled into one volume to be shared and celebrated as we give thanks and praise to God.

Every single envelope containing a \$5 bill and a sheet of creative ideas was taken! If you missed out on this opportunity because you were not in worship, and you would like to take on the challenge of multiplying your talents and creativity for God’s purpose – and multiplying a gift of \$5 - please contact Pastor Jim or the church office asap. **Everyone**, whether you are participating or not, *please pray* for what God to unleash the creative potential and the genuine compassion for others present within our congregation, that

the name of Jesus may be lifted up and the love of Jesus be shared.

► SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT FOR HAITI

On Jan. 29th in Sunday School, our Kindergarten through 5th grade classes participated in a mission-focused lesson about Haiti. The children learned more about this country, the life of its people, the earthquake they endured, and how we all can work in mission to help. To take specific action, we are collecting the following items to send with Mark Denicore, LUMC member, when he travels to Haiti in February. A donation box will be placed in Wesley Hall through Sunday, February 12th. Your donations of these items are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Band-aids (strips)
Neosporin
toothbrushes (any)
toothpaste (travel-size)
combs (small)
bar soap
pencils
pens
chalk
blackboard erasers

► INTERFAITH RELIEF

Thank you very much for responding to the request for Loudoun Interfaith Food donations. Because of your generosity we delivered 690 lbs of food to Interfaith this week ! They were extremely grateful for the donations. .

► SOUPER SUNDAY WAS SUPER!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generosity last Sunday for Souper Bowl raised \$2,475.00 for Interfaith. Your contributions doubled my birthday, 10-19, and almost reached Adams again 5-11. Thanks also to all the youth that helped us exceed our goal!

Drew Snyder, President Youth Group

Miscellaneous

► MEET THE AUTHOR: CHARLES E. WILLIAMS

February 19th, 1 PM at Leesburg Mt. Zion UMC, 12 North St., NE.

“My Road” is the story of Chuck Williams who was born in rural AL and became a Major General in the Army, builder of over 50 embassies, schools in NYC and the Greenway in Loudoun Co. An active member of Leesburg Mt. Zion UMC, he has served as lay leader for the Winchester District, UMC. Currently he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Tuskegee University.

► AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

One of my childhood heroines was Harriet Tubman, “Conductor on the Underground Railroad.” Once, while leading a group of “passengers” on foot, they were too tired and hungry to continue. As they huddled in the night and in fear after another day without food and without help, Harriet prayed to her heavenly Friend: “Lord, I’m going to hold steady on to you, and you’ve got to see us through.”

It wasn’t long until a man came walking down the dark road mumbling to himself about a wagon and a horse in a barn nearby. Sure enough, after he passed, she found the wagon with blankets, a load of hay and a basket of food, along with a good sturdy horse. As she harnessed the horse and drove the wagon back to the others she couldn’t help but lift her heart and voice, “Praise God! Thank you, Jesus!”

Harriet Tubman led more than three hundred people from slavery to freedom. She never lost a single passenger on her “underground railroad”! - Pastor Jim Wishmyer

► JOB WANTED

Kurt Rosenkranz is looking for a new job. He has experience in the telecom industry (9 years at Cisco Systems and 4 years at 3Com / US Robotics) and experience in the consulting and publishing industries. His main roles have been Project Management, technical writing, and web development. Please contact him for more information: kurt@rosenkranz.us

► ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you have a problem with alcohol, there is help. 540-667-0322 or 1-800-835-6130 www.AALoudounDistrict10.org

Administration

► UNITED METHODISTS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The VA General Assembly is considering over 2000 bills during this year’s 60 day session which will end March . On the bulletin board in Wesley Hall are summaries of 14 bills that the Faith Communities, including us, are supporting. Please look them over and contact your legislator. For updated information go to richmondsunlight.com.

► 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

► INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

LUMC will be open for worship on Sunday, regardless of the weather, except in very extreme conditions such as a hurricane, “100-year” flood, blinding blizzard conditions, etc.. 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.

► NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

Items for the March newsletter are now due. Please submit your items to the office by 9 am on Monday 2/13, to office@leesburgumc.org. Thank you!