

**Message Map – 2nd Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2011**

“What Happens When We Die?”

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.11a

Intro

1. Contemporary Views – What Happens After Death?
 - 1.1 THE END
 - 1.2 Reincarnation
 - 1.3 Resurrection
2. Additional Questions:
 - 2.1 Do the dead “sleep” until the 2nd Coming of Christ?
 - 2.2 What about purgatory?
 - 2.3 What is meant by “resurrection of the body”?
 - 2.4 What about cremation?
3. The “So-What?” Question: Why All the Fuss?
Grace, Glory, Groaning, Gladness, and a Glimpse...
4. Personal Questions:
 - 4.1 What happens when I die?
 - 4.2 How then shall I live?

Things I'd like to remember from today:

(sources: Emil Bruner, *Christian Doctrine of the Church, Faith, and the Consumation*; Adam Hamilton, “The Bible and the Afterlife”; C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*; N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*)

“The mission of LUMC is to make disciples of Jesus who will live transformed lives, and who will influence their generation and the next with God’s love!”

This Week at LUMC

Sunday 5/1/11

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:15 AM *Children's Team (Parl)*
- 12:30 PM Angel ringers (Sanc)
- 1:30 PM Seraphim Ringers (Sanc)
- 4:45 PM *Youth planning (AG)*

Monday 5/2/11

- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrms)
- 7:00 PM *UMW Exec Bd (Wes)*
- 7:00 PM *Awakening to God (AGI)*

Tuesday 5/3/11

- 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
- 7:00 PM Heavenly Ringers (Sanc)
- 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)
- 7:00 PM *L.E.I. (AGI)*

Wednesday 5/4/11

- 6:30 AM *Awakening to God (AGI)*
- 10:00 AM LUMP music class (Asb)
- 7:00 PM Chancel choir (Choir, Sanc)
- 7:00 PM *Worship team (Libr)*

Thursday 5/5/11

- 10:00 AM LUMP music class (Asb)
- 1:00 PM LUMP music class (Asb)
- 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)
- 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)
- 7:30 PM *Lay Leadership (Libr)*

Friday 5/6/11

- 9:15 AM Play and learn (blue room)
- 10:30 AM *Missions team (Libr)*
- 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
- 3:00 PM Event prep (Asb)

Our Prayers

- **Healing:** Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Jeff Frazee, Marjorie West, Kathi Pierce, Sarah Klein, Clayton Mallery, Carolyn Kadesch, Ginny Moore, Austin Talbot, Will Troxell
- **Military & non-military personnel serving overseas,** especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, Don Lew, Jr., and Michael Luna, and Curtis Yetman recovering from severe burns received in combat.



*The altar flowers
are given in loving memory of
George W. Titus
by Dorothy Titus and family*

- 6:30 PM *Women in Friendship dinner (Asb)*
- 6:30 PM *Financial Peace reunion (AGI)*
- 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)

Saturday 5/7/11

- 7:00 AM *UMM Breakfast (Asb)*
- 8:45 AM OA (Parl)
- 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)

Sunday 5/8/11

- Mother's Day**
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:30 PM Angel ringers (Sanc)
- 1:30 PM Seraphim Ringers (Sanc)

*Making disciples involves “going, sharing and inviting”, or, “evangelism”.
evangelize in order bring people to a place, a building, or an organization –
we evangelize in order to bring others and us closer to Jesus! Be an evangelist—go, share, invite!*

Are You Up to the Challenge?

"Like Israel, who longed for Egypt because the journey was more difficult than expected, we must be aware of the temptation to return to the captivity from which we were freed. There is but one path to freedom... Do not dishonor [Christ] by claiming that a life of faith is a life without risk" (E. McManus, The Barbarian Way, p. 140). You're invited to face the challenges of life with others by banding together to face a few physical challenges (Marine Corps "Run Amuck", Quantico, June 11; "Warrior Dash," Richmond, October 1); and by joining with others meeting weekly this summer, beginning in June, to read and discuss The Barbarian Way, Why Men Hate Going to Church, and what the bible/our faith has to say about facing the challenges of life, living, death, and dying. [Note: the two run's are not required for group participation this summer.] Sign up with Pastor Jim or contact the church office.

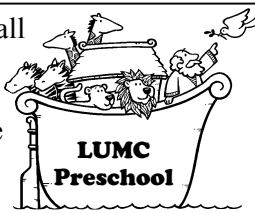
http://www.marinemarathon.com/MCM_Event_Series/Run_Amuck/Course.htm

Upcoming Missions Training/ Education Events

SIFAT (Servants In Faith And Technology)
Training for Missions Volunteers, May 12-14,
Lineville, AL

www.sifat.org www.missionvolunteers.org
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Preschool registration for Fall 2011 in on-going. Please call Barb at the school for an appointment if you'd like to visit. Please spread the word to neighbors and friends.



May Messages at LUMC – “The Bible and the Afterlife”

- May 1 “What Happens When We Die?” *A biblical look at life after death.*
May 8 “Heaven Help the Home!” *A biblical look at the family – celebrating our moms.*
May 15 “The Inferno” *A biblical look at Hell*
May 22 “Day of Reckoning” *A biblical look at Judgment Day.*
May 29 “Glimpse of Paradise Gained” *A biblical look at Heaven*



Matthew 28:19: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” We realize our Christian duty is to spread the Word; yet we realize this is difficult for most of us. **The L.E.I (LUMC Evangelism Initiative) Team** is making it easier to fulfill Christ's Great Commission and spread the Good News. Join us the first Tuesday of every month at 730 PM in AG. To learn more, contact Kevin O'Neil, 703-727-1111, vistagrande@verizon.net

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

Angels Wanted (With or Without Wings)

The Angel Ringers (grades 3 – 6) and Seraphim (grades 7 – 12) are looking for members with an interest in music, who enjoy music and would like to join us in the joy of ringing handbells and chimes. We meet each Sunday at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary. For information, please contact Elaine Gladwin or Lee Gladwin at (703) 771-1308 or write them at gladwin_le@me.com.

Trail Guide Week of May 2-7, 2011

“The power of resurrection hope today”

You're invited to use this Trail Guide as a follow-up to Sunday's message for your own spiritual journey – or get together with others for reading, discussion and prayer together. Enjoy!

Monday, May 2 – The Christian faith grew out of the faith of Judaism. Historically, Judaism has not had a well-defined theology of the afterlife. In part, this is due to the paucity of references in Torah (the books attributed to Moses) to resurrection and to the afterlife. Instead, Judaism has as its primary concern the living of life on earth, and the call to faithful, holy living here and now.

Read Genesis 2:7. Here we find a distinction between the body and the “breath of life” – this breath of life later came to be understood to be the “soul” or “spirit” which is distinct from our physical body. Read Genesis 5:21-24. What happened to Enoch? It was something different than ordinary death – he was taken to be with God apart from undergoing death. The same happened of Elijah – Read II Kings 2:1-13 – from which we have the song, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.” In Genesis 27:35 Jacob, grieving what he believed was the death of Joseph, notes that he will go down to his son in Sheol. In the first five books of the Old Testament Sheol seems only to signify the grave.

Tuesday, May 3 – The Old Testament later depicts Sheol as a place where the dead souls live on. I Samuel 2:6 may be an early reference to resurrection. What do Psalm 23:4-6; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Isaiah 26:19 and Daniel 12:1-3 tell us about the afterlife?.

Tuesday, May 3 – By the late Old Testament period it seems that the concept of resurrection was taking hold in Judaism. If you have access to the Apocrypha – the books Catholics include in their Old Testament that Protestants do not, read II Maccabees 7. What view of the afterlife is reflected in this story? What difference does this belief make in the lives of those in this story?

Wednesday, May 4 – By the time of Jesus, the belief in a bodily resurrection was held by many. Read Luke 20:27-39. Do you see conflicting views at work here? What is Jesus trying to emphasize? Read John 5:24-29 and John 11:1-44. Note Jesus' promises to us in this passage.

Thursday, May 5 – Read I Corinthians 15:9-58. Paul here answers questions about the resurrection and our resurrection bodies. What insights do you gain from this passage about the afterlife? What questions does it raise for you? What hope or promise does this passage offer you? Read v. 58 again.

Friday, May 6 - Paul faced hardship and difficulty and the threat of death many times as a result of his faith. Let's see how the hope of the resurrection sustained him: Read II Corinthians 4:7- 5:10. Look over your notes from last weekend's sermon as you consider the implications of this passage for your life. This weekend's sermon will be on the family, as we honor our mothers. The following Sunday, May 15, we'll take a biblical look at the concept of hell. You won't want to miss this.

Saturday, May 7 – Pray for all who will participate in our Sunday worship/activities!

May Newsletters Are Out!

PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER TODAY!

To receive the newsletter by email, please check with the office to ensure we have your correct, current email on file.

To receive the newsletter by US mail, please contact the church office.

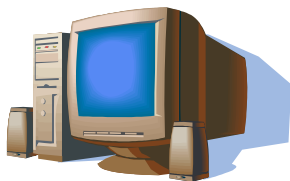
The church office can be reached by phone: 703-777-2056; email: office@leesburgumc.org; or US Mail: 107 W. Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176

CHECK THE CALENDAR!

LUMC facilities get a lot more use than you may be aware of. If you want to have an impromptu, unscheduled meeting – especially if you need to use Wesley or Asbury halls – be sure to 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

WE HAVE RECEIVED several used computers and monitors (PCs), thanks to the company that Glenn Warner works for. If you have been unable to afford a "new" computer, or know of someone who needs one, please contact the church office to get placed on our list. Many thanks to Glenn for arranging for these to be given to LUMC!



The Upper Room

May—June: Get yours today!

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by
Gabriel Fauré**
with chamber orchestra
and guest soloists

Sunday May 1 4:00 pm Purcellville
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
Sunday May 8 4:00 pm Leesburg
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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WEBINAR

In partnership with the Alban Institute, the Alexandria District is offering its first **WEBINAR** on **Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 12 noon OR 7pm** (choose the time most convenient to you). **"Why Can't We Just Get Down to Business? Boards and Committees as Communities of Spiritual Leaders"** an offering of Alban Institute in partnership with the Alexandria District. Don Zimmer of the Alban Institute will be the presenter.

At LUMC, Aldergate, both the noon and 7pm sessions will be available.

Bread Bakers Needed

Be a blessing to our first time LUMC visitors by providing fresh baked bread as our gift to them. We are looking for volunteers to provide 3-4 mini loaves of quick bread each Sunday this summer. Bread may be dropped off in the Asbury Kitchen at any time prior to the Sunday you are providing the bread. If you are interested, and for further information, please contact Kelly McCaffrey at 571-333-2876 or by email kellym-ccaf@gmail.com.

Missions Giving during Lent and Easter

The final accounting through Easter Sunday is in. For Lent and Easter, we have given an amazing total of **\$13,643.15** for missions beyond our local church and community:

\$3,395 for UMCOR/Japan relief
\$7,872.15 for our missionary support
\$1,057 for World Vision through the 30-Hr Famine
\$459 for One Great Hour of Sharing
\$860 for UMCOR Advance #14680A.

To God be the glory for the compassion, generosity and obedience to give!



VBS 2011

June 27- July 1

**Register Online Today!
www.leesburgumc.org**

Early Registration discount pricing ends NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8. You must register on-line or turn in paper registrations **no later than MAY 8** to take advantage of the **\$10 per child savings** (see registration forms for details).

Register NOW & Save!

Our Lent & Easter Offerings

Support our Missionaries.

In 2010, we raised \$4,400.

This year, you gave an astounding \$7,872!

THANK YOU!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW-LOOK website, same address! Content is still being transferred from the old site and is a work in progress. **Note to Ministry Teams and Committees:** if you have content you want posted, please contact the Web Team to have it posted asap.

THANKS, WEB TEAM, FOR A GREAT JOB!

LUMC is continuing its partnership with Dave Ramsey to provide this incredible class! For this Summer Session, we set the dates to enable



our “home for the summer” college students the opportunity to participate. Please encourage your young people to get started in the best possible way. But, this class is open to all ages and experiences. A more diverse group in both age and financial situations enables better sharing and learning from each other.

FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make better financial decisions. Also, you will learn about the 800 bible scriptures about money and how to handle money God’s way.

Have you ever wondered where your money goes? Come learn how to better manage your money and your life. Our church is hosting Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace class to teach God’s way of handling money. The class is Dave teaching on video followed by small-group discussion.

These principles apply to everyone—whether you’re financially secure or are struggling with debt. The class will show you how to really live like never before with lessons on saving, debt elimination, investing and real estate to name a few. Over a million families have changed their family trees through Financial Peace, and we want to give you the opportunity to do the same.

Why should you attend:

- Learn practical biblical principles
- Average family reduces debt \$5300 in 13 weeks
- Average family saves \$2700 in 13 weeks
- Improve communication
- Become empowered
- Build new friendships

Who should attend: All ages – Couples, Singles, Students

When: Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 starting May 17th

Join us for a Preview on May 6th at 6:30pm

Where: LUMC, Alders Gate Building

* Childcare available.

Questions or to sign up: Email Jill Ryan at JillRRyan@gmail.com or call 703.779.4997 or go to the web: [Http://LeesburgUMC.org](http://LeesburgUMC.org) Also, look for **Frequently Asked Questions** on the **LUMC Blog** – click on the FPU logo from the home page.

Course materials include books, CDs of all the sessions, access to online material, all the tools you will need! Cost of materials are approximately \$83 per family, (scholarships help available).

Please make checks payable to Leesburg UMC and either mail or drop off at the church office at:

Leesburg UMC, 107 W. Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176

Women in Friendship Dinner

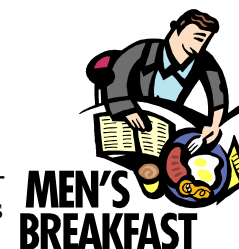
All women of the Church are invited to the Annual Women in Friendship Dinner
May 6th at 6:30 pm
Asbury Hall.

Mark Denicore will give a presentation on the Haiti mission trips.

Please bring a pot luck salad to share.

A free will donation will be collected for Haitian Missions.

The **Leesburg United Methodist Men's' Club** will meet on Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 to 9:00 in Asbury Hall. Breakfast will be served. A devotional will be followed by discussion of future meeting expectations and types of programs.



Church Work Days

May 7th 9 a.m until noon and May 14 9 a.m. until 3 PM. The emphasis of the work will be on the property we lease to Blossom and Bloom, but there will also be some work in and around the church. Whether you are able to work an hour or the entire time, your service will be greatly appreciated. This project ties in well with the United Methodist Change the World event on May 14th and 15th. The goal is to encourage all congregations to connect globally in service work. All skill levels needed. Work to include replacing rotten siding and trim, patching a hole in a low roof, landscaping, painting and other odds and ends. Please contact Dwight Stonerook at 703-777-3019 or drsarch@verizon.net

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with our Holy Week and Easter worship and activities:

Music Director, Barry Simpson and our Chancel Choir for their inspiring music on Palm Sunday and Easter at the 8:15 and 11:00 services; Praise Team Leader, Chris Shelton and “Raising Praise” for their uplifting music for our 9:45 services on Palm Sunday and Easter – and for arriving early on Easter morning for our SONRise worship at Ida Lee; Organist, Debbie Buttery for her wonderful accompaniment for Sunday worship, and for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services; Director, Tim Griffin and cast: Bart Heldreth, Bill Henry, Jack King, Kevin O’Neil, Natalie Huelsman, and Robert Andrews for their presentation of “I am the Good Shepherd” on Maundy Thursday; Angela Becek, Bart Heldreth, Carl Collis and Margrit Snyder for their help in setting up “Stations of the Cross”; Ken James, our Head Usher, and Tom Finkenbinder for their coordination and scheduling of our usher teams at all services; Laura Van Leliveld and our Acolytes; Amber King and our Hospitality Team; Chris, Angela and Audrey Becek for the Easter Sunday refreshments; Heather Klein, Laura Van Leliveld and our Children’s Team for the Easter Egg Hunt; all of the women of our Altar Guild for their beautiful floral decorations in and around our church building; Jan Moran and our Communion Stewards for preparing the Communion elements and the Altar Table; and to all who shared their faith and joy in the resurrection of Christ by their participation!

