

Message Map – 4th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2011

“Into the Abyss: A Biblical Look at Hell”

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Scripture Reference: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Intro

1. Contemporary Views About Hell (and Purgatory)
2. Biblical Terms Used to Describe Hell:
 - 2.1 Abyss
 - 2.2 Hades
 - 2.3 “Gehenna”
3. Questions About Hell
4. A Parable About Judgment
 - 4.1 What does this teach us about the “hereafter”?
 - 4.2 What does this teach us the “here-and-now”?

Things I'd like to remember from today:

(sources: Emil Bruner, Revelation and Redemption; Adam Hamilton, “The Bible and the Afterlife”; Ben Witherington, Revelation and the End Times N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope)

*** INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011 ***

“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 5/15/11

Newsletter Items Due

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM *Children's choir (choir room)*
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (AG)

Monday 5/16/11

- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrms)

Tuesday 5/17/11

- 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
- 1:30 PM Kathryn Eye circle (Wesley)
- 6:30 PM *FPU (AGI)*
- 7:00 PM Heavenly Ringers (Sanc)
- 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 5/18/11

- 10:00 AM LUMP music class (Asb)
- 7:00 PM Chancel choir (Choir, Sanc)
- 7:00 PM *Library Comm (Libr)*

Thursday 5/19/11

- 10:00 AM LUMP music class (Asb)
- 12:00 PM *Senior's Luncheon (Asb)*
- 1:00 PM LUMP music class (Asb)
- 7:00 PM *Finance Comm (Wes)*
- 7:00 PM *SPRC (Parl)*
- 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)
- 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

Friday 5/20/11

- 9:15 AM Play and learn (blue room)
- 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
- 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Asb, classroom)
- 7:00 PM *Leadership planning retreat (Harmony UMC)*

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
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.

Welcome Our Newest Members:

9:45 service:

Professing Members:

Brian & Amy Kolcum
(children Dashka & Megan)
709 Clairmont Ct.
Leesburg, VA 20176



Saturday 5/21/11

- 8:45 AM OA (Parl)
- 9:00 AM *Leadership planning retreat (Harmony UMC)*
- 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)

Sunday 5/22/11

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM *Children's choir (choir room)*
- 9:45 AM Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:15 AM *Confirmation Orientation (AGI)*
- 4:30 PM *Organ Crawl (Sanc)*
- 5:00 PM *Youth Sunday rehearsal (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!

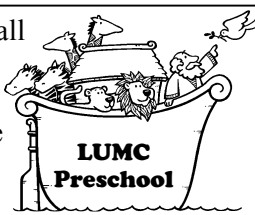


VBS 2011
June 27- July 1
Register Online Today!
www.leesburgumc.org

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.

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 7:30 PM in AG. To learn more, contact Kevin O'Neil, 703-727-1111, vistagrande@verizon.net

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.



LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bin is overflowing! Items will be on display for you to pick up this Sunday and next Sunday (May 15). Items not picked up by May 15 will be donated or discarded.



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

- 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*



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.

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



Trail Guide—Week of May 16-21, 2011

Why think about hell? I suppose the best answer is because Jesus spoke of it. A second reason is that many in the church and outside the church have misconceptions about what it is. The purpose of our reflection this week is not to invoke fear or worry, but to help us better understand this reality—and more importantly, why hell has meaning for us today. (The following were written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, Church of the Resurrection.)

Monday, May 16 – The Old Testament speaks of the realm of the dead as Sheol, the Pit, the Depths or the Grave. Most of the references to these terms mean simply “death” but on occasion they point toward retribution or punishment for wickedness after death. Let’s look at a few of these today. These verses address people who turned from God and did what was evil in God’s sight.

Read Ezekiel 26:19-21 and Ezekiel 33:10-11. What does this last passage tell us about God’s heart regarding the punishment of the wicked? In the following passage, we read of God’s desire to keep people from the Pit. In these verses we hear a foreshadowing of Jesus’ words that he would give his life as a “ransom for many.” **Read Job 33:15-30.** What do these verses teach us about God’s salvation and will for humanity?

Tuesday, May 17 – Let’s turn to Jesus’ words today about hell in the Sermon on the Mount. **Read Matthew 5:17-30.** What role does hell play in these passages? How does Jesus describe hell? What is God’s Word to you from these passages? **Read Luke 16:19-31** in which Jesus tells a parable about the afterlife. What was Jesus’ point in telling this parable?

Wednesday, May 18 – We turn to two of Jesus’ parables of judgment today. **Read Matthew 24:36-51.** What is the point Jesus wants us to understand from this passage? What do you picture when you think of “weeping and gnashing of teeth”? Are you ready; should the Master of the House return today? **Read Matthew 22:1-14.** What do we learn about God’s heart and compassion? What do we learn about those who choose to reject the invitation, from this passage? What is the meaning of the improperly clothed individual who came to the wedding? What does the parable tell us about hell?

Thursday, May 19 – Today we’ll turn to the writings of the apostles regarding hell. **Read Romans 2:1-11.** How does Paul describe hell and, according to Paul, who goes there? **Read II Peter 2:1-22.** What does Peter teach about hell in verse 4 and verse 17? Who is hell reserved for? How are we saved from it?

Friday, May 20 – Today we’ll conclude our study of hell by turning to the Book of Revelation. Revelation paints pictures with words of the judgment of God and the final victory of the Lord over all that is evil. **Read Revelation 1:17-18** – what does it mean that Jesus holds the keys of hell and death? **Read Revelation 9:1-11 and Revelation 20:7-15.** What does this passage teach us about hell? The aim of the Bible’s teaching about hell is to warn people, and to encourage them to walk with God, living in the grace of God, and to accept God’s invitation to the wedding banquet.

Whether hell is eternal death, or eternal punishment, or simply living for eternity in the darkness outside the kingdom of God, it is a place none need go, nor one that God wishes any to go.

Friday & Saturday—please pray for our church leaders attending a planning retreat; and for all who will participate in and lead our Sunday activities.



Steve Seskin Live!

We are honored to host one of our nation's premier Sing-songwriters!

Hit Songs By Steve:

I Don't Know Why

They Say Grown Men Don't Cry

recorded by

Tim McGraw

Life's a Dance

recorded by

John Michael Montgomery

Don't Laugh At Me

recorded by

Mark Wills

... And many more!



\$25 pp Advanced

\$35 @ the Gate

Children 12 and

Under free

Evening Includes

Concert and

BBQ Dinner

This is an

alcohol-free event.

Bring:

Lawn Chairs 5/or Blankets

Cash for "Extras"

An Evening on the Lawn

Benefit Concert

And Family Picnic

Saturday May 21st

4 PM - 7 PM

For Tsunami Relief
and St Peter's Church

Visit the EVENTS PAGE at

www.lifewithgrace.net

for event information and ticket sales



Event Location:

The Gill Farm

15131 Shannondale Rd

Purcellville, VA

RAIN LOCATION:

St Peter's Church

Glendale Ave

Sponsored By:



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Building Christians for Service

LUMC is continuing its partnership with Dave Ramsey to provide Financial Peace



University! FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make better financial decisions. Also, you will learn about scriptures about money and how to handle it God's way.

Have you ever wondered where your money goes? Come learn how to better manage your money and your life. 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

The Old Stone Church Foundation Memorial Brick Prayer Garden

A commemorative Prayer Garden will be constructed on the site of the Old Stone Church, the first Methodist-owned property in America. For a tax-deductible gift of \$50, a commemorative brick will be engraved with an inscription of your choice. The engraved bricks will be placed in the prayer garden and will serve as a lasting tribute to those you honor. Forms to submit text and place an order for the bricks are in the literature rack in the elevator lobby near the church office.



Bricks for Sale

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

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: leesburgumc.org/ministries/FPU

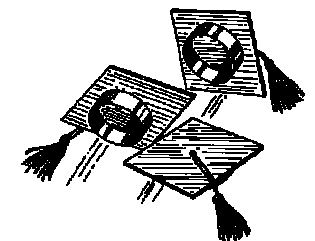
Course materials include books, CDs of all the sessions, access to online material, all the tools you will need! Cost of materials are approximately \$83 per family, (scholarships help available).

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

GRADUATION

We're approaching Graduation time again! We would like to recognize our church members who are graduating from High School, College and Graduate School. Please contact the church office (email, letter, telephone) with the following information: Name of church member who is graduating, school/college/university, degree, and contact information (address, phone and email). Thank you!





Leesburg Pipe Organ Crawl

TOUR STARTS

Sunday, May 22, 2011 - 4 pm

HEAR, SEE

THE FIVE PIPE ORGANS OF LEESBURG!

MUSIC, HISTORY, ART, SCIENCE

- 4:00 pm - Leesburg Presbyterian Church
207 West Market Street - Downtown - On-site Parking
- 4:30 pm - Leesburg United Methodist Church
107 West Market Street - Downtown
- 5:00 pm - Saint James' Episcopal Church
14 Cornwall Street NW - Downtown
- 5:30 pm - Saint John the Apostle Roman Catholic
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
231 North King Street - Downtown
- 6:10 pm - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
605 West Market Street - (Catoctin & Market)

The first four are walking distance - Shuttle Vans Available

For more information, call (703) 777-4912

Admission is Free - Donations Welcome

Co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists - Winchester



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Congratulations to our Stephen Ministers commissioned today @ 9:45!

New Stephen Ministers being commissioned:

Martin (Marty) Bartels, Gail Bessom, Kim Domin, Karen Falk, J. J. Jones, Michelle Haseltine, George (Pete) Ross

Active Stephen Ministers:

Missy Warner, Joyce Zucker, Amy Heldreth

Stephen Leaders:

Lou Legard, Wayne Reynolds, Suzie Simpson

Many thanks to those who serve
this vital ministry!

Parade Organizers Wanted!

LUMC plans to participate in the three Leesburg parades in 2011: Fourth of July, Halloween and Christmas. We are seeking a church member to serve as the coordinator for each of those parades (one coordinator per parade).

Interested members should contact Kevin O'Neil at 703.727.1111 or vista-grande@verizon.net

Health Kits for UMCOR

LUMC Missions Team is challenging our congregation to assemble and donate **300 Health Kits** by June 5th, to be delivered to the meeting of the VA Annual Conference in Roanoke, June 15. Kits will be collected from United Methodist Churches across Virginia and will be sent to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and be distributed nationwide. Place all items in a sealed 1 gallon sealable plastic bag (eg., Ziplock). Please include the following:

- 1 hand towel 15" x 25" to 17" x 27"
Please: no cleaning and microfiber towels
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb—comb needs to be sturdy and at least 8" long
no pocket combs or picks please
rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable
- 1 metal nail file or clipper
no emery boards or toenail clippers please
- 1 bath size soap
3 oz. and larger sizes only all brands are acceptable
do not remove from original packaging
- 1 toothbrush
adult size only do not remove from original packaging
- 6 adhesive bandages
3/4" to 1" size common household band aids

Please make sure that each health kit has \$2 donated - \$1 for processing, \$1 for toothpaste. Place cash or a check made out to LUMC in an envelope, and place it in the bag so it is clearly visible. We will be write one check from LUMC to UMCOR to cover these costs. -- Thank you!