

## Trail Guide -- for the week of July 11-16

### Caring Community

**Monday, 7/11: John 13:1-5, 12-17** Sure, the disciples had dirty feet. And it was customary in that time for someone to wash peoples feet. But was this a dire need? Would those disciples have been in dire circumstances if their feet remained unwashed? No, not at all. Think about the last time you were on the receiving end of this sort of “unneeded” care and service. How did it make you feel? Consider how you might pass that feeling on to someone else today.

**Tuesday, 7/12: Luke 12:35-40** Is caring service of your brothers and sisters in Christ your habitual way of living? We are called to be always ready to serve, because we do not know when our Lord will return. As our Lord has served and will serve us, and so we are to attentively serve one another. Consider what you might do to make service of others your habitual and peculiar way of living.

**Wednesday, 7/13: John 14:26** We have the Holy Spirit to help us live in loving service of those in our community. The Holy Spirit speaks with a quiet voice to remind us of what our Lord expects of us. Quiet your mind and listen for the prompting of the Spirit. Does someone come to mind who could use your caring attention? Pray for the Spirit’s guidance as to how to reach out to that person.

**Thursday, 7/14: Ephesians 2: 19-22** Together, Christ-followers make up the household of God, built on the foundation of Christ Jesus and inhabited by the Holy Spirit. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so a building is only as solid as its weakest parts. It’s our job as a community to keep one another strong in body, mind, and spirit., to fulfill our calling as part of God’s holy temple. Since a crumbling stone cannot help to support those around it., we also have a duty to care for ourselves. Find some way to care for yourself today, so that you are more able to care for others tomorrow!

**Friday, 7/15: Job 6:21-26** Have you ever needed help, only to find yourself judged (rightly or wrongly) by your would-be helpers? Have you received only self-righteous advice or admonitions when what you needed was a meal or a ride or a babysitter or a place to sleep... or simply just an understanding hug? Think about how that made you feel. Strive to make your presence a “judgment-free zone,” where your brothers and sisters can receive your loving care, untainted by judgment or disapproval. That’s what Jesus would do.

**Saturday, 7/16: Pray**, thanking God for his personal care of you through his Son and the Holy Spirit, and especially through the ministrations of this community of believers. Pray for the Spirit to show you opportunities to love and serve your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## \* INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 10, 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 7/10/11**

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:45 AM Summer Sunday School (Asb)

9:45 AM Praise Worship

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

#### **Monday 7/11/11**

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Wes)

#### **Tuesday 7/12/11**

6:30 PM Evergreen Church (Asb)

6:30 PM FPU (AG1)

7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

#### **Wednesday 7/13/11**

7:00 PM Boy Scout Roundtable (Asb, Wes, grn & red rms)

7:00 PM Library Comm (Libr)

#### **Thursday 7/14/11**

7:00 PM Trustees (Parl)

7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)

7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

#### **Friday 7/15/11**

11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)

6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Asb, classroom)

#### **Saturday 7/16/11**

7:00 AM Chrysalis team meeting (Asb)

8:45 AM OA (Parl)

10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)

#### **Sunday 7/17/11**

Newsletter items due

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:45 AM Praise Worship

9:45 AM Summer Sunday School (Asb)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

**FYI:** Pastor Jim, Angela Becek, and Laura Van Leliveld will be out of town through Friday with the S.P.Y. mission trip.

### **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, Evelyn Moxley, Alvin Moore, Sue Wiggins, Linn Luzadder, Sharon Davis, Marilyn Landefled, Jim Ferguson

**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.

## CAMP MEETING

In the spirit and tradition of the Methodist Camp Meeting, July and August are “Camp Meeting Months”. Our worship is less formal and we are singing many of our old favorites at 8:15 and 11 (and one or two at 9:45 as well!). Dress is casual - just remember to bring your Bible. Pray for God’s blessing on our time together, and be prepared to sing and worship the Lord!



Methodist Camp Meeting, March 1, 1819

*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!*

## Housing Needed

One of our church members and his teenage daughter are in need of temporary housing. This person has lost his job and is losing his home to foreclosure on July 21st. If you have two bedroom that they might use, please contact the church office.

## Hawaiian Shirt Sunday!

\*\*\*July 31\*\*\*

Our L.E.I.\* Team invites you to wear your wildest, loudest, most colorful or best-looking Hawaiian shirt to worship on Sunday, July 31. Also, if you've ever been to Hawaii (or reasonably close\*\*) and have a picture to prove it, email us your photo and we'll be sure to include it as part of our "LUMC Family Hawaiian Vacation Slide Show"

Invite friends and family to join you and to receive a traditional Hawaiian welcome!

(\*LUMC Evangelism Initiative)

(\*\* an island in the South Pacific; Caribbean, Mediterranean, or some other sea; someplace where there was sand and salt-water... )

## Play and Learn

Join us Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 this October! Mommies, Daddies, and caregivers can interact with their infants and toddlers while strengthening their faith and having fun too!! Adults alternate teaching the provided curriculum and bringing snacks while the children enjoy a preschool-like environment and message.

This past year, we visited the Fire Station and several nature centers. Getting out of the classroom reinforced the beauty of nature and cycles of the seasons while reminding us to be thankful for all God has given us! We are looking forward to another year of exploration and learning!

Contact Heather Gonzalez: (216) 973-0173 or [aiden1205@yahoo.com](mailto:aiden1205@yahoo.com) with any questions or to sign up.

## Sunday, September 11, 2011

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the day that redefined our world in which we live. I invite you to write your recollections of that day and include where and how you witnessed the presence and grace of God. Also, if someone you knew died that day aboard one of the planes, in the Pentagon, or in the World Trade Center, please share their name(s); and/or if you were in the Pentagon or the World Trade Center that day. Along with those who died, please let us know if you were involved as a first-responder, or in the recovery/rebuilding effort and how you witnessed the grace of God at work.

Last, as we plan and prepare for worship on that Sunday, the Worship Team and I invite your thoughts and suggestions. Depending on the level of response, we may not be able to incorporate everything, but we will carefully consider – and greatly appreciate – all that is submitted.

Please direct your stories, thoughts and suggestions to [office@leesburgumc.org](mailto:office@leesburgumc.org) as you are able.

## Thank You, VBS!

VBS students donated **1604 pounds of food for Loudoun Interfaith Relief**. We couldn't have done it without the support of the parents of VBS kids. Thank you to all who shopped for the food and for the LUMC members who loaded the food into cars, unloaded the food and even a got a tour of Loudoun Interfaith Relief on Wednesday.

Lisa Martin, Missions Team

## Thank You, LUMC

*(the following message is from Alvin Moore)*

My knee replacement and subsequent therapy have been successful! The support from the congregation has been tremendous and I will treasure it the rest of my life.

Your prayers, visits, cards, calls, giving me rides, and handyman projects are all proof of what a caring congregation LUMC is!

## Church Emissaries Needed

The Leesburg Evangelism Initiative (LEI) is seeking people willing to be active emissaries for the church to assist door to door efforts to welcome new residents to the community and spread the word of God's Love and the wonderful things he is doing through Leesburg United Methodist Church. Training and materials will be provided. Please contact David Kirsten at 703-966-6068 for more information and to volunteer.

**Special Offering:** Last month, one of our elementary school teachers, Kristi Titus, told us of a kindergarten student who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer and has had to undergo two emergency operations within the past two weeks. She and her family are from Somalia; they have no health insurance. Kristi asked us to pray for this little girl, her name is Fadumo. I am asking you to also consider making a donation toward her medical expenses. If you would like to do so, please make your check payable to LUMC, and at the bottom, write this girl's name, Fadumo. We will be sending a check from LUMC to this family, through Kristi and her school, along with a letter expressing our prayers and God's love for this child and her family. Thank you - Pastor Jim.

## Young Women's Event:

### Being Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century *A Young Women's Event* September 23-24, 2011

Led by Emily Miller, Executive Director for Creative Direction, Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries  
Sponsored by The Virginia Conference, United Methodist Women

Being held at LUMC.  
Registrations needed no later than  
September 1, 2011

# S.P.Y.

Yesterday we sent 31 people (23 youth plus 8 adult chaperones/leaders) to southwest Virginia, to spend a week helping local residents with various home repair/improvement projects they couldn't otherwise manage on their own. Please pray for these young missionaries and the adults with them, as well as for the people they will be helping. To God be the Glory!

Youth: Garrett Pierce, Matt Dotson, Brandon Jones, Maccall Warner, Maddie Dobscha, Tara Stanley, Dew Snyder, Julia Stembridge, Adam Stonerook, Ben Stembridge, Nick Hutchison, Lauren Herbine, Will Dotson, Colin Miller, Jordan Chandler, Eric Stanley, Bryan Long, Gabe Begun, Rachel Andrews, Cole van Leliveld, Christian Dominguez, Tahlor Hoffman, Darcy Pierce

Adults: George Herrmann, Brian Whritenour, Laura van Leliveld, Brad Pierce, Angela Becek, Pastor Jim, Karen Foley, Valerie Chandler

## Attention, All LUMC Singers!

You're invited to join our Summer Choir's August 7th 8:15 and 11:00 singing of "King All Glorious" and "Carry Me". We'll rehearse on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Call Tim Griffin at [703-777-8682](tel:703-777-8682) if you have any questions. Thank you!

## New Member CLASS 101

The next new member class will be held on Wednesday, July 20th. We meet from 7-9 pm in Wesley Hall. 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!