

**Message Map – Pentecost
July 31, 2011**

“Soul-Shaping” (Community of the Spirit, Part 6)

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Scripture Reference: John 15:15-17; Hebrews 10:23-25

Shape - To give definite form, shape, organization, or character to; fashion; form. To adjust; adapt.

Receives Me As I Am

Reminds Me Who’s I Am

Represents Christ to One Another

Acts of peculiarity for this week: Three Questions:

*** INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 31, 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 7/31/11

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:45 AM Praise Worship

9:45 AM Summer Sunday School (Asb)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

1:00 PM private reception (Wes)

Monday 8/1/11

10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)

Tuesday 8/2/11

6:30 PM FPU (AG1)

7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 8/3/11

1:00 PM Children's Fellowship Fun - Skating
(Bush Tabernacle, Purcellville)

7:00 PM Worship team (Libr)

Thursday 8/4/11

7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)

Friday 8/5/11

11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)

12:30 PM Transition team (lib)

5:00 PM wedding rehearsal

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

6:30 PM Financial Peace reunion (AG1)

Saturday 8/6/11

8:45 AM OA (Parl)

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

1:00 PM Wedding (Hansen-Dawson)

Sunday 8/7/11

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:45 AM Summer Sunday School (Asb)

9:45 AM Praise Worship

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

11:15 AM Children's Team (Green room)

Our Prayers

Healing: Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Jeff Frazee, Kathi Pierce, Sarah Klein, Clayton Mallery, Carolyn Kadesch, Ginny Moore, Austin Talbot, Evelyn Moxley, Alvin Moore, Sue Wiggins, Linn Luzadder, Sharon Davis, Jim Ferguson, Francis Mock

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.



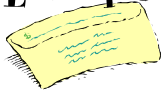
*The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God
and in loving memory
of Bill Webb*

Attention, All LUMC Singers!

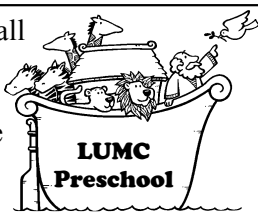
You're invited to join our Summer Choir's August 7th 8:15 and 11:00 singing of "King All Glorious" and "Carry Me". We'll rehearse on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Call Tim Griffin at [703-777-8682](tel:703-777-8682) if you have any questions. Thank you!

*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!*

Summer Months – Our giving sometimes drops off during the summer because of weekend and vacation travel. Please make an effort to either mail your contribution or use your bank's "Bill Pay" service, which is free for most banks. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to God's work through Leesburg UMC!

PLEASE use an offering envelope for your giving to LUMC, and write your name and what the offering is for on the envelope. **Offering Envelopes**  **IF you need a box of offering envelopes, please contact Linda Stoutenburgh, our Financial Secretary.** If you forget to bring an envelope with you, or don't have a set yet, please use one of the envelopes in the pew. Thank you!!
- Finance Comm. (& Counters)

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.



Help for Handbells

Handbells, like all other instruments, need to be maintained. Fortunately, we have been able to postpone our regular maintenance for several years. HOWEVER, We need to raise \$3,909.47 to pay for the necessary refurbishing this summer. All contributions gratefully accepted. Please note "Handbell Maintenance" so that it will go to the proper fund. Questions readily fielded by Judy Roberson, Elaine Gladwin or Lee Gladwin.

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 with any questions or to sign up.

Sunday, September 11, 2011

This year marks the 10th 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 as you are able.

Trail Guide -- Week of August 1, 2011

Those who long to be formed and shaped by Christ and in Christian community quickly discover that they cannot do it alone. We need help – we need one another. Jesus recognized this; the writers of the New Testament recognized this and the continual need for followers of Christ to *encourage* one another. To *encourage* literally means to “impart courage and confidence to another; to promote or advance another; to inspire...” This week's readings remind us and are meant to encourage us in our relationship with Christ – and to help us encourage others.

Mon, 8/1 **Isaiah 43:1-3** What do these verses tell you about who and who's you are? What encouragement do they give? Think about those who are close to you – family, friends, etc. Who is struggling to stay afloat; feeling overwhelmed? Say a prayer for them. Phone, text, email, or write them that you are thinking of them.

Tues, 8/2 **John 10:11-15** Jesus says he is “the good shepherd”. Even if you don't know much about shepherding, these verses give us a sense of the significance of having Jesus as our shepherd. Use your imagination to think of the ways he is your shepherd today.

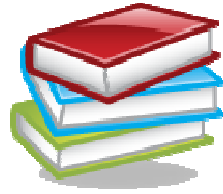
Wed, 8/3 **Romans 3:23 & 6:23** We don't hear much talk about sin these days; and if we do, it's always someone else's sin. Sin reflects our personal brokenness and it leads to further brokenness in relationships, in community, in our world. But sin does not have the last word; God does not abandon us in our broken state; instead God gives... freely...

Thurs, 8/4 **2 Peter 1:3-4** Not only does God know us (see Tuesday), but God enables us to know him. Once again God gives... Not only does God forgive us, mend our brokenness, know us and call us by name, help us, give us eternal life – here we read that God *imparts* the divine nature to each of us. How might this influence how you see others?

Fri, 8/5 **2 Peter 1:5-11** *Calling... gift... response.* God calls us by name; God gives us LIFE; God calls forth a response. “make every effort” is repeated twice. God enables, but we must also put forth effort in order “to confirm your calling”. How is your life being transformed from the inside out? Which of these qualities are increasing? Just getting started? In the planning stages?

Sat, 8/6 **Pray** for our worship tomorrow, and for the fellowship and sharing that will take place as we also celebrate the Eucharist/Holy Communion. Invite an unchurched friend or family member to join you at the table!

It's Back to School Time!



The **School of Christian Living** opens on **Sunday, September 11** for its next session. We will be offering **exciting** six-session classes on **Sunday afternoons** from 4:30 to 6:00 led by Pastor Jim, Kim Kadesh, Angela Becek and Kelly McCaffrey. There will be **something for everyone!** Stay tuned to the bulletin and the LUMC website for the class list!

Young Women's Event: Being Christian in the 21st 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



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

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.

Interfaith Is Going Green!

As part of making the monthly donation to Interfaith Food relief as easy as possible, we have purchased bright blue reusable bags for your convenience. Today we will hand out the bags our after the services and on the bag is a list of commonly needed food items . All you need to do is fill the bag, bring it back next week and leave it with the food in it at the Missions table in Wesley Hall. If you want another bag at that time for next month you may pick it up at that time under the Missions table. Everyone will share/recycle the bags. We are collecting donations for Interfaith the first Sunday of each month. They are in desperate need of food, since LIF is not doing the lunch program Interfaith is giving each family with school age children 4 days of food instead of the usual 3 . Betsy Creamer who actively volunteers at LIF said the shelves were looking bleak. Interfaith is also placing a special call for fresh fruits or vegetables, so if anyone has overflowing gardens, they would love your extras.

Any amount of food is appreciated, no donation is too small and all food items on the list are \$1 - \$3

Thank you -
The Missions Team

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