

Trail Guide -- Week of August 15, 2011

Ben Witherington III, Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, poses an interesting supposition. He notes that regardless of the style of worship (traditional, contemporary, emergent, etc.), much of what we do seems to “dwell entirely too much on the past and too little on the finish line – the Kingdom Come... Suppose we envisioned Christian worship in light of the eschaton rather than in light of kingdoms gone?” In other words, what if we focused on the promise of what God will do; and we celebrated what we were being called toward, instead of focusing on what God has done? Keep in mind, it’s a question of focus and priority, not ignoring one at the expense of the other. This week, try focusing on God who is leading you toward the future fulfillment of God’s glorious intention for humanity and all creation.

Mon, 8/15 **Jeremiah 31:31-34** Imagine a people under siege from an enemy bent on their destruction. Imagine them hearing that their condition is the result of their own failure to fulfill their covenant with God. Doom is certain. It’s just a matter of time. Suddenly, the message, the news, they hear signals a change in tone. What effect do you think these words had on those who heard them, living in Jerusalem, under siege? Consider the power of promise and the hope of fulfillment in your own life. What hope gives you strength?

Tues, 8/16 **John 4:19-26** This account of Jesus’ conversation with a nameless Samaritan woman introduces an important awareness for those who worship God. Jesus says the time is now (in a continuing sense – today no less than then) for persons to worship in spirit and truth. The truth of which he speaks is truth about the present and the future, as well as truth about the past; it is the truth embodied in him. What truth(s) inspire your worship?

Wed, 8/17 **Revelation 1:9-18** “Where” was John? He locates himself geographically, and he locates himself spiritually. What does it mean to be “in the Spirit”? Where are you as you read this – physically? Spiritually? What does it mean to be “in the Spirit”? What do you think it means for a group of Christians gathered for worship to be “in the Spirit”?

Thurs, 8/18 **Revelation 4** Suppose you happened to be tagging along with John as he stepped into eternity. Can you picture the scene he describes? How would you feel? As you read the responses – both word and action – on the part of those you see around the throne, imagine how you might respond. As you read what the creatures and the elders around the throne proclaim, read it aloud – and read it loud. This, too, is worship...

Fri, 8/19 **2 Corinthians 4:13-18** Here we find words on which to base our worship of God. Where do you see memory, and where do you see hope reflected in this passage? What effect is there on Paul and his companions? As you worship today, experience God’s renewing from within as you fix your eyes ahead.

Sat, 8/20 **Pray for our worship tomorrow. Invite someone to join you!**

* INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 8/14/11

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

12:00 PM *Confirmation BBQ/Pool Party (off-site)*

Monday 8/15/11

Tuesday 8/16/11

10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)

7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 8/17/11

5:00 PM *Children's Fellowship Fun - Pool (Ida lee outdoor pool)*

6:00 PM BSA popcorn training (Asb)

Thursday 8/18/11

Youth amusement park trip (King's Dominion)

1:00 PM *Senior Team (Libr)*

7:00 PM *Finance Comm (Wes)*

7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)

Friday 8/19/11

11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)

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

Saturday 8/20/11

8:45 AM OA (Parl)

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

4:30 PM *Sunday School teacher's barbeque (off-site)*

Sunday 8/21/11

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:45 AM Summer Sunday School (Asb)

9:45 AM Praise Worship

11:00 AM *MS Youth mini-golf (off-site)*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

4:00 PM *4th & 5th grade BBQ/pool party (off-site)*

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 Luzader, Sharon Davis, Jim Ferguson, Wayne Reynolds

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.

Condolences: to the family and friends of Francis Mock, who died on August 11.

FLOWERS

Sponsoring the altar or narthex flowers is a great way to honor or remember someone you love. The sign-up forms and calendar with available dates are located in the hallway across from the office. Sign up today!



Flowers

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!

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.



Handbells

New Member CLASS 101

The next new member class will be held on Wednesday, August 31st. 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!



Welcome Our Newest Members:

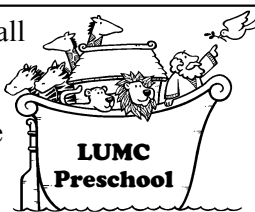
11:00 service:

Baptized Members:

Aidan James Warf,
Aimee Louise Warf,
and Mollie Sue Warf,
children of Edward and Lisa Warf



Preschool registration for Fall 2011 is 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.



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



This faith based class has helped a great many people take control of their finances, instead of their finances controlling them. Through the class, participants learn how to use cash for purchases, break their dependency on debt and cut up credit cards, and name where each dollar of income must go before it is received. The videos with class discussions were designed to help individuals and families of all ages develop a logical framework for decision making when it comes to successfully handling many of the financial decisions that we face daily.

The key structure of the class is built on 7 Baby Steps:

1. Save \$1,000 for an emergency fund and stop charging
2. Debt Snowball – Pay off all debt but the mortgage
3. Fully fund your emergency fund to 3-6 months of expenses
4. Start funding your retirement
5. Start saving for college
6. Pay off the house
7. Build wealth and Give

The class is fun, energetic, and demystifies budgeting while exposing many common myths about money. The DVD's are informative and entertaining, the breakout groups have been lively, and we have learned of a number of success stories while watching each of us change our lives.

The FPU team started very casually, but continues to grow. Our facilitators are all graduates of the class and work hard to maintain that Gazelle Intensity (ask one of us to explain the meaning).

"In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has." Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

LUMC Fall 2011 Class

Starts: Sunday, September 11

Time: 4 to 6 pm weekly

Location: LUMC - room to be announced

How long: The class is 13 weeks. We'll be finishing this session on December 11th after taking the week of Thanksgiving off.

Childcare will be available.

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

Inquire or sign up at: <http://LeesburgUMC.org> under the Ministries tab

Course materials include books, CDs of all the sessions, access to online material, all the tools you will need! Cost of materials are approximately \$99 per family, (scholarship help available).

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.



WELCOME PAM BENTLEY

The Children's Team is excited to welcome Pam Bentley to our team. Pam recently moved to the area with her husband David, and 2 daughters Liz and Kate. As of August 1, she will be an additional Children's Ministry Coordinator helping oversee our Children's Ministry. The following list should assist you in how the responsibilities will be broken out.

Laura van Leliveld: Nursery; Preschool Sunday School; Play 'n Learn; Holiday Programs (Easter, Christmas Eve); Children's Fellowship Events; Acolytes; LUMP Liaison

Pam Bentley: Elementary Sunday School; Methodists in Mission Kids (MnM Kids); Music Programs (Choir, Pageant, etc.); 4th & 5th grade Youth Group

We thank you for your support and patience as we make this transition. Both Laura and Pam will continue to report to Angela Becek, Director of Christian Education.

School of Christian Living

The **School of Christian Living** will be back in session beginning Sunday, September 11. Afternoon sessions will be from 4:30 to 6:00. Stay tuned for registration available on lumc.org and in the Sunday bulletins.

Class Choices Include:

- Parent Guilt: How to Relax and Enjoy Your Life, Your Children and Your Relationships
- Made to Crave, Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God Not Food
- The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Live
- Gentle Stream to Raging Rapids



PLUS: special children's offerings for preschool, k-3rd grade, and 4th & 5th grade.

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.

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



Save the Date: September 30, 9:00 – 5:00 pm
“EntreLeadership” Webcast

Wow! LUMC has been chosen as the area host for the Dave Ramsey (Financial Peace University, “Total Money Makeover”) live webcast, “EntreLeadership”, in which Dave presents seven critical lessons he learned and now applies in his company. From the website:

Here's your opportunity to learn from a master businessman and creative leader. Dave Ramsey will discuss the principles that have guided his organization for nearly two decades.

Throughout this one-day experience, you will learn directly from Dave Ramsey as he teaches seven critical lessons.

This is a great way to not only increase your potential as a leader, but also to impact your team and take them to the next level. At this event, you will meet other business leaders and have the opportunity to expand your network of persons committed to excellence in leadership!

We need your help—several have stepped forward to provide logistical help with this event, but we still need help with the following:

Food—refreshments & lunch
Publicity—in the community
Welcome—greet our guests and give direction
Preparation—to make sure our facility looks great
Registration—track payment & distribute mat'ls

Admission is \$39 -**All volunteers attend for free!**

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Back to Church Sunday!

National "Back to Church Sunday" is September 18. Well, LUMC plans to be ahead of the wave by having our "Back to Church Sunday" on **September 11!** Yes, this is the historic 10th Anniversary of 9/11. We hope it will also mark the start of something historic in the lives of those we invite to church/back to church! This Sunday marks the start of many of our Fall programs – Chancel Choir in worship, UM Youth activities, our Fall School of Christian Living, and more!

Stay tuned for more details in our Sunday worship bulletin & insert (check the pdf versions at our website if you miss worship) and in the publicity from our LEI Team!

UMCOR School Kits

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources. The Children's Team will be collecting kits through August. You can pick up a bag in Wesley hall. The following items should be included:

- ✦ **1 – 14"x16" cloth bag; PROVIDED**
- ✦ **1 pair blunt scissors;** rounded tip only, no plastic scissors please
- ✦ **3 pads of paper** spiral or top bound pads; 150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad. Combinations of spiral, top bound or loose leaf is acceptable
- ✦ **1 hand held pencil sharpener;** must be at least one inch long. Remove from packaging.
- ✦ **1 - 30 centimeter ruler;** hard or flexible. Cartoon characters are acceptable but no advertisements please.
- ✦ **6 unsharpened pencils;** no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please. Cartoon characters are acceptable.;
- ✦ **1 - 2 ½ inch eraser;** no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please. Cartoon characters are acceptable
- ✦ **1 - 24 count box of crayons;** ONLY 24 count boxes please
- ✦ **1 - \$2 per bag;** to cover shipping and a donation to Amor Y Paz for making bags



Assembly Directions: Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into the cloth bag. Fold over the top of the bag so loose items don't fall out

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 28th

Save the date for Sunday, August 28th. We have lots planned that day for our children during the Sunday School hour, including the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. All children are invited to bring their own backpacks with them to Sunday School for a special back-to-school blessing. We'll gather in Asbury Hall for Sunday School as usual, then process into the 9:45 service with our backpacks in hand. After the blessing, we will sit together as a group during the service to hear more about LUMC mission programs. You may pick your child(ren) up from the Sanctuary immediately following the service. Also that day, Pastor Jim will bless the UMCOR School Kits. If you are interested in putting together a school kit, bags and supply lists can be picked up in Wesley Hall. Please return all completed kits to Wesley Hall by Sunday, August 28th.



Women of Faith Conference

I have 4 great seats left in Section 111 to this year's WOF Conference at the Verizon Center, Aug 26-27. The tickets are \$89 each. Please contact Heather Klein at heather.klein@gide.com if you're interested.

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

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants Needed

Our Sunday School program has been blessed with wonderful volunteer teachers and assistants throughout the summer months, and we are now gearing up for the fall session. Several lead spots remain open and we ask for your prayerful consideration to help. Specific needs include preschool assistants, 2nd grade teachers and elementary assistants. All curriculum, materials, and instructions are provided for you. For more information about how you can help, please contact Pam Bentley at pam@leesburgumc.org or Laura van Leliveld at laura@leesburgumc.org.



Library Wish List

Please visit Wesley Hall and see the "Bless the Library Wish List" which lists and describes several books the library would like to add to its holdings. Enjoy looking at the books to see if there is one you would like to donate -- perhaps in memory or in honor of someone. A Donor Name Plate card will be placed in each donated book. Thank you!

Amber King

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is coming this Fall! Please join us Tuesday mornings from 9-11 am beginning September 6 for a study of Daniel by Beth Moore. Nursery is available upon request. Contact Debbie Dotson to sign up - sdotson6@verizon.net or 571-291-3195