

*** THIS WEEK AT LEESBURG UMC ***

Sunday 10/2/11

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM Children's choir (choir room)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Youth Gallery (AG2)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:00 AM Youth band rehearsal (AG2)
- 12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)
- 4:30 PM School of Christian Living
- 4:30 PM Confirmation & MS Youth (AG)
- 6:00 PM dinner (Asb)
- 6:30 PM Senior high youth (AG)

Monday 10/3/11

- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsm)
- 7:00 PM UMW Exec Bd (Wes)

Tuesday 10/4/11

- 9:00 AM Beth Moore: Daniel (Wes)
- 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
- 6:30 PM ESL classes (Upstairs Ed Bldg)
- 7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)
- 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)
- 7:00 PM L.E.I. (AG1)

Wednesday 10/5/11

- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 10:30 AM Missions team (Libr)
- 4:15 PM MnM kids (Asb)
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Team (Wes)
- 7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)
- 7:30 PM BSA Training (Asb)

Thursday 10/6/11

- 5-Talent Academy (Chesapeake, VA)
- 8:30 AM Play Day Thursday (nursery)
- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 12:15 PM LUMP music (Asb)
- 6:30 PM ESL classes (Upstairs Ed Bldg)
- 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)
- 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)
- 7:30 PM Lay Leadership (Libr)

Friday 10/7/11

- 9:30 AM Play and Learn (Preschool)
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible study (AG1)
- 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)

- 6:30 PM Parents' Night Out (Asb)
- 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)
- 6:30 PM Financial Peace reunion (AG1)

Saturday 10/8/11

- Youth Corn Maize (off-site)
- 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast (Asb)
- 9:00 AM OA (Parl)
- 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)
- 10:00 AM OA Inter Group (Teal room)

Sunday 10/9/11

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM Children's choir (choir room)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)

Monday 10/10/11

- Columbus Day: office closed
- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsm)

LUMC picture directories are available in Wesley Hall.

Our Prayers

Healing: Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Clayton Mallery, Ginny Moore, Evelyn Moxley, Emil Landefeld, Betty Lemarr, Chris Larkins, Nate Simpson, Mike Megeath, Bonnie Jerry, Debrah Fortner, Nancy Payne
Military & non-military personnel serving overseas, especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, and Don Lew, Jr.

CHECK THE CALENDAR!

LUMC facilities get a lot more use than you may be aware of. If you want to have an unscheduled meeting – especially in Wesley or Asbury halls – please 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

October 2, 2011

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Ministries

Communion Servers Needed

Communion servers are needed for all three services. If you are interested in assisting with Communion we will train you or if you are already an experienced server and would like to be added to the Communion Server email notification please contact Jan Moran at tervfarm@earthlink.net or 703 244 5268. The more volunteers that are available the fewer times each volunteer will need to help and the holidays always require more servers.

Play and Learn

Join us Friday mornings 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 cur-

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“The mission of LUMC is to make disciples who live transformed lives, and influence their generation and the next with God’s love!”
 Making disciples involves “going, sharing and inviting”, or, “evangelism.”
 We *don’t* 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!

riculum and bringing snacks while the children enjoy a preschool-like environment and message.

Last 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!

The fun starts Friday October 7th, limited spaced available! Contact Heather Gonzalez: (216) 973-0173 or aiden1205@yahoo.com with any questions or to sign up.

Give the Gift of Comforting Prayer

Do you have an acquaintance, a special friend, or a family member around whom you'd like to wrap a physical reminder of your concern and prayers? A prayer shawl, provided by the LUMC Prayer Shawl team, will provide the warm, comforting reminder that your special someone is being remembered in daily prayers. To learn more about giving a prayer shawl, contact Carolyn Reynolds (703-777-4796) or Bonita Metz (703-443-2142) or the church office (703-777-2056).

If you like to join the Prayer Shawl Team, bring knitting needles, crochet hook, or scissors to the monthly work session on the last Monday of each month, 2 – 4 pm, in the Church Parlor.

It's Flamingo Time!

Please help our Youth earn money for their trips! Money raised will help support Youth Weekly Programs and help offset the costs of Youth Retreats and the Summer Mission Trip.

Flamingo Season is October 2-28

Flockings are available on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Order forms are available in Wesley Hall.

Christmas Pageant – “The Mouse’s Tale”

It's that time of year again...time to begin preparations for our Christmas Pageant! “The Mouse’s Tale” tells the Christmas story through the eyes of Granny Mouse and the animals in the stable on Christmas night. The pageant will be performed on Sunday, December 11th during the 11:00am service. Those interested in speaking parts for the pageant are en-

couraged to come to one of our script reading sessions:

Sunday, October 16th at 11:00am in the Green Room upstairs on the education hall
OR

Monday, October 17th at 6:30pm in the Green Room upstairs on the education hall

No preparation is necessary for these readings. We will have materials on hand and experiment with different parts before assigning roles. For more information about the pageant and how you can help, please contact Pam Bentley at pam@leesburgumc.org.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

The 5th Grade Sunday School Class knows this answer., do you?

Who was Jacob’s twin brother?

- A) Isaac C) Esau
B) Joseph D) Benjamin

answer: Genesis 25:26

LUMC Preschool

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.

MnM Kids

WEDNESDAYS 4:15 –6:00pm

Registration now open for Fall Session

October 12th- December 7th

Methodists-in-Mission Kids (MnM Kids) is a community service program open to children ages 3 years old through 5th grade. The goals of MnM Kids are three-fold:

1. Share Christ’s love through service to others—locally, nationally and internationally.
2. Plant a seed in the MnM Kids for a life-long commitment to serving God’s children, His creatures and His beautiful green earth. And,
3. Teach the MnM Kids that their hands—no matter how big or small—are more than capable of helping others, and perhaps forever changing a person’s life by simply sharing Christ’s love.

Registration for MnM Kids is now open. Fee of \$30 per child covers the cost of supplies and dinner. Registration forms are available in Asbury Hall.. For

Trail Guide -- Week of October 3, 2011

Last week, we embarked on a missionary journey through the New Testament book, “Acts of the Apostles”. A more accurate title would have been “Acts of the Holy Spirit through Peter and Paul”, for Luke, the writer of Acts chronicles the spread of the gospel as the Holy Spirit moved through these two Christ-followers, primarily, and others. We picked up the story part of the way through as Luke tells us about the Acts of the Holy Spirit through Saul/Paul. Among the obvious lessons learned was that Saul/Paul did not go it alone in following Christ. Neither should we.

Mon, 10/3 Acts 14:1-7 Paul and Barnabas continue their pattern of worship and witness, to both Jews and Gentiles. Notice several things: what Paul and Barnabas did; how people responded, both positively and negatively; and especially, how God was involved. As you try to live faithfully, what results are you seeing in your life? Those around you? Trust God that even in the midst of negative response/reaction/circumstances God is present. God’s grace is at work. Pray for eyes to see this in your life today.

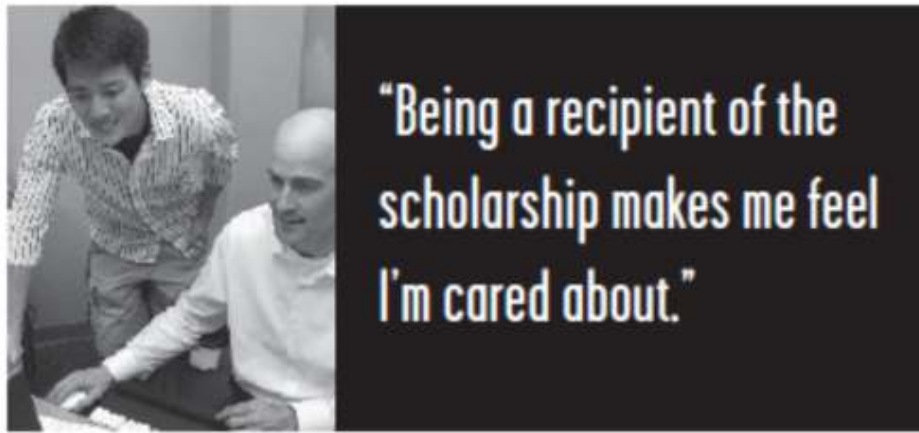
Tues 10/4 Acts 14:8-20 There are several incredible elements to this leg of the journey, this chapter in Luke’s account. As you read, use your imagination to visualize what is taking place. Imagine you are present. What thoughts and feelings arise? This story reflects a key principle for those who serve Christ and who minister to others. The people wanted to exalt Paul and Barnabas. Imagine their temptation to accept the adulation of the people (especially if they were hungry!). And yet, they intentionally point away from themselves to God. How can your words and actions point others to Christ today?

Wed, 10/5 Acts 14:21-28 In summary fashion Luke wraps up his account of this journey and has Paul and Barnabas returning to Antioch and reporting what has happened. Take note of what Luke is careful to point out. Especially note the role of encouragement and prayer as key ingredients to their follow-up. Who could use your encouragement today?

Thurs, 10/6 Acts 15:1-21 In contrast to the earlier summary, Luke goes into greater detail to report on the first major controversy in the early church. Place yourself in the position again of one who is living these events with Paul. What can we learn about leadership and decision-making in the midst of conflicting viewpoints from this story?

Fri, 10/7 Acts 15:22-35 As Luke completes the story begun yesterday, note once again the role of community and the various persons involved; “many” who go unnamed, but not unnoticed. How do you see your role in our church community today?

Sat, 10/8 Pray for our worship tomorrow, and for the fellowship and sharing that will take place as we come to **be the church. Invite an unchurched friend or family member to join you!**



“Being a recipient of the scholarship makes me feel I’m cared about.”

“Being an Asian American in this culture, a lot of times I’ve questioned who I was and where I belonged,” said Paul Nielsen, an active United Methodist and World Communion Sunday Ethnic Minority Scholarship recipient. Paul attends Spring Arbor University in Michigan.

Born in South Korea but adopted and raised in the United States, Paul recalls times he felt he did not belong in either the majority or the minority culture. “But knowing I can always find my identity in Christ . . . that’s given me comfort every single time,” he added.

Relating to others in his church, on mission trips and in college has helped Paul mature in his faith and his commitment to help others. Paul works as a peer advisor to new students at Spring Arbor.

“It’s not so much a job to me as it is a privilege. I get to serve students and work with people because that’s my overall passion,” said Paul. He is working on his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with a minor in business administration. Concerned about the decline in healthy marriages, he wants to become a marriage and family therapist.

Your gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering equips racial and ethnic students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities.

To read more stories of how the World Communion Sunday offering changes lives and to donate online, go to www.umcsgiving.org/giveWCS.

more information about the program, please contact Amy Denicore at amydenicore@msn.com or Pam Bentley at pam@leesburgumc.com.

Looking for a Safe Investment?

At Leesburg UMC we have more than 50 very active youth and they could use your support! Last year, there was an average of 28 youth attending the Gallery each week - last week there were 47; 19 participated in the VAUMC Fall Retreats; 16 were a part of the Winter Ski Retreat; 14 joined the 30 Hour Famine; 11 became Confirmed members of the church; 32 helped to lead worship on Youth Sunday and 22 gave a week of their summer to work hard on our summer mission trip. While two of our active seniors graduated in June, we are gaining 17 new Confirmands this Fall. Our Youth Group is growing!

Our church grows and is strengthened when our youth grow stronger in their faith, by participating in the above activities and retreats. We are offering you a new opportunity to invest in our youth program this year - We are selling Youth Group Stock! As a stockholder, you will be sent stock certificates, you will receive regular reports updating you on all youth activities, receive special offers (discounts) for our other fundraisers and in April, we will hold a special Shareholders Meeting and Banquet to present to you a full annual report.

For a Youth who participates in all of the activities offered, the cost to families is roughly \$800 per youth, less fundraisers. These costs are not included in the LUMC Budget. The average amount raised per youth in fundraising is \$86. Your investment in our youth group will help offset the high cost to families, especially with the mission trip, which costs \$350 per person. With many families having more than one child active in the youth group, sending multiple children on the mission trip or any of our retreats is often very difficult.

Stock will be available beginning this month for \$5 per share. You can also have the option of going on a plan to purchase a set number of shares a month.

The youth and their families extend a big thank you to all of LUMC’s family for your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.

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Altar Guild Needs Large Coffee Cans

The Altar Guild is in need of large coffee cans. They use them to put flower arrangements in to take them to nursing homes and shut-ins. Please bring your large empty coffee cans to Wesley kitchen. Thanks!

Missions

Salvation Army Meals

Did you know members of LUMC make meals for over 90 people once a month for Salvation Army ?

We could use one or two people to cook for 30 people for **Sat Oct 8th**. It is easy to do if you have a crock pot recipe , if not we can give you ideas. You would just need to cook a meal and deliver to the truck outside the Salvation Army building in Leesburg at 4 pm on Saturday.

Please call or email me if you can help. If not this month, please consider another month.
Lisa Martin: lmartin12@hotmail.com, 703-771-3251

General Conference of the U.M. Church

The Virginia Annual Conference delegation to the 2012 **General Conference of the U. M. Church***, and the **Jurisdictional Conference of the Southeast Jurisdiction of the U. M. Church****, will meet on **Saturday, October 22** from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at Trinity UMC at 903 Forest Ave. in Richmond. Pastors and laypersons are invited to observe the meeting. You are invited to bring leaders in your church at 10:00 AM to hear Dr. Lovett Weems, Director of the Lewis Leadership Center at Wesley Theological Seminary that morning. Lovett will share a presentation entitled, “What’s Ahead for the UMC?”

Here is a brief description of Lovett’s content:
“The UMC stands at a critical juncture. After four decades of declines in people and increases in dollars, the realities of the coming years will be far different than the past without major changes. With total giving turning down in 2009 for the first time in decades, a smaller and aging membership, and substantially increased death rates beginning in 2018 and continuing through 2050, church as usual will not work. There is hope but not without engaging current reali-

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ties in order to rediscover the magnificent legacy assets of United Methodism.”

Dr. Weems will share facts about the current state of the UMC that all delegates should know as they head to General Conference. The presentation will be equally helpful to pastors and laypersons who are considering the future of their church. Dr. Weems has shared this presentation with a variety of denominational bodies who have greatly appreciated his work. The presentation will last 60-90 minutes with a time for questions following.

* The General Conference, comprised of delegations representing every conference of Methodism around the world, meets every four years to establish priorities, goals, programs, and budgets for the Methodist/United Methodist Church worldwide; and to decide on legislative issues relating to our doctrine, structure, procedures and social positions as a Church.

** The various Jurisdictional Conferences (we are in the Southeast Jurisdiction) meet every four years in the summer following General Conference to elect bishops who will lead the various Annual Conferences that are part of that Jurisdiction. We are in the Virginia Annual Conference, and our Bishop Charlene Kammerer will be retiring next year. Hence, the Virginia Conference will be receiving a new bishop in the Fall, 2012.

Miscellaneous

FREE Fall Festival by Joshua's Hands

Celebrate the Harvest: October 8, 10am—5pm
8 miles west of Leesburg on Rt. 9

*Food—fun—crafts—auction—games—pony rides—
lunch—live entertainment—and more!*

See www.joshuashands.org, for more info

Frontline: Young Adult Ministry at McLean Bible Church

Meets Sundays at 5:30 pm, at 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. If you're a young adult and would like to attend, meet in the Blossom & Bloom parking lot at 4:50 pm, Sunday evenings. For more information, see their website, www.frontlinedc.com, or call/text Stephanie Wishmyer, 540.429.0068.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

New Devotional: Our Daily Bread

We now have copies of the daily devotional “Our Daily Bread” available for your use. These booklets have been provided to us free of charge, however, any donation you may choose to give will be forward to RBC ministries who provides them.

Hike with Hope to Benefit Friends of Loudoun Mental Health

Saturday, October 22 at Franklin Park (Rotary Pavilion), Purcellville, VA, 12:00 to 3:00 PM Friends of Loudoun Mental Health has been supporting folks who struggle with mental health problems since 1955. We raise money and provide direct financial aid to Loudoun residents working to recover from mental illnesses while under the care of Loudoun County Mental Health Services.

Come hike with us and/or give tax deductible dollars and/or get sponsors to pay you to take our 3.5 mile hike. We need your energy and happy spirits. We hike 3.5 miles on a circular trail beginning and ending at the Purcellville Rotary Pavilion in Franklin Park. We hike rain or shine. Advance registration is not required, but will help Friends plan for food and other needs. To register in advance, go to www.loudounfriends.org/donate.asp

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped with the funeral service this week for Debbie Goodman, a beloved wife, mother and well-known member of our community; and to Joanne Dennison and all who helped on Friday with our hosting of Dave Ramsey's “Entreleadership”, LUMC's first-ever experience with hosting a community-wide live web-cast.

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Changing the World, One Life at a Time.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Cultivating a group of people who can really support our faith traditions... is an incredible part of the future. Preparing ourselves for the future and providing competent and proficient leaders in The United Methodist Church is essential.

— PAUL NIELSEN

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