

**\* THIS WEEK AT LEESBURG UMC \***

**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 clsrn)

**Tuesday 10/11/11**

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 Adult discipleship team (parl)  
7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)  
7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)  
7:00 PM Worship team (Libr)

**Wednesday 10/12/11**

10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)  
4:15 PM MnM kids (Asb)  
7:00 PM Baptism preparation (Sanc)  
7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)  
7:00 PM Library Comm (Libr)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Roundtable (Asb, Wes, grn & red rms)

**Thursday 10/13/11**

10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)  
12:15 PM LUMP music (Asb)  
1:00 PM Senior Team (Libr)  
6:30 PM ESL classes (Upstairs Ed Bldg)  
7:00 PM Trustees (Parl)  
7:00 PM Council of Ministries (Wes)  
7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)  
7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)

**Friday 10/14/11**

9:30 AM Women's Bible study (AG1)  
9:30 AM Play and Learn (Preschool)  
11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)  
6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Asb, classroom)

**Saturday 10/15/11**

8:00 AM Emmaus team mtg (AG1)

9:00 AM OA (Parl)  
10:00 AM OA Intergroup workshop (Wes)  
10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)

**Sunday 10/16/11**

**Newsletter Items due**  
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 Confirmation & MS Youth (AG)  
4:30 PM School of Christian Living  
6:00 PM dinner (Asb)  
6:30 PM Senior high youth (AG)

**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, Deborah Fortner, Nancy Payne, Kelly McCaffrey, Sarah Klein

**Military & non-military personnel serving overseas,** especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, and Don Lew, Jr.

**Congratulations:** to Heather Klein on the birth of her son Ian Clarke Bennett on October 2.

**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*

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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!

### Attention All Women!

You are invited to come make dumplings Wednesday, October 19 or Saturday, October 29. Bring an apron, rolling pin and paring knife if you have them. Meet in Ashbury Hall at 9:00 am on both days. No experience necessary! Come have fun and enjoy the fellowship.

Childcare will be provided upon request. Please contact Vicky Weaver at 703-779-8189 or [Vicky.Weaver@vwmg.com](mailto:Vicky.Weaver@vwmg.com) by October 12, for Wednesday (October 19) or October 22, for Saturday (October 29).

### 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](mailto: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 curriculum 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](mailto: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.

#### **FORMS ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN!**

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00am service. Those interested in speaking parts for the pageant are encouraged to come to one of our script reading sessions:

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Green Room upstairs on the education hall**  
**OR**

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pam@leesburgumc.org).

Many Christian leaders acknowledge that the United States is now a mission field for the gospel. Christianity, while the “majority” religion in our country, has little impact on our culture and the values/priorities of a majority of Americans. More and more churches, especially former “mainline” churches, are finding themselves on the sidelines of society. And while a large majority of Americans still profess belief in God, this belief does not often translate into the ordering of priorities or discernible differences in lifestyles and behavior. As a result, countries to whom we once sent missionaries to spread the gospel are now sending missionaries to the U. S. Churches that once depended on steeples and church signs, assuming that if people knew their location, “brand” (denomination) and schedule of services that they would come, are finding the need to rethink their outreach – or face diminishing participation. We live in a missional, multi-cultural milieu that ironically resembles the first-century Mediterranean world. So, as we turn once again to the missionary journeys of Paul in the book of Acts, may God open our eyes and hearts to ways we can be missional in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with those in our circles of influence – our family, friends, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, etc.

**Mon, 10/10 Acts 15:36-41** Last Friday's reading left us with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch, teaching and encouraging others in the church. In this passage, they prepare to set out on a new missionary journey. Note the disagreement and conflict that arose (see 2 Timothy 4:9-13 for “rest of the story”). How do you think God used this for good?

**Tues 10/11 Acts 16:1-5** A young man, Timothy, is added to their team. What witnessing principle is demonstrated by Paul circumcising Timothy? What might God be calling you to do/change in order to have an opportunity to gain the right to be heard by others?

**Wed, 10/12 Acts 16:6-10** As you read this, contrast their means of guidance and their flexible strategizing. Contrast this with our modern reliance on demographics, surveys, analysis, etc. How might we maintain our openness to the Spirit of God, even as we make use of “best practices” for planning programs, witness and mission?

**Thurs, 10/13 Acts 16:11-15** It's quite possible that the women Paul and his companions encountered were washing clothes at the river; or they, too, could have been gathered for prayer. Regardless, their presence was unexpected. What might help you (our church) to be responsive to unexpected opportunities?

**Fri, 10/14 Acts 16:16-21** What is the accusation against Paul & Silas? Can you picture a time when the church, while acting faithfully, has been/might be considered “unlawful”?

**Sat, 10/15 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!**

### **Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Class knows this answer., do you?

Esau traded his birthright to Jacob for..?

- A) Land                      C) Stew
- B) Livestock              D) Money

*Answer: Genesis 25: 29-34*

### **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 12<sup>th</sup>- December 7<sup>th</sup>

Methodists-in-Mission Kids (MnM Kids) is a community service program open to children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 more information about the program, please contact Amy Denicore at [amydenicore@msn.com](mailto:amydenicore@msn.com) or Pam Bentley at [pam@leesburgumc.com](mailto:pam@leesburgumc.com).

### **Looking for a Safe Investment?**

See the Youth Stock Order form on the pink insert.

## **Missions**

### **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 realities 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  
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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**

**Lyme Disease: Free Educational Seminar**

Monday **October 17, 2011** – 7 PM at Purcellville Library, and Wednesday **October 19, 2011**- 7 PM Keller Williams Real Estate, 50 Catocin Circle NE, Leesburg. **Special Guest Speaker : Melanie Barker**

A total of 223 cases of Lyme were reported last year in Loudoun County, representing approximately 18% of Virginia's total cases. **Loudoun is first in Virginia and third in the nation for reported cases**--and there are more! Many cases go undiagnosed and misdiagnosed and unreported each year from a lack of awareness by patients and doctors. **More can be done** to control the spread of Lyme in Loudoun County.

**Space is limited. Please RSVP** early to Jack Stagman 703-581-4390, or jackstagman@comcast.net

**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](http://www.loudounfriends.org/donate.asp)

**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](http://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](http://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.

**Bulletin Item Submissions**

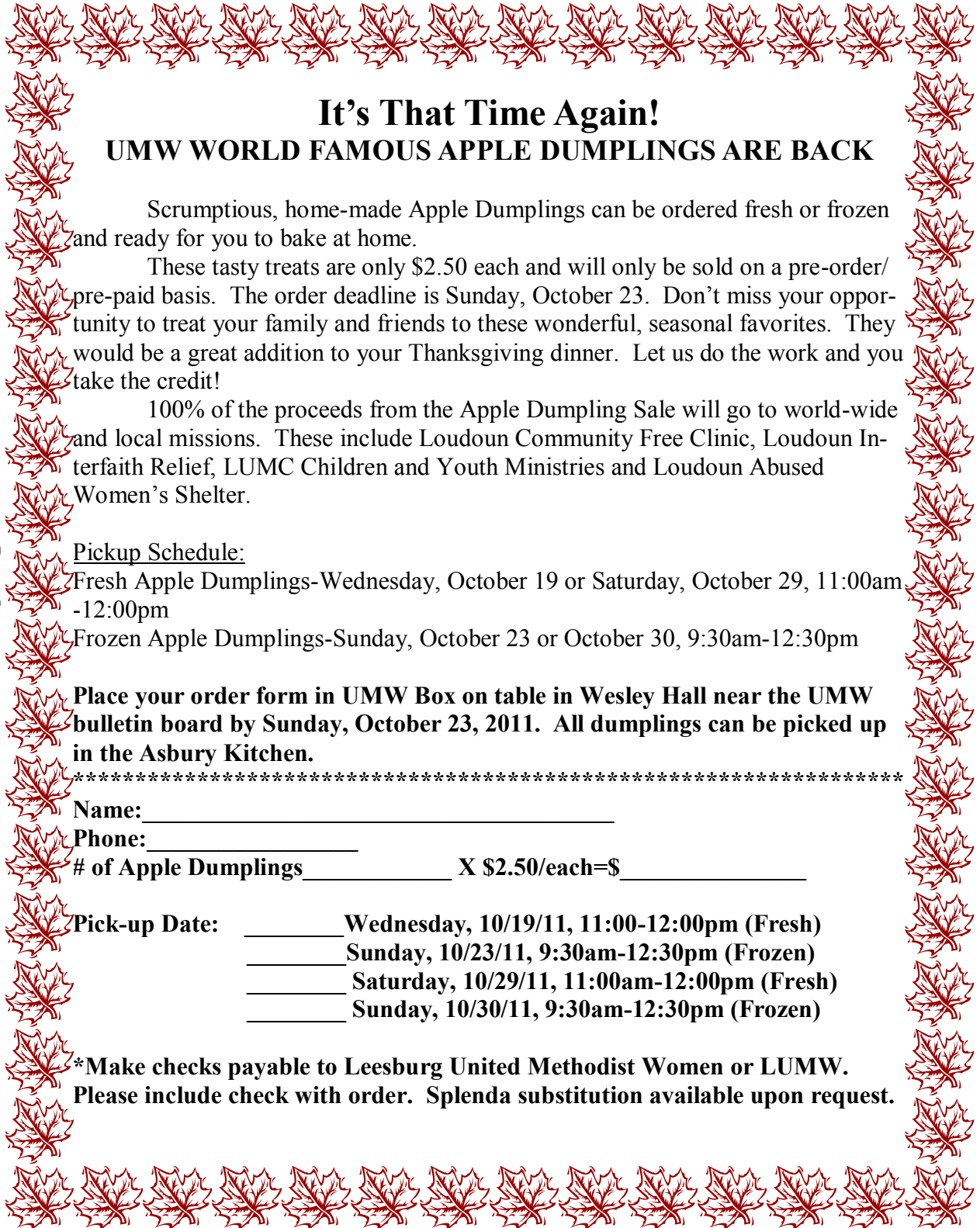
Items and information are due to the office by the end of the day each Wednesday, so that I have all bulletin information available first thing Thursday mornings. Items received after 8:30 am on a Thursday may not be able to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

*-Linda Stoutenburgh*

**Guys—Come See "Courageous"**

A bunch of us are meeting to go see the movie "Courageous" this afternoon, 4pm showing. Bring your family, or come by yourself! To carpool, meet in the Blossom & Bloom parking lot at 3:20 pm; or meet us at the Countryside 20 Theaters at 3:45. Tickets for the 4pm showing can be purchased online at [Fandango.com](http://Fandango.com)

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**It's That Time Again!  
UMW WORLD FAMOUS APPLE DUMPLINGS ARE BACK**

Scrumptious, home-made Apple Dumplings can be ordered fresh or frozen and ready for you to bake at home.

These tasty treats are only \$2.50 each and will only be sold on a pre-order/pre-paid basis. The order deadline is Sunday, October 23. Don't miss your opportunity to treat your family and friends to these wonderful, seasonal favorites. They would be a great addition to your Thanksgiving dinner. Let us do the work and you take the credit!

100% of the proceeds from the Apple Dumpling Sale will go to world-wide and local missions. These include Loudoun Community Free Clinic, Loudoun Interfaith Relief, LUMC Children and Youth Ministries and Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter.

**Pickup Schedule:**

Fresh Apple Dumplings-Wednesday, October 19 or Saturday, October 29, 11:00am-12:00pm

Frozen Apple Dumplings-Sunday, October 23 or October 30, 9:30am-12:30pm

**Place your order form in UMW Box on table in Wesley Hall near the UMW bulletin board by Sunday, October 23, 2011. All dumplings can be picked up in the Asbury Kitchen.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Apple Dumplings** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$2.50/each=\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick-up Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesday, 10/19/11, 11:00-12:00pm (Fresh)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday, 10/23/11, 9:30am-12:30pm (Frozen)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday, 10/29/11, 11:00am-12:00pm (Fresh)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday, 10/30/11, 9:30am-12:30pm (Frozen)**

**\*Make checks payable to Leesburg United Methodist Women or LUMW. Please include check with order. Splenda substitution available upon request.**