

*** THIS WEEK AT LEESBURG UMC ***

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); Praise Worship; Youth Gallery (AG2)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship; Youth band rehearsal (AG2)
- 12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)
- 2:30 PM Betty Hutchison (Sanc)
- 4:30 PM Confirmation & MS Youth (AG); School of Christian Living
- 6:00 PM dinner (Asb)
- 6:30 PM Senior high youth (AG)

Monday 10/17/11

- 6:00 PM Preschool committee (yellow rm)
- 6:30 PM Sunshine circle (Wes)
- 7:00 PM Troop 998 adults (red room); Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsm)

Tuesday 10/18/11

- 9:00 AM Beth Moore: Daniel (Wes)
- 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
- 6:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb)
- 6:30 PM ESL classes (Upstairs Ed Bldg)
- 7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc); AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 10/19/11

- 8:00 AM UMW apple dumplings (Asb Kit.)
- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 4:15 PM MnM kids (Asb)
- 7:00 PM New member class (AG1); Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)
- 7:30 PM BSA Trainin (Asb)

Thursday 10/20/11

- 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)
- 7:00 PM Finance Comm (Wes); SPRC (Parl)
- 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc); Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

Friday 10/21/11

- 8:00 AM B&B Event set-up (Asb)
- 9:30 AM Play and Learn (Preschool); Women's Bible study (AG1)
- 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
- 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)

Saturday 10/22/11

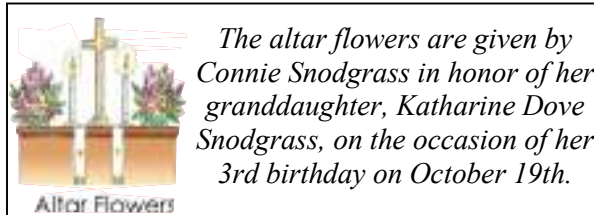
8:00 AM Blossom & Bloom holiday sale (Asb); Emmaus team mtg (AG1)

9:00 AM OA (Parl)

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

Sunday 10/23/11

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



The altar flowers are given by Connie Snodgrass in honor of her granddaughter, Katharine Dove Snodgrass, on the occasion of her 3rd birthday on October 19th.

Our Prayers

Healing: Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Clayton Mallery, Ginny Moore, Evelyn Moxley, Betty Lemarr, Chris Larkins, Nate Simpson, Mike Megeath, Nancy Payne, Kelly McCaffrey

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

Condolences: to Marilyn Landefeld on the death of her husband, Emil, on October 13.

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 16, 2011

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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!

Ministries

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 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 by 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 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.

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”

****Script Reading Session TODAY!****

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 encouraged 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?

After Jacob awoke from his dream, he realized he was in a house of God. What name did he give to the place?

- A) Haran C) Beersheba
B) Bethel D) Canaan

Answer: Genesis 28:19

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.

Trail Guide -- Week of October 17, 2011

We turn once again to the missionary journeys of Paul in the book of Acts. This week we'll read about increasing opposition to the message of the Gospel, and encounter two of the better-known stories from Paul's journeys: his imprisonment in Philippi, and his visit to Athens. May God open our eyes and hearts to ways we can be missionaries in the 21st century with those in our circles of influence – our family, friends, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, etc.

Mon, 10/17 Acts 16:22-34 During my pastoral ministry, I have been in a number of different jails – as a visitor. In every one, there is an oppressive atmosphere. I can scarcely imagine, however, the prison in which Paul and Silas found themselves! Read carefully. And yet, what does Luke tell us they were doing – at midnight? They were praying and singing hymns to God. Use this story as a mirror to reflect on your faith and response to the difficulties you face. Think of a hymn to carry you through this day.

Tues 10/18 Philippians 1:3-12 About 12 years after his imprisonment in Philippi (Acts 16), Paul wrote to the Philippians from another prison. In your mind, place the scenes from Acts 16 as the backdrop for the words of Paul you read here. Were the jailor and members of his family among the persons Paul was remembering? Those who may ridicule, reject or otherwise ignore the gospel today may, like the jailor, turn around later. Keep praying and sharing the message and the demonstration of God's love.

Wed, 10/19 Acts 16:35-40 In a surprising twist, Paul asserts his rights as a Roman citizen who has been unjustly treated. Philippi was a Roman colony – not a conquered city. Most, if not all, inhabitants were Roman citizens and thus respectful of the rights of a citizen. It's important to know our rights in exercising our faith – what is appropriate and allowed, and what is not; at work or at school or wherever; so that we may exercise our faith freely.

Thurs, 10/20 Acts 17:1-15 Luke paints a distinct contrast between the response of the Thessalonians and the Bereans. Why do you think they responded differently? One issue is identified in verse 7. What is at stake here? In what ways are you/we tempted to place “king and country” above your/our allegiance to Christ?

Fri, 10/21 Acts 17:16-34 Paul's visit to Athens is a timely account of witnessing to a secular culture. Read carefully & notice how Paul “connects” the gospel with the experience and perspectives of his hearers. Think of ways you can connect the story of God's love with the felt and real needs of the pre-Christians or nominal Christians you know.

Sat, 10/22 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!

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

TEAR OUT THIS PAGE, and 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.**

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Missions

Loudoun Interfaith Relief Partner to Provide Food for Thanksgiving Dinners

Loudoun Interfaith Relief is preparing 2,000 Thanksgiving Dinner baskets for Loudoun County families. Please help us help families provide Thanksgiving Dinner. In order for us to pack the baskets - we will need your donation by November 11, 2011

Our Thanksgiving Wish List:

- Boxed Potatoes
- Boxed stuffing
- Vegetables
- Yams or sweet potatoes
- Gravy - please no glass containers
- Cranberry Sauce
- MOST IMPORTANTLY: \$10 or \$20 gift cards to area grocery stores. Since we do not have room to store turkeys, we will be giving the gift cards to our families so that they can purchase their turkey

Family Needs Washing Machine

Vicky Weaver has requested prayer for a family with seven children between the ages of 2 and 12 that is going through some very difficult times. Their most urgent need is a washing machine – their machine is out and they don't have the finances to buy a new one - you can imagine with 7 children this would be a big problem! If you have a washing machine in good condition that you would like to donate to this family, please contact Vicky Weaver.

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 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 Catoctin 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

Summer's Best 2 Weeks

Hey Parents! Are you looking for a quality camp to send your kids to this summer? Summer's Best Two Weeks is a Christian athletic, recreation, and wilderness camp located in the heart of western Pennsylvania's Laurel Mountains. SB2W has been serving families for over 45 years. They are committed to creating an incredible experience for kids ages 8-18. During their stay at SB2W, campers connect with

God, grow new friendships, are challenged physically, develop athletically, and learn to live out the "I'm Third" lifestyle (putting God first, others second, and themselves third). Handpicked, college-aged counselors care for them throughout their stay at Camp.

On Sunday, October 30th, you'll have the chance to learn more about Summer's Best. Come to Asbury Hall at 1:00 P.M. to catch a glimpse of what happened at camp last summer, and to see what SB2W is all about. Please call Robert and Marci Andrews at (703) 779-7626 if you have any questions. Or check out Summer's Best at www.sb2w.org.

2nd Annual Skate4Haiti

Saturday, Nov. 5 , 6-9 pm
Purcellville Roller Rink (now called the *Bush Tabernacle*) 250 South Nursery Avenue
\$5 per person (includes skate rental)

The purpose of the event is to raise funds to provide school scholarships to Haitian children.
Did You Know?

- The average Haitian family income is less than \$500/yr.
- Less than 15% of Haitian schools are public and free.
- More than 85% of Haitian schools are privately owned and charge fees (≈\$100 per year).
- More than 35% of Haitian children are unable to go to primary school because their families can't afford it.

On November 5th, please bring a generous heart, a gently used stuffed animal, and your skates (if you have them) and help send a Haitian child to school. (Please make your 100% tax-deductible donation payable to Changing Latitudes, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)

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, visit their website, www.frontlinedc.com, or call/text Stephanie Wishmyer, 540.429.0068.

Pastoral Letter

Sisters and brothers, last Sunday, October 9, while we were engaged in worship, fellowship, learning, and sharing together, one or more persons came into our building and stole cash from wallets and purses in the Choir Room between 11:00 and noon; a small amount of cash from our children's Sunday discipleship offering between 9:50 and 10:15; cash from wallets/purses of one staff member and at least one Children's Discipleship leader; cash from our Administrative Assistant's desk and locked file drawer; and several keys to our buildings, including our "master" key. In addition, the Leesburg Presbyterian Church next door experienced similar thefts, including cash from their secretary's purse, which was hidden out of sight. To our knowledge, no personal or church equipment was stolen, and all losses have been reported to the Leesburg Police Department. We feel fortunate and thankful that our regular Sunday offering was not touched.

It appears that the person or persons involved are "professionals"; they knew where to go and when. From the descriptions provided by several persons, it also appears that the person (one of the persons) was a woman, Caucasian, medium brown hair, wearing a black dress. This, too, has been reported to the police.

Our shared reaction is one of shock and surprise that this would take place. Several have expressed feelings of anger, violation, etc., all of which are common and normal responses. Sadly, the Church is not immune to any of the many forms of evil in our world.

Moving forward from this experience I want you to know that our church leaders are taking appropriate steps - such as changing the locks of all doors and rooms that were affected. We will be reviewing our procedures to see what we can do to better safeguard personal belongings and church equipment.

Last, I ask two things of each of you. **First**, pray specifically for the continued safety of our church family; and pray for the person(s) who did this, that they would come under the conviction of God's Holy Spirit and repent of their actions and lifestyle. God *can* change their hearts and turn them toward himself. **Second**, I would like each of us to take the initiative to greet persons we do not recognize, welcome them, introduce yourself, and help them to find their way

around. As one of our newer members who manages a retail store shared: "Our answer to shoplifting is better customer service!" May our response to this unfortunate incident be to do a better job welcoming and caring for the stranger, the visitor, the new person who comes through our doors. May each of us see ourselves as hosts and hostesses in God's house to welcome God's guests!

Called to love – even our enemies,



Rev. Jim Wishmyer

LUMC Charge Conference

Annual LUMC Charge Conference, Monday, October 24, 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend as our District Superintendent comes to hear how our church is doing and to discuss with us our plans for 2012 and the new "Vital Congregations" initiative. At our Charge Conference we will approve our church leaders for 2012, our pastor's salary and compensation for 2012, and our plan to change our governing/decision-making structure from our current Council On Ministries/ Administrative Board to the Church Council structure. Voting members of our Charge Conference (COM & Administrative Board leaders) are required to attend.