

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

**Sunday 11/13/11**

**December Newsletter Items Due**

Winchester Dist. Conference (Front Royal UMC)

**8:15 AM** Traditional Worship

**9:00 AM** Pageant reading (red)

**9:00 AM** Children's choir (choir room)

**9:45 AM** Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)

**9:45 AM** Praise Worship

**11:00 AM** SH youth band (AG2)

**11:00 AM** Traditional Worship

**12:30 PM** Angel Ringers (Sanc)

**2:30 PM** B. Hutchison wedding consult (Sanc)

**4:00 PM** FPU (Wes)

**4:30 PM** Courageous (for men) (AG1)

**7:00 PM** LLO (Asb)

**Monday 11/14/11**

**1:00 PM** Beulah Johnston Circle (Wes)

**7:00 PM** Troop 998 adults (red room)

**7:00 PM** FPU planning mtg (Libr)

**7:00 PM** Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrm)

**7:00 PM** Stephen Ministry (Wes)

**7:30 PM** The Journey (Purple Room)

**Tuesday 11/15/11**

**9:00 AM** Beth Moore: Daniel (Wes)

**9:00 AM** Courageous (for women) (teal room)

**10:00 AM** LUMC staff meeting (Libr)

**6:30 PM** Pickwick player (Asb)

**6:30 PM** ESL classes (Upstairs Ed Bldg)

**7:00 PM** LEI team (libr)

**7:00 PM** Heavenly ringers (Sanc)

**7:00 PM** AA Literature meeting (Wes)

**7:30 PM** Not your birthday... (Parl)

**Wednesday 11/16/11**

**10:00 AM** LUMP music (Asb)

**4:15 PM** MnM kids (Asb)

**7:00 PM** New member class (AG1)

**7:00 PM** Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)

**Thursday 11/17/11**

**8:30 AM** Play Day Thursday (nursery)

**10:00 AM** LUMP music (Asb)

**12:15 PM** LUMP music (Asb)

**1:00 PM** Senior Team (Libr)

**6:30 PM** ESL closing dinner (Asb)

**7:00 PM** SPRC (Parl)

**7:00 PM** Finance Comm (Wes)

**7:30 PM** Praise Team (Sanc)

**7:30 PM** Chorus Old Dominion (Choir)

**Friday 11/18/11**

**9:30 AM** Women's Bible study (AG1)

**11:00 AM** Overeaters Anon (Parl)

**6:00 PM** Club 45-Friday Fun (AG)

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

**Saturday 11/19/11**

**9:00 AM** Church Workday (AG)

**9:00 AM** OA (Parl)

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

**3:00 PM** Emmaus Gathering (Asb)

**3:30 PM** Emmaus Gathering (AG1)

**6:30 PM** Emmaus Gathering (Sanc)

**Sunday 11/20/11**

**8:15 AM** Traditional Worship

**9:00 AM** Children's choir (choir room)

**9:00 AM** Pageant reading (red)

**9:45 AM** Praise Worship

**9:45 AM** Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)

**11:00 AM** MS youth band (AG2)

**11:00 AM** Traditional Worship

**12:30 PM** Homebound Communion meeting (Wes)

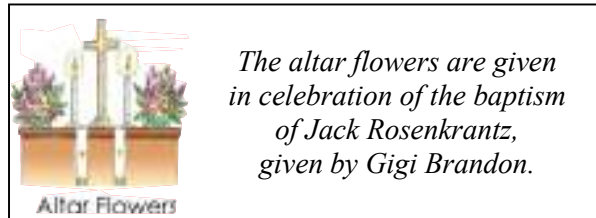
**12:30 PM** Angel Ringers (Sanc)

**4:00 PM** FPU (Wes)

**4:30 PM** Courageous (for men) (AG1)

**4:30 PM** Youth movie night (AG2)

**7:00 PM** LLO (Asb)



**Our Prayers**

**Healing:** Harry & Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Clayton Mallery, Ginny Moore, Evelyn Moxley, Betty Lemarr, Chris Larkins, Nate Simpson, Mike Megeath, Nancy Payne, Kelly McCaffrey, Helen Symons, Sarah Corle, Terry Corle, Jim Tiffany

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

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*LUMC4Life—We're downtown and all around!  
"The mission of LUMC is to make disciples who live transformed lives,  
and influence their generation and the next with God's love!"*

## Ministries

### ► INVITATION TO JOIN A WEEKEND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Membership in a United Methodist Women's circle means joining a community of women committed to local, national and global missions. It also means meeting regularly for prayer, study, fellowship and just to have fun. For some women, meeting during the week may be difficult. So the UMW would like to initiate a circle which meets on the weekend. If membership in a weekend circle interests you, please contact Sheree O'Neil at 703-777-7632 or [shereoneil@verizon.net](mailto:shereoneil@verizon.net). Join us and discover the many joys of circle membership.

### ► NEW MEMBER CLASS 101

The next new member class will be held on Wednesday, November 16. 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.

### ► ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men and women and older youth of the church are invited to gather for the annual Advent Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 A.M. in Asbury Hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. The Rev. Bert Sikkelee, LUMC's beloved former interim pastor, will bring us the Advent message. Madeline MacNeil, professional singer and performer on the hammered and fretted dulcimers, will bless us with heavenly music. Known as "the silver-haired woman with the golden voice who has won the admiration of countless fans across the country," she was most recently heard at the Waterford Fair.

Reservations for child care may be made with Amber King (703-737-0365).

### ► CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FROM L.E.I TEAM

Saturday, December 3 we will decorate the trees outside the front of the church with white Christmas lights. We will seek volunteers to donate lights and/or help decorate trees. A tall ladder or cherry picker will be needed; any suggestions are appreciated. Lights should be donated by Sunday November 13 to give us enough time to buy additional lights, if necessary.

Saturday, December 10 10 AM is Leesburg Christmas Parade. The church will participate with a group of parishioners that volunteer to sing carols in the parade.

Contact Kevin O'Neil about these events.  
703.727.1111, or [vistagrande@verizon.net](mailto:vistagrande@verizon.net)

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### ► STUDY: "COURAGEOUS LIVING"

From the makers of the movie, "Courageous", comes a four-week Bible study and discussion on the ageless challenge to live courageously for the sake of one's family. All of us were born into family and whether you have children, grandchildren or no children, you can find wisdom, insight, guidance and inspiration to live your faith in Christ courageously today. Pastor Jim Wishmyer will be leading this study for a group for men on Sunday afternoons during the month of November, from 4:30pm-6:00 pm (begins Sunday, November 6), and a group for women on Tuesday mornings, in November from 9:00am-10:30am (begins Tuesday, November 8). Childcare is available for Tuesday morning. Please email Pastor Jim - [jim@leesburgumc.org](mailto:jim@leesburgumc.org) - or call/email the church office - 703.777.2056 / [office@leesburgumc.org](mailto:office@leesburgumc.org) - to register or for more info.

## Miscellaneous

### ► LUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE RE-SCHEDULED TO NOV. 29

Annual LUMC Charge Conference, has been **RE-SCHEDULED to TUESDAY, Nov. 29.**

All are welcome to attend 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.

### ► DISTRICT CONFERENCE ON NOV. 13.

All Admin Board members are encouraged to attend.

### ► CHURCH WORKDAY NOVEMBER 19TH.

We need to clean up the back room of the AG building so it can be usable. We will do some other needed fixes in the remainder of the building. We will work from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please sign up in Wesley and Asbury Halls as well as the Narthex.

### ► 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)

### ► THE LOUDOUN CHORALE PRESENTS HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Performing with a chamber orchestra and professional soloists, the Loudoun Chorale proudly presents Handel's *Messiah* for their fall concert. *Messiah's* selections include Hallelujah, Glory to God, For Unto Us a Child is Born, And He Shall Purify, Worthy Is the Lamb, plus many more. Members of our church family singing with the Chorale are Shawna Teague, Letty Mallery, Marilyn Soloman, Natalie Huelsman, Tamara Hayter and Tim Griffin. Performances are Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 PM at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 711 West Main Street, Purcellville and Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 PM at Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church, 605 W. Market Street, Leesburg. Tickets are available at the door. Bring your family and friends and be captivated, delighted and enchanted by incredible and beloved music celebrating God and our Savior Jesus Christ!

## Administration

### ► NOV. 27 BULLETIN ITEM DUE DATE

Linda is trying to take vacation the week of Thanksgiving. ALL ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 27 BULLETIN ARE DUE BY 9 am, THURSDAY, NOV. 17. Thank you for your help!

### ► NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE TODAY

Items for the December newsletter are due to the office TODAY, November 13. Thanks!

### ► WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

9:45 Service

Professing Members:

**James & Kristen Anderson** (daughter Lila)  
1614 Candlewood Place  
Leesburg, VA 20176  
703-777-4823

Baptized Members:

**Jack William Rosenkranz**, son of Kurt and Laura Rosenkranz, brother of Kaitlin

**Ian Clarke Bennett**, son of Heather Bennett Klein, brother of Thomas Bennett and Sarah Elizabeth Klein

### ► CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Here is our schedule of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship for 2011. Nursery will NOT be available for these services.

#### Christmas Eve:

12 noon—Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm—Family Service I  
6:30 pm—Family Service II  
8:00 pm Contemporary Worship  
11:00 pm Traditional Worship

#### Christmas Day:

11:00 am—Worship (no Sunday School)

## ► IDEAS FOR HOLIDAY SPENDING

Here are some helpful suggestions for your Christmas shopping!

- **Create a budget before you start spending** - The first step in smart holiday spending is to create a budget. List the areas in which you will spend money and assign dollar amounts to each area. Be realistic or you will be tempted to change the budget midway and that will defeat the purpose of your budget. The budget is there to tell you how much you can spend. Keeping to your budget is the smart way to shop.
- **Shop with a list** Make a list of everything that you intend to buy and stick to your plan. Don't buy anything that is not on your list unless you absolutely must.
- **Set expectations** Have the "talk" with your family to see if you can exchange names for the adults and place a dollar figure on the amount to be spent on the gift. If the budget will be tight, let everybody know ahead of time and you will all be on the same page.
- **Make your own gifts** Everybody loves a gift that comes from the heart. If you are handy or artistic, you might consider making your own gifts for family and friends. Gift baskets of home made foods, picture books, crafts and artwork are all great ideas.
- **Do your homework** Do your homework before you leave the house. Know where the sales are. Many stores price match, so always ask "for your best price" especially on large ticket items. Look for coupons and discounts at every opportunity.
- **Shop with a plan** Never go shopping without a plan on where you are going to go and what you are going to buy. This will avoid those impulse purchases.
- **Track your spending** Make a list of everything that you buy and how much it cost. Comparing your spending with your budget can keep you on track and prevent you from spending more than you originally planned.
- **Get radical!** Take a step toward "alternative" gift giving. Instead of exchanging gifts with family members, give a gift in their honor to a reputable Christian mission that will use 100% of what is given to meet a real need. Buy some "critters" through Heifer International that will help a family in need; sponsor a child in Haiti, or elsewhere, through World Vision, Compassion International, etc. so that child can get an education and learn of God's love; send a donation to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) that will help persons affected by disasters worldwide. Each of these organizations have a website and most will send a note of acknowledgement to the person in whose name you are making the contribution. (radical - "of or going to the root or origin")

Thanks to Church of the Resurrection and to Natasha Wyckoff with Consumer Credit Counseling for sharing this list!

## ► ADVENT STUDY: "CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY"

**Starting on Tuesday, November 1, 7:30.**

**Sign up forms in Wesley Hall and Asbury Hall.**

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season—Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Over-spending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration.

This Christmas, cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us. In five short, engaging chapters, Pastor Mike Slaughter inspires readers to approach Christmas differently, and be transformed in the process.

## ► ADVENT STUDY: "THE JOURNEY"

**Starting on Monday, November 7, 7:30**

**Sign up forms in Wesley Hall and Asbury Hall.**

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in 24 Hours That Changed the World, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

## ► 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

## Missions

### ► SIGN UP TO RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY!

Sign-up through the church website: <http://leesburgumc.org/ministries/Salvation%20Army%20Bell%20Ringing%202> If you need to change time or can't make your designated time, please call Bill Harrison at 703-777-4586 and let him know.

**The dates are:** Fridays & Saturdays, Nov. 11 – Dec. 24, plus the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. With the expectation that we will be able to fill so many weekday slots, if you are available during the workday, please take those timeslots, thank you!

**Who:** Anyone! But... Giant has requested no more than two people at a time because of large groups blocking access to the store in the past.

**What:** Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army to raise money for them to help those in need in Loudoun County.

**Where:** the Giant on Market Street in Leesburg

**When:** 2-hour shift (you can pre-arrange to split a shift.)

**How:** Wear layered clothing as temperatures may fluctuate. Bring a cardboard box or rug to stand on, which will help keep the cold from the pavement from your feet. Remember to say: "Merry Christmas!" and "Thank you!" Never leave kettle unattended, if you need a break, please take the kettle to the customer service desk in the store.

# Youth Alternative Gift Bazaar

**Begins November 13 in Wesley Hall**

Choose a meaningful gift to give a loved one and help children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts that help them become self-reliant.

*Please note: you cannot gift the tax deduction.*



Flock of Chickens, \$20



Flock of Geese, \$20

Trio of Rabbits, \$60



Heifer, \$500



Pig, \$120



Llama, \$150



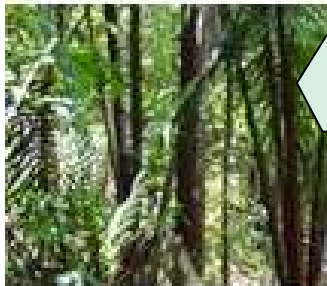
Goat, \$120



Flock of Ducks, \$20



Sheep, \$120



Trees, \$60

Honeybees, \$30



Sample of the inside of gift card:  
*"In your honor, a gift has been made to Heifer International to help struggling people around the world become self-reliant for food and income. May this gift bring you joy as it brings hope to families in need."*

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# From the Altar Guild: Christmas Flowers

We are planning flowers and greens to adorn the church for the Christmas Season. There will be poinsettias as well as other flowers, greens and wreaths. If you wish to make a contribution to this project in honor or in memory of a loved one, each will be listed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 18, and in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Use the form below and deposit in the Altar Guild mail box **no later than Wednesday, December 7.** Checks should be made payable to the "Altar Guild".

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_; Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

All information will appear in the bulletin as you word it on this form.



In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

# BUY

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

# YOUTH

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# STOCK

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ shares at \$5 each for a total of: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to purchase them all at once.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to purchase them over 8 months at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

*Please return this form with payment to the box in Wesley Hall. Thank you!*