

*** THIS WEEK AT LEESBURG UMC ***

Sunday 11/27/11

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 4:30 PM Courageous (for men) (AG1)

Monday 11/28/11

- 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl group (Parl)
- 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb, 3 clsrm)
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Wes)
- 7:30 PM The Journey (Purple Room)

Tuesday 11/29/11

- 9:00 AM Beth Moore: Daniel (Wes)
- 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
- 7:00 PM LLO (Asb)
- 7:00 PM Charge Conference (AG2)
- 7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)
- 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)
- 7:30 PM Not your birthday... (Parl)

Wednesday 11/30/11

- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 4:15 PM MnM kids (Asb)
- 7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)

Thursday 12/1/11

- 8:30 AM Play Day Thursday (nursery)
- 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)
- 12:15 PM LUMP music (Asb)
- 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)
- 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)
- 7:30 PM Lay Leadership (Libr)

Friday 12/2/11

- Senior High retreat begins
- 8:00 AM event setup (Asb)
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible study (off-site)
- 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
- 6:30 PM LLO (Choir)
- 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)

Saturday 12/3/11

- 8:30 AM Angel Ringers (Sanc)
- 9:00 AM UMW Advent Prayer Breakfast (Asb)
- 9:00 AM OA (Parl)
- 9:30 AM Pageant rehearsal (Sanc)
- 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)
- 11:00 AM event setup (Wes)
- 4:00 PM LLO (Asb)

Sunday 12/4/11

- UMW cookie sale
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship

- 9:00 AM Pageant reading (red)
- 9:00 AM Children's choir (choir room)
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)
- 11:00 AM MS youth band (AG2)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 11:15 AM Children's Team (Green room)
- 12:30 PM Angel Ringers (Sanc)
- 4:00 PM LLO (Asb)
- 4:00 PM FPU (Wes)

Special Worship for Advent:

Sunday 12/11/11

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:45 AM Praise Worship
- 11:00 AM *Christmas Pageant*

Sunday 12/18/11

- 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM *Christmas Cantata: "Tapestry of Light" (combined LUMC Chancel Choir and Harmony UMC choir)*
- 9:45 AM *Christmas Cantata: "Songs of Praise" (Raising Praise)*

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, Shon JerryVicky Weaver

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

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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

► ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent Devotionals for heart and for home. Copies of the devotional booklet, "A Grand Miracle", combines the writings of C. S. Lewis with appropriate thoughts, scripture and prayers for the Advent season. Please take just one booklet per family.

Advent Calendars – copies of the re-usable window calendar, "Suddenly, A Savior" are available, one per family, please. These include questions for discussion with family members and scripture verses that give insights. Also, copies of the 2011 Advent Calendar for the home that gives daily scripture readings and reflections to use at any time. Includes a prayer for use at home if you have an Advent Wreath/Candles that you light each day.

► CHRISTMAS PARADE

LUMC will participate in the December 10 Leesburg Christmas parade, which starts at 10 AM. Meet us at Ida Lee Park, be there no later than 9:30.

Preferred attire: Black (dark) pants, red top (sweater, coat, sweat shirt, etc.), Santa hat if you have or can afford to buy one. We welcome anyone that would like to drive their pick-up truck; bring some home-made signs identifying LUMC that you can display on sides of truck. Carolers will sit in trucks and walk behind-we'll have lyrics for many popular Christmas songs. If you have a favorite, let me know. We'll hand out candy canes and invitations to the church. Contact Kevin O'Neil for more information. vista-grande@verizon.net or 703.727.1111

► CHRISTMAS DECORATING

All are welcome to join the LEI Team as we decorate the front of the church with Christmas lights. Join us first as we attend Advent breakfast @ 9 AM; trimming begins immediately following: 11 am on Dec. 3.

► INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE FORMING AT LUMC

Do you play an orchestral or band instrument? Interest is growing for an instrumental ensemble at LUMC to include both adults and youth. If interested, please contact Pam Bentley at pam@leesburgumc.org for more information.

► ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

We will be starting the Advent study, "It's Not Your Birthday" on Sunday, December 4. The Adult class meets in the AG, starting at 9:45. All are welcome to attend.

► ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5TH GRADER?

Which Old Testament Prophet said the following:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

- A) Micah C) Jeremiah
B) Daniel D) Isaiah

answer: Isaiah 9:6

► JOIN A WEEKEND UMW 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. Join us and discover the many joys of circle membership.

► 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).

Youth Alternative Gift Bazaar

On-going 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 Geese, \$20



Flock of Chickens, \$20



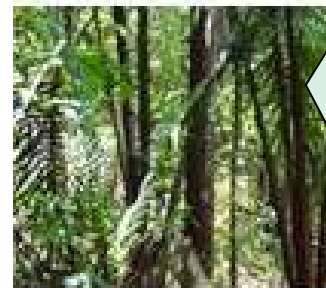
Heifer, \$500



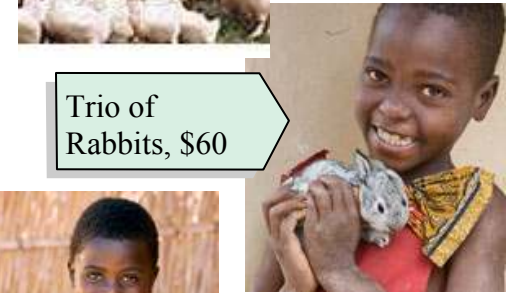
Llama, \$150



Flock of Ducks, \$20



Trees, \$60



Trio of Rabbits, \$60



Pig, \$120



Goat, \$120



Sheep, \$120



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."



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 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".



In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____



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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.

► INTERFAITH RELIEF

Reminder it is the first Sunday of each month. We are so appreciative of everyone's **generous** donations. In Oct and Nov we collected 422 lbs of food. The bags can be found under the Missions table in Wesley Hall and it has a list on it with commonly needed food.

► UMVIM TRAINING PROGRAM

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is a fellowship of believers, lay and clergy, men and women, adults and youths, who have stepped out in faith to serve the needs of communities around the world. It is a hands on ministry that offers everyone

the opportunity to serve in mission. This is a great opportunity to learn about leadership for Missions .

Saturday, December 10, 2011 9-3:30 at *Mount Olivet UMC*, 1500 N Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207. The fee is \$40 which includes the Team Leader Handbook and handouts, a morning snack, lunch and beverages.

Please contact Lisa Martin at lmartin112@hotmail.com if interested.

► ESL TEACHERS NEEDED

There is an opportunity for several English as Second Language (ESL) teachers, starting in our winter session. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**, only need to speak English. Contact Wayne Reynolds 703 777 4796 or the church office, 703 777 2056.

Miscellaneous

► CHRISTMAS LOVE GIFT

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, The time has come again to show our appreciation for the Staff of LUMC. Please make your contribution and mark on your check "Christmas Love offering" and place in offering plate.

Thank you,
SPRC

► 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.

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► **EDUCATION WING HVAC WORK**

As evident this past summer, the original heating and cooling system in the education wing has become unreliable, in addition to not being flexible to varying outdoor temperatures during spring and fall months. The system is over 40 years old and is requiring more and more maintenance as well as the replacement of significant portions in order to continue to support the building. The trustees, finance committee and administrative board have been monitoring this for many years and planned ahead by building up the property reserve fund to support replacement.

The Property Reserve fund is primarily built-up through the lease payments from the parsonage and Blossom and Bloom. The purpose of the Property Reserve is to build up funds to take care of large capital improvements like the HVAC system repair/replacement, roof replacement, etc. This project will deplete the current Property Reserve. If you should care to contribute directly toward this cost, simply note "Property Reserve" on your check.

The Administrative Board has authorized the Trustees to replace the one zone hydronic system with a multi-zone forced air system which will provide greater control, comfort and lower utility bills through use of more efficient equipment and appropriate running times. Bids were requested and ME Flow has been chosen to do the work. The estimated cost is \$70 to \$75,000 to complete the work depending on the final design.

The final design for the system will be worked out during the next 3 to 4 weeks. Work should begin before the end of this year. There will be little to no impact to daily operations during the process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Trustees. You may contact Dwight Stonerook at drsarch@verizon.net or via phone at 703-777-3019.

► **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 fam-

ily 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 loudounchorale.org or 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!

► **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

Administration

► **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)




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By now you have received your stewardship information and commitment form in the mail (if not, we have extras in Wesley Hall and in Asbury Hall). On this first Sunday of Advent, we come at the start of the new Christian Year to express our commitment to Christ and LUMC for 2012. Please hold on to your commitment form and bring it forward to the altar at the appropriate time noted in the order of worship.



Thank you, for your faith and faithfulness to serve Christ and God's purpose through LUMC! A great commitment to God's great purpose makes a great church!



Pastor Jim Wishmyer