

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

**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)

**Monday 12/5/11**

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

**Tuesday 12/6/11**

10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)  
 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)  
 7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)  
 7:00 PM L.E.I. (AG1)

**Wednesday 12/7/11**

10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)  
 11:00 AM Missions team (Libr)  
 4:15 PM MnM kids (Asb)  
 7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)  
 7:00 PM Worship team (Libr)

**Thursday 12/8/11**

8:30 AM Organ Tuning (Sanc)  
 10:00 AM LUMP music (Asb)  
 12:15 PM LUMP music (Asb)  
 7:00 PM Trustees (Parl)  
 7:00 PM Council of Ministries (Wes)  
 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)  
 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

**Friday 12/9/11**

8:00 AM Event prep (Asb)  
 11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)  
 5:00 PM Wedding rehearsal (Sanc)  
 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)

**Saturday 12/10/11**

8:00 AM Pageant rehearsal (Sanc)  
 8:30 AM youth handbells (red room)  
 9:00 AM OA (Parl)  
 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)  
 10:00 AM OA Inter Group (Teal room)  
 12:30 PM wedding - Bozzay-Hall (2 pm) (Sanc, Asb)

**Sunday 12/11/11**

Christmas Pageant; Newsletter items due  
 8:15 AM Traditional Worship  
 9:00 AM Children's choir (choir room)  
 9:00 AM Pageant reading (red)  
 9:45 AM Sunday School (Asb, EdBldg)  
 9:45 AM Praise Worship  
 11:00 AM SH youth band (AG2)  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship  
 4:00 PM FPU (Wes)  
 5:00 PM Youth Christmas Party (AG)

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**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, Kelly McCaffrey, Helen Symons, Sarah Corle, Terry Corle, Jim Tiffany, Shon Jerry, Vicky Weaver, Sarah Klein

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

**Condolences:** to Karen Ferguson on the death of her sister, Deanna Hendricks, on November 23

**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

### ► UMW HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

*In Wesley Hall after each service today.*

The United Methodist Women bakers did all the hard work and you'll get delicious holiday cookies for gift-giving and entertaining! Shop early for the best selection.

### ► LEESBURG UMC PRESCHOOL

Preschool registration begins Feb. 6 for church members and currently enrolled families. There is a \$25 discount in the registration fee if you register that week. There will be an Open House on Jan. 9 and Jan. 30, 9:30-11 am. Please see our website for information: [www.leesburgunitedmethodistpreschool.com](http://www.leesburgunitedmethodistpreschool.com).

### ► STEPHEN MINISTRY

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2*

### ► 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 homemade 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](mailto:vista-grande@verizon.net) or 703.727.1111

### ► 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](mailto: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?

The mother of John The Baptist was:

- |           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| A) Mary   | C) Joanna    |
| B) Martha | D) Elizabeth |

*answer Luke 1:57*

### ► 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](mailto:shereoneil@verizon.net). Join us and discover the many joys of circle membership.

### ► 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.

## 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.

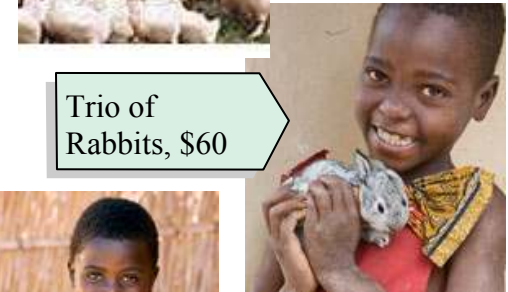
*Please note: you cannot gift the tax deduction.*



Flock of Geese, \$20



Flock of Chickens, \$20



Trio of Rabbits, \$60

Heifer, \$500



Pig, \$120



Goat, \$120



Llama, \$150



Flock of Ducks, \$20



Sheep, \$120



Honeybees, \$30



Trees, \$60



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: \_\_\_\_\_



*Christmas  
Flowers*



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## Missions

### ► GIFT TREES IN WESLEY HALL

There are still unclaimed gift tags on the trees in Wesley Hall to provide gifts for Loudoun County youth and teens in need. Won't you take one? Gifts must be returned by NEXT Sunday, Dec. 11. See more information in the December newsletter (Missions, p. 9)

### ► 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](mailto: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*

### ► THANK YOU

The Angel Ringers, Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs, wish to thank you for making our February 2011 fund-raising bake sale so successful. Because of you, we were able to purchase new choir shirts. Today, we are wearing them at the 9:45 A.M. service. The logo design was a cooperative effort between graphics artist Gene Overton and our choir members. Gene is the creator of our beautiful shirts. Thank you Gene!

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

Performing with a chamber orchestra and professional soloists, the Loudoun Chorale proudly presents Han-

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del'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 [loudounchorale.org](http://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](http://www.AALoudounDistrict10.org)

▶ **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE—LONGEST NIGHT LITURGY**

**Wednesday, Dec 21, 2011, 7:00 PM**  
**at St. Peter's Episcopal Church,**  
37018 Glendale Street, Purcellville

In this service we remember those feelings of pain and darkness and loss in the Christmas story and we're reminded there's more there than just "a Hallmark Christmas". This service offers the freedom for people to feel whatever they're feeling and to not have to put on a Christmas smile for everyone.

We've chosen December 21, before the Winter Solstice, because it is literally the longest night of the year and represents the longest night of our lives, in which all of us find ourselves from time to time. We will light three Advent candles signifying people's losses, saying prayers for each. Finally, we will light a candle of hope and share a message of hope. We'll sing songs, read scripture and pray and offer anointing with oil for healing.

Do you know someone blue this Christmas? A great way to help them would be to bring them. More information is available at [www.stpetes.net](http://www.stpetes.net).

**Administration**

▶ **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*

▶ **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

The next baptism preparation class will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This class is for parents who want to have their children baptized, as well as adults who wish to be baptized.

▶ **NEEDED! SCRIPTURE READERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Needed!** Scripture readers for Christmas Eve worship: Noon, 8:00 pm, and 11:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Wishmyer or the church office. Thanks!

▶ **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)



**Christmas  
Worship  
Schedule**

**Our 2012 Commitments Report**

Leesburg UMC, thank you! Last Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, we presented our 2012 Stewardship Commitments in worship. **54** families/individuals (representing about 110 persons including family members) presented their 2012 Commitment forms, including most of our leadership. Of these, **54** made a commitment to give regularly to the Operations Fund, and **32** to the Building/Mortgage Fund!

In addition, **9** families/individuals expressed their intention to tithe, thus committing a tenth of their income directly toward God's work.

All are encouraged to complete your 2012 Commitment form and, if you have never done so, begin to measure your giving not in dollars but as a proportion of your income, which is the biblical norm for measuring our gratitude and faithfulness. Faithful giving means giving our "first-fruits", not our left-overs.

Thank you for your faithful response!

(2012 Commitment forms along with envelopes are available in Wesley or Asbury Halls. We hope to have everyone's completed commitments by Sunday, December 18, with our final report in the January newsletter. Place completed forms in the envelope and include with your regular giving, or mail to the church office [107 W. Market St., NW, 20176]. Thank you!

*"But just as you excel in everything... see that you also excel in the grace of giving."*

*- 2 Corinthians 8:7*