



Message Map – December 5, 2010
“When Love Comes to Town – ‘He-men’ to Halflings”
John 13
Notes:

“When love comes to town, the way we do things changes.”

1. From power and control to vulnerability and serving.
2. From self-promotion to humility.
3. From super-hero to community.

“Do this, in remembrance of me...”

Alive with resurrection hope and joy!

“The *mission of LUMC* is to make disciples of Jesus who will live transformed lives, and who will influence their generation and the next with God’s love!”

This Week at LUMC

Sunday 12/5/10

8:15 AM Traditional Worship: Cantata
9:45 AM Praise Worship & Sunday school
11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Cantata
11:15 AM *Pageant rehearsal (Asb)*
12:30 PM Angel ringers (Sanc)
1:00 PM event setup (Asb)
1:30 PM Seraphim Ringers (Sanc)
4:00 PM *Birthday party for Jesus (AG)*

Monday 12/6/10

7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb); *UMW Exec Bd (wes)*

Tuesday 12/7/10

7:00 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb); *L.E.I. (AGI)*;
ESL (3rd floor); AA Literature meeting (Wes)
7:30 PM *Usher meeting (Sanc)*

Wednesday 12/8/10

9:30 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
10:00 AM LUMP music class (Asb)
6:30 PM Financial Peace (AG)
7:00 PM Chancel choir (Choir, Sanc); *Library Comm. (Lib)*; Boy Scout Roundtable (Asb, Wes, grn & red rms); *Worship team (Parl)*; *Children's Council (MS/ classroom)*

Thursday 12/9/10

9:00 AM Goose Creek Bridge Club (Wes)
10 AM & 1 PM LUMP music class (Asb)
6:00 PM *Pageant rehearsal (Sanc)*
7:00 PM *ESL Closing dinner (Asb)*; *COM (Wes)*
7:30 PM Chorus Old Dom. (choir); Praise Team (Sanc)

Friday 12/10/10

9:00 AM Play and learn (blue room)
11:30 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Asb, classroom)

Saturday 12/11/10

8:30 AM Seraphim rehearsal (Sanc)
8:45 AM OA (Parl)
10:00 AM OA organizational mtg (MS room)
10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)
3:00 PM *Pageant rehearsal (Sanc)*

Our Prayers

- **Healing:** Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Jeff Frazee, Ginny Moore, Patty Russell, Dan Baker, Kelly McCaffrey, Shawn Sharpe, Kathi Pierce, Austin Talbot, Jim Rives, Lisa Warf, Bill Tripp, Hannah Kircher
- **Military & non-military personnel serving overseas,** especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, and Michael Luna.
- **Condolences:** to Martha Spigener and her family on the death of her father-in-law, Laney Shuler Spigener, Sr. on Nov. 24.

Stephen Ministers Care

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis or transition. Will you consider serving in this way? For more information, please visit some of our current Stephen Ministers today between services in Wesley Hall.


Sunday 12/12/10

Newsletter items due

8:15 AM Traditional Worship
9:45 AM Sunday school & Praise Worship
11:00 AM Worship & Christmas pageant
4:45 PM *Youth Movie Night (off-site)*

Making disciples involves “going, sharing and inviting”, or, “evangelism”. 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!

Loudoun Ballet Company Presents *The Nutcracker*: We have quite a few of our church family performing in Loudoun Ballet's *The Nutcracker* this year: Dahlia Denicore, Daisy Denicore, Tucker Denicore, Tim Griffin, DeWayne Leslie, Jennifer Leslie, Corinna Young and Colette Young! Performances are at the Theatre at Loudoun Valley High School, Saturday Dec. 11 & 18, at 1:00pm and 5:30pm, and Sunday Dec. 12 & 19, at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and \$25; call 703-771-8074. Please visit www.loudounballet.org for more information. Hope you see you at one of the performances!

What's the point of **life**?
 What happens when we **die**?
 Is **forgiveness** possible?
 What **relevance** does Jesus have for our lives today?

Inclement Weather Policy: As winter weather approaches, just a reminder that LUMC will be open for worship on Sunday, regardless of the weather, except in very extreme weather conditions such as a hurricane, "100-year" flood, blinding blizzard conditions, meteor shower, etc.. We were fortunate to have the church open every Sunday this past winter. Always use good judgment and err on the side of safety when inclement weather hits the area. Check the church's website and local television/radio when in doubt.

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

December Newsletters Are Out!

PLEASE PICK UP A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER TODAY!

To receive the newsletter by email, please check with the office to ensure we have your correct, current email on file.
To receive the newsletter by US mail, please contact the church office.

The church office can be reached by phone: 703-777-2056; email: office@leesburgumc.org; or US Mail: 107 W. Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176

Wanted: Several retired members of our congregation on fixed incomes are looking for a good, used computer in good condition for email, basic word processing, either PC or Mac (that runs OS 10), with high-speed connectivity. Must be clean & clear of all viruses. If you have one to donate, please contact the office. Thanks!

LUMC is looking for a new **part-time treasurer** (accounts payable). Contact Steve Miller, chair of SPRC, for more information. Bookkeeping and payroll experience required.

Electric lift chair/recliner for sale. Mid-size, beige/gold color, good condition. Call Janice Webb, 703-777-3116.

It is customary at this time of year to make a love offering to the church staff. If you would like to participate, please give your offering to the church and mark it as "love offering for staff"
From the Staff Parish Relations Comm.



Trail Guide for week of December 5, 2010

4+ Bible Reading Research shows that people who read the Bible at least four times a week experience a much higher level of health and stability, despite life's continual challenges. Regular Bible reading sets the foundation for solid spiritual growth as a follower of Christ in today's world!
Prepare for Advent and for Christmas by renewing a commitment to read and interact with God's Word at least four times a week. Use the 4+ guide in your bulletin, or follow the same schedule below. Steps for getting the most from God's Word:
 1) **PRAY** Ask God to speak to you through your reading. 2) **READ** the selected scripture slowly, marking or making note of words or phrases that catch your attention. 3) **REFLECT** on what you've read and marked – what is God trying to say? 4) **RESPOND** by speaking back to God what is on your heart or mind. 5) **REST** in God's presence. Thank God. 6) **APPLY** what you are hearing, discovering, discerning from what you've read – what will you do? 7) **SHARE** what you are discovering with others – find someone else who is reading; simply share with a friend/coworker/classmate/family member. **BEGIN TODAY!**

- Sunday, December 5** – Joshua 5.13-6.27 "Jericho"
- Monday, December 6** – Isaiah 51.1-53.12 "Suffering Servant"
- Tuesday, December 7** – Jeremiah 1.1-3.5 "God calls Jeremiah"
- Wednesday, December 8** – Daniel 6.1-28 "All night with lions"
- Thursday, December 9** – Jonah 1.1-4.11 "Jonah"
- Friday, December 10** – Malachi 1.1-4.6 "Day of Judgment"
- Saturday, December 11** – John 1.1-18 "The Word"

Go to www.biblesunday.americanbible.org, click "Engage" at the bottom of the page under "Our Ministries", click "Sign Up Now", enter email and password, click "Get Started", under "Filter Topics" select 40 Days, then select "Bible Introduction", then your preferred form: email or audio.

Our 2011 Commitments Report

Leesburg UMC, thank you! To date, **67** families/individuals (representing about 135 persons including family members) presented their 2011 Commitment forms, including most of our leadership. Of these, **67** made a commitment to give regularly to the Operations Fund, and **40** to the Building/Mortgage Fund. So far, a total of **\$265,610** has been committed to our Operations Fund, and **\$63,418** to our Building/Mortgage Fund for 2011.

In addition, **8** families/individuals expressed their commitment to tithe their income in their giving toward God's work at Leesburg UMC.

All are encouraged to complete your 2011 Commitment form after discussing your giving with your family and with God. Also, if you have never done so, begin to measure your giving, not in a dollar amount but rather as a proportion of your income, which is the biblical norm for measuring our gratitude and faithfulness.

When you complete your form, **please remember** these very important things: first, we do not give to a budget, we give to God, second, faithful giving means giving our "first-fruits", not our left-overs, and third, we can never out-give God

Thank you for your faithful response!

(2011 Commitment forms along with envelopes are available in Wesley or Asbury Halls. We hope to have everyone's completed commitments by Sunday, December 19, 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

Gift Trees in Wesley & Asbury

Before the end of November, you will notice two trees, one in Wesley Hall and one in Asbury Hall with tags hanging from them

One is for children's gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Please Return the Angel Tree Gifts by Sunday, December 12 unwrapped.

The other is for teen gifts for Loudoun County's Holiday Coalition. Please return unwrapped gifts for Holiday Coalition by Sunday, December 5.

Thank you!

Andrew Young to Speak at St. James

The George C. Marshall International Center at Dodona Manor will present a Discussion with Dr. Andrew Young, former Ambassador to the United Nations on the topic, "George C. Marshall in the 21st Century" at St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday, Dec. 5th at 6:30 PM. General Marshall, one of Leesburg's most famous residents, is best remembered for the Marshall Plan, which has been called as the most important U.S. foreign relations success of the 20th century. Ambassador Young will discuss its importance in today's world and its implications for the future. The event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception in the parish hall after his speech and the question and answer period. A \$10 dollar donation is welcome.

Recent Major Repairs

Each of our three main church buildings have needed significant repairs that we have undertaken this Fall. The total cost of these repairs is close to \$52,000 which has depleted the Property Reserve and significantly reduced our Operations Reserve. **Please consider making an extra contribution toward replenishing our reserves for future needs.** Make your check out to LUMC, and note on the check, or on your giving envelope, "Fall Repairs" so we can direct this to re-building the reserves. Thank you!



4+ Bible Reading Challenge

Research shows that people who read the Bible at least four times a week experience a much higher level of health and stability, despite life's continual challenges. Regular Bible reading sets the foundation for solid spiritual growth as a follower of Christ in today's world! It's not too late to building/strengthen your engagement with scripture via—reading, text message, voice message, and email—during Advent! Pick up your "Bible Reading Planner" today in Asbury or Wesley halls.

Christmas Eve worship: Looking for children, youth and adults who are willing to read scripture during our Christmas Eve services. Please contact the church office to serve.

Worship times:

Noon, 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
Candlelighting at all but the Noon service; Holy Communion at Noon, 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

Please contact Jim & Cindy Swartz or the church office if your child is interested in serving as an **acolyte for Sunday worship**. Also, we are looking for acolytes to serve on Christmas Eve. Thank you!

We will be starting the next session of **Financial Peace University** on **January 20th**, meeting on Thursday nights for this class. Dave Ramsey is offering an early sign up bonus for the month of November. For every 10 members who sign up, they will throw in a copy of Dave's *The Total Money Makeover*. The first 12 to sign up will be \$83 per kit. Others will be the regular kit price of \$99. Teenagers still living at home are also included in that price.

Please contact Jill Ryan for more information or pick up a flyer from the adult small groups table.
JillRRyan@gmail.com or 703.779.4997.

New Member CLASS 101

The next new member class will be held on Tuesday, December 14th. The class meets at 7 pm in Asbury hall. All those interested in joining Leesburg UMC, as well as other recent new members, are invited to attend. We'll be covering topics such as Basic Christian Beliefs, Our United Methodist Heritage, Our Church History and Structure, The Meaning of Membership, and more. Here's a chance to get to know others who are also new to our church while learning how you can get better connected. Thanks!



UMW Holiday Cookie Sale Today!

December 5, 2010

In Wesley Hall following all morning services

It's time to start making your Christmas lists for the occasions that you will need holiday cookies. Let the United Methodist Women bakers do all the work and you'll be able to share with colleagues, neighbors and friends without even turning on your oven. There will also be an assortment of holiday tins and other special goodies available.

Senior's Christmas Luncheon Thursday, December 16, Noon Asbury Hall

**Soup * Sandwiches * Chips * Cookies
Fellowship * Outreach Activity
Gift Exchange**

Bring an item no more than \$2 to share for fun. If you're not able to purchase a gift, one will be available for you.

RSVP by December 13
Lou Legard: 540-668-6369
Margaret Good: 703-777-8776

2010 – Inactive LUMC Members: Unknown Address

(If you have address or contact information for any of the following persons, please contact the church office. Thank you!)

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| Adamson, Mr. Anthony -Tony | Frye, Mrs. Virginia | Moon, Ms. Nancy Jo |
| Adamson, Mrs. Susan | Gibb, Mrs. Katryna | Nicely, Mr. Brandon |
| Alvarez, Mrs. Evelyn | Gilbert, Mr. Michael J. | Nicely, Mrs. Jo Ann-Michelle |
| Arledge, Mr. Stan | Godshall, Ms. Deb | Nielsen, Mr. Bruce |
| Arledge, Mrs. Gillian | Gupta, Mr. Andrew | Nielsen, Mrs. Christina |
| Armstrong, Mr. Irvine | Gustavson, Mr. Scott | Norris, Mrs. Terri E. |
| Basham, Ms. Rhonda | Gustavson, Mrs. Stephanie | O'Brien, Mrs. Cheryl |
| Baynes, Mrs. Virginia | Harvey, Mrs. Susan | Pyles, Tracey |
| Bell, Mr. Gerald L. | Heironimus, Andrew Clinton | Pyles, Charles |
| Benkahla, Ms. Judith | Hockenbury, Mr. Richard | Reavis, Mrs. Vivian |
| Blair, Mr. Todd | Hockenbury, Mrs. Lorelei | Reckert, Mr. Brad |
| Blair, Mrs. Lisa | Holland, Mr. Peter | Reckert, Mrs. Catherine |
| Campbell, Mrs. Carmen | Holland, Ms. Inez | Redinger, Ms. Jean |
| Caplinger, Mr. Eric | Hutchison, Mr. James P. | Reinhardt, Mr. Stefan |
| Caplinger, Mrs. Laura | Kile, Mr. Raymond -Ray | Rice, Ms. Laura |
| Carpenter, Miss Ami | Kile, Mrs. Caroline | Ross, Miss Brittany |
| Carter, Mrs. Helen | Kimmer, Mrs. Nancy | Rutherford, Mr. Gerald A. |
| Ciccarelli, Mr. David | Kirk, Mr. Mark Allen | Sander, Ms. Gail |
| Ciccarelli, Mrs. Deborah | Lambert, Mr. Steven | Scott, Mrs. Jane |
| Cole, Mrs. Patricia | Lambert, Mrs. Ann | Stack, Ms. Rebecca |
| Crawford, Mr. Brandon John | Laurent Jr., Ray | Sullivan, Mrs. Drew |
| Cross, Mr. Robert | Laurent, Cory | Terwilliger, Miss Kathryn |
| Cunningham, Mr. Warren | Laurent, Mr. Ray | Thacker, Mr. Lloyd Michael |
| Cunningham, Mrs. Dorothy | Laurent, Mrs. Callie | Thompson, Mrs. Holly |
| Dougher, Mr. Jason | Liggett, Mr. Roy | Titus, Mr. David |
| Dougherty, Mr. David L. | Liggett, Mrs. Linda | Wakefield, Mr. Harold |
| Dougherty, Mrs. Dianna K. | Lowers, Mr. Matt | Wakefield, Mrs. Maria |
| Fair, Ms. Terri | Luhrs, Mrs. Monica Lee | Wheatley, Bart |
| Flynn, Ms. Betty J. | Lukanen, Chuck | Wheatley, Kim |
| Folks, Mr. Randy | Marken, Ms. Patricia | Wellman, Miss Brie Phillips |
| Folks, Mrs. Mary Jo | Mayhew III, Mr. Paul M. | Whetsell, Mr. Michael W. |
| Frie, Andrew | McMurrer, Jessica | White, Mr. Christopher |
| Frie, Adria | Meyer, Ms. Kimberly | White, Mrs. Laura |
| Frigault, Mr. Michael -Mike | Miller Jr., Mr. James E. | Williams, Mrs. Linda |
| Frigault, Mrs. Jennifer Leigh | Miller, Mr. George | Winkler, Mr. Matthew Peter |
| Frimpong-Manso, Mr. Johnny | Miller, Mrs. Julianne | Winkler, Mrs. Helen |

Flowers in the sanctuary and the narthex every Sunday are arranged by Altar Guild members. Soon we will be decorating the church for advent and Christmas. If you would like to help decorate, or be part of the Altar Guild, call Elaine Hawn 540-338-3760.



A Message from the Altar Guild

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 19, and in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Use the form below and deposit in the Altar Guild mail box **no later than Monday, December 6.** 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*



Copies of the **Charge Conference report** are available in Asbury and Wesley halls.