



Message Map – December 12, 2010
 “When Love Comes... Miracles in an Age of Pain”
John 11
Notes:

*** INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010 ***

“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 12/12/10

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)*
 4:45 PM *Simply Christian (Wes)*

Monday 12/13/10

7:00 PM *Alpha team (Wes)*
 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb)
 7:30 PM *Trustees (Parl)*

Tuesday 12/14/10

10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (Libr)
 7:00 PM *New Member Class (Asb)*
 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 12/15/10

10:00 AM LUMP music class (Asb)
 6:30 PM Financial Peace (AG)
 7:00 PM *Adult Discipleship team (Parl)*
 7:00 PM Chancel choir (Choir, Sanc)
 7:30 PM *Finance Comm. (Wes)*

Thursday 12/16/10

10 AM & 1 PM LUMP music class (Asb)
 12:00 PM *Senior Team party (Asb)*
 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)
 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)

Friday 12/17/10

9:00 AM Play and learn (blue room)
 11:30 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
 6:00 PM Pack 982 lock-in (Asb)
 6:30 PM Fife & Drum (Wes, classroom)

Saturday 12/18/10

8:45 AM OA (Parl)
 10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)
 3:00 PM Emmaus gathering (Asb, Sanc, Wes)
 3:30 PM Emmaus board mtg (AG1)

Sunday 12/19/10

8:15 AM Traditional Worship
 9:45 AM Praise Worship & Sunday school

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.

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!

11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 12:30 PM Angel ringers (Sanc)
 1:30 PM Seraphim Ringers (Sanc)
 4:45 PM *Youth Christmas Party (Asb)*
 4:45 PM *Confirmation parent's potluck (Wes)*

“Alive with resurrection hope and joy!”

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 *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; today at 2:30pm - tickets are \$25 at the door for today's performance. Other performance dates are Saturday Dec. 18, at 1:00pm and 5:30pm, and Sunday Dec. 9, at 2:30pm. Those 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 shows!

What's the point of **life**?

What happens when we **die**?

Is **forgiveness** possible?



What **relevance** does Jesus have for our lives today?

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!

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

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

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.



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 12, 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 12 – Luke 1:1-80 "Gabriel's Message"

Monday, December 13 – Luke 2:1-40 "Birth of Jesus"

Tuesday, December 14 – Luke 3:1-20 "John the Baptist"

Wednesday, December 15 – Matthew 3:13-4:17 "Baptism & Temptation"

Thursday, December 16 – Matthew 5:1-7:29 "The Sermon on the Mount"

Friday, December 17 – Matthew 13:1-58 "Kingdom of Heaven"

Saturday, December 18 – Luke 15:1-32 "Lost and Found"

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, 76 families/individuals (representing about 149 persons including family members) presented their 2011 Commitment forms, including most of our leadership. Of these, 75 made a commitment to give regularly to the Operations Fund, and 47 to the Building/Mortgage Fund. So far, a total of \$291,370 has been committed to our Operations Fund, and \$71,342 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!

HAITI UPDATE

I'm looking for volunteers to travel with me to Jacmel, Haiti this coming January to help distribute the supplies we purchased/collected this past fall. If you are interested, contact me at (540) 882-9194 or via e-mail at denicore@msn.com for details.

-Mark Denicore

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.

Stephen Ministry

Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? Consider serving as a Stephen Minister. The next training class will begin on Monday, January 24, 2010. Please contact Wayne Reynolds or Suzie Simpson (natesuzie@verizon.net) for more information and an application.

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 this 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!



New Member Class

Third Sunday of Advent



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 |

Imagine...

Imagine being actively involved at LUMC:

- attending worship,*
- singing in the choir, or praise band,*
- playing handbells,*
- helping out in Sunday school,*
- sharing in a small group,*
- helping with work projects around the church,*
- servicing on a mission team.*

But now you've aged. It's difficult to get around your own home without help, let alone get around town and to church. Folks sometimes call, but few come by. You miss worship... you miss the music... you miss the people..you miss receiving communion.



Now, imagine the joy when someone from your church gives their time to come visit, and brings communion!

Please, consider being that "someone" for one of our homebound members. Consider being that "someone" who comes in the name of Christ, representing LUMC to share the sacrament and demonstrate God's love. Contact Debbie Brooks or Pastor jim Wishmyer for more information.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this year's Birthday Party for Jesus a success. They are:

- (Youth) Laina Camacho, Dakotah Puccio, Maddie Dobscha, Kelsea Champ, Audrey Corbet, Audrey Bartels, Will Henry and Hope Kircher
- (Adults) Edith Puccio, Jenn Gryder, Erica Dobscha, Heather Klein, Steve and Celesta Miller.

And a special THANK YOU to Stacy Kelly and Margrit Snyder who planned, organized and executed this wonderful event.



The Board of Trustees is looking for any members of the church who would be interested in helping with "First Night Leesburg" which is from 6:00 P.M. until midnight on Dec. 31. Volunteers will sign up in two-hour blocks. If you are interested in helping, please give Blumont Concert Series a call and let them know that you would like to help at the LUMC location. Please contact Claire or Desirée at the office at 540-338-4640 or by email at www.blumont.org.

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