



Message Map – December 19, 2010
 “When Love Comes to Town – ‘Personal Jesus’”
 John 3:1-9, 14-21

Notes:

*When love comes to town:
 people are changed (John 19)
 we treat others differently (John 13)
 our response to suffering changes (John 11)
 we are born again and our eyes can see! (John 3)*

*“No one can see [or enter] the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”—Jesus,
 John 3:3,5*

Alive with resurrection hope and joy!

*** INSERTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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 12/19/10
 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
 9:45 AM Praise Worship
 9:45 AM Sunday school (Asb, Ed. Bldg.)
 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)

Monday 12/20/10
 6:00 PM Sunshine Circle (Wes)
 7:00 PM Troop 998 (Asb)
 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Parl)

Tuesday 12/21/10
 10:00 AM LUMC staff meeting (off-site)
 7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 12/22/10
 9:00 AM Preschool Christmas programs (Asb)
 6:30 PM Financial Peace (AG)
 7:00 PM Chancel choir (Choir, Sanc)

Thursday 12/23/10
 LCPS closed through 1/2/11
 7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)
 7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)

Friday 12/24/10: Christmas Eve
 11:30 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)
 12:00 PM Traditional Worship
 5:00 PM Family Service 1
 6:30 PM Family Service 2
 8:00 PM Contemporary worship
 11:00 PM Traditional worship

Saturday 12/25/10:
Christmas Day
 8:45 AM OA (Parl)
 10:00 AM SLA 12-step
 group (Parl)

Sunday 12/26/10
 9:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Worship

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, Nancy Wolford
- **Military & non-military personnel serving overseas,** especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, and Michael Luna.
- **Condolences:** to Jan Moran, whose father, Harvey, passed away on Dec. 11.

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!

Holiday Office Hours The LUMC administrative office will close at noon on Christmas Eve. Because of transferred holiday observances and scheduled days off, the administrative office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day, except for Wednesday, December 29. Regular office hours will resume on January 3, 2011. *Merry Christmas!*

*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*: Today, at 2:30 pm at the Loudoun Valley High School Theatre in Purcellville is your last chance to see this Loudoun Country favorite this year! Come see members of our church family performing in Loudoun Ballet's *The Nutcracker*: Dahlia Denicore, Daisy Denicore, Tucker Denicore, Tim Griffin, DeWayne Leslie, Jennifer Leslie, Corinna Young and Colette Young! All seats are \$25 at the door. Hope to see you there!

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

CHECK THE CALENDAR!

LUMC facilities get a lot more use than you may be aware of. If you want to have an impromptu, unscheduled meeting – especially if you need to use Wesley or Asbury halls – be sure to 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

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

Stephen Ministry

Nothing is too large or too small to take to our Lord in prayer. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry will begin a new training class for Stephen Ministers on January 24, 2011. Take this opportunity to pray to the Lord and seek his guidance. This may be just the ministry he has prepared for you. For more information and an application, contact Wayne Reynolds or Suzie Simpson (natesuzie@verizon.net).

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 19, 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 19 – Luke 9:1-36 “Feeding the 5,000”

Monday, December 20 – John 11:1-57 “Lazarus Raised from the Dead”

Tuesday, December 21 – Luke 22:1-46 “The Last Supper”

Wednesday, December 22 – John 18:1-40 “Arrest and Trial”

Thursday, December 23 – John 19:1-42 “Crucifixion”

Friday, December 24 – John 20:1—21:25 “Resurrection”

Saturday, December 25 – Acts 1:1-11 “Ascension”

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, **81** 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 **50** to the Building/Mortgage Fund. So far, a total of **\$299,910** has been committed to our Operations Fund, and **\$73,082** to our Building/Mortgage Fund for 2011.

In addition, **10** 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 **this week**, 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

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.

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.

Welcome Our Newest Members:

9:45 service:

Professing Members:
Gary and Linn Luzadder

18539 Sierra Springs Sq.
Leesburg, VA 20176
703-862-9164
(connection companion: Jill Ryan)

Baptized and Professing Member:
Cindy Syed

husband Oomer, children Adam & Layla
108 Hampshire Square, SW
Leesburg, VA 20175
203-209-7395
(connection companion: Boyer family)

11:00 service:

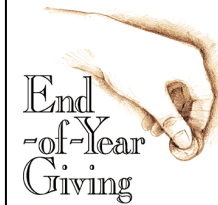
Baptized Member:

Chloe Elizabeth Tilghman
Daughter of Richard and Cathy Tilghman,
sister to Michael, Mason, Matthew, & Christopher



2010 Year End Tax Planning

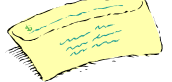
The end of 2010 is rapidly approaching. As you plan for you 2010 taxes, please remember that any contributions you wish to be included in your 2010 giving statements must be either mailed with postmark on or before Dec. 31, or dropped off at church on or before Dec. 31. This means that **all offerings put into the offering plates on (or after) Sunday January 2 will be recorded as 2011 giving even if the envelope or your check inside is dated for 2010.**



2011 Offering Envelopes

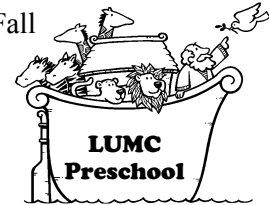
2011 offering envelopes are available for pickup in Wesley Hall. If you do not find pre-printed envelopes for you, please sign up on the clip board stationed with the envelope sets, and we will see that a set is prepared for you!
Thank you.

Offering Envelopes



Preschool registration for Fall 2011 begins on Feb. 7 for church members and currently enrolled families. There is a \$25.00 discount for registering this week.

There will be an Open House on Jan. 10, 9 - 11:00 and on Jan. 26 12:30-2:00. Please call Barb at the school for an appointment if you'd like to visit at another time. Please spread the word to neighbors and friends.



The Alpha Course: an opportunity to explore the questions of life

Please come the first night for a taste of what Alpha is all about; you just might find you want to join us for the full 10 week session of talks and discussions beginning Sunday, January 9th to Sunday, March 27th (taking January 16th and February 20th off). Classes will be held at LUMC from 4:30 PM until 6:00.

The first night isn't a commitment. It's simply a chance to see if Alpha might be for you. Bring a friend and learn more about this course that explores what faith means to our everyday lives. Our topic for the first evening : "Christianity: Boring, Untrue, Irrelevant?" Alpha is about exploring the big questions of life. At the very least, it's about finding a place where you can ask questions and connect with others who are asking and exploring too. Even people who have been brought up going to church often find they really know very little about these hard questions. So whether novice or veteran we will explore together.

Please use this form, bring it to church and place it in the offering plate. A form is also on our Leesburgumc.org.

Your name _____

Your email _____

Your phone number _____

Number of children and ages if childcare is needed _____

Please indicate group preference if any: Women's group Men's Group
 Couple's Group Single's Group
 Established Small Group (name of group) _____



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,
serving 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.

To our friends at LUMC. We sincerely appreciate the prayers, cards, calls and gifts from you. May God bless you!

Sincerely,
Don, Betty, and Kent Dailey.

Thank You!

Supply Needs List for Cold Weather Shelter 2010-2011

Drop in Center

Clothing (M/F socks & underwear, all sizes), Gift cards for Fast Food or coffee, Household supplies (paper products, laundry detergent, snack/sandwich Ziploc bags), Winter clothing (hats, gloves, sweatshirts, scarves), Personal care/hygiene items, Food & beverages for lunches, Bedding (blankets, pillows, twin-size sheets, pillowcases). Contact Sonia Smith, 571.253.3033 for info & for drop-off.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 Blument 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.blument.org.

