

*** THIS WEEK AT LEESBURG UMC ***

Sunday 12/25/11

Christmas Day
11:00 AM Worship

Monday 12/26/11

Office closed

Tuesday 12/27/11

Office closed
7:00 PM Heavenly ringers (Sanc)
7:00 PM AA Literature meeting (Wes)

Wednesday 12/28/11

7:00 PM Chancel choir (choir, Sanc)

Thursday 12/29/11

7:30 PM Chorus Old Dominion (Asb)
7:30 PM Praise Team (Sanc)

Friday 12/30/11

11:00 AM Overeaters Anon (Parl)

Saturday 12/31/11

New Year's Eve
9:00 AM OA (Parl)
10:00 AM SLA 12-step group (Parl)

Sunday 1/1/12

New Year's Day
8:15 AM Traditional Worship
9:45 AM Praise Worship
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Monday 1/2/12

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

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

Our Prayers

Healing: Harry & Anna Hough, Dick Hammond, John Laycock, Clayton Mallery, Ginny Moore, Jim Tiffany, Owen Robert, Sarah Domin
Military & non-military personnel serving overseas, especially Scott Lewis whose unit is in Afghanistan, and Don Lew, Jr.
Condolences: to Carolyn Reynolds and family on the death of her sister, Jane, on December 22.

Welcome Our Newest

Members:

Baptized Member:
Rylee Nicole Goyne
Daughter of Mark
Oswalt and Anna Goyne

Professing Members:
Connie and Ramiro Barajas
20739 Red Cedar Drive
Leesburg, VA 20175
703-777-2003



Church Robber Still At Large

The thief who stole money and keys from LUMC in October is apparently still working churches in the area. Please be attentive and welcoming to unfamiliar people in our midst, so that visitors will be welcomed and this thief (should she show up here again) won't have the chance to do her thing unremarked-upon. Also, be careful of how and where you leave your valuables on Sunday mornings.

December 25, 2011

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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

► FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR AND NARTHEX

The Altar Guild would like to offer you the opportunity to have flowers on the Altar or in the narthex in celebration, honor, memory or thanksgiving of someone or for a special occasion. Would you like to sponsor a Sunday? If so, please sign the flower calendar across from the church office and fill out a "Flower Request Form."

Please note: This year, in the spirit of the Lenten Season (February 26-April 1), the Altar Guild will be placing greens on the Altar and in the narthex instead of flowers. All money collected for sponsorship during Lent will be donated towards a church mission or charity. If you would like to sponsor greens during a Sunday in Lent your message will appear in the bulletin and a donation will be made with the funds by the Altar Guild.

► RECONNECT SUNDAY: SAVE THE DATE!

January 8th, 2012 is Reconnect Sunday. Join us in Asbury Hall between 7:30 and 11:00 for breakfast, meet some new people and find where you will fit in! Representatives from the various LUMC ministries will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. For information or questions, please contact Laura van Leliveld at laura@leesburgumc.org.

► PLAY DAY THURSDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with the Play Day Thursday ministry. Play Day Thursday is held the first and third Thursdays of every month from 8:30 – 11:30am in the Nursery. Caregivers of children under the age of 3 are able to drop the children off and enjoy a morning out, the new volunteer would join Celesta Miller and Margrit Snyder in caring for the up to 6 children that sign up. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laura van Leliveld at laura@leesburgumc.org.

► FINANCIAL PEACE

Financial Peace University dates have been set for January! We will be starting the next session on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 in the AG front room. We are also considering a weekday morning

class, more details soon. More details are on the website: <http://LeesburgUMC.org/Ministries/FPU>

► 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.

► STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stress and tragedy seem to be most favored in December. Maybe it just seems that way because Christmas time magnifies the tragedy. Either way Stephens Ministers are here to pray with you or for you.

We can come to your home or here at the church. This is all held in strict confidentiality.. Talk to Pastor Jim, Wayne Reynolds, or Lou Legard, our Stephens Leaders for a referral.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom." - Colossians 3:16a

► INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE FORMING AT LUMC

Do you play an orchestral or band instrument? Interest is growing for an instrumental ensemble at LUMC. The vision for this group is to include not only adults, but our *middle school and high school* instrumentalists as well. If interested, please contact Pam Bentley at pam@leesburgumc.org for more information.

Missions

► ANGEL TREE/ HOLIDAY COALITION TREES

Thank you, Thank you. Wow, LUMC is in the Christmas spirit. The Angel Trees and Holiday Coalition Tree tags were all taken and replaced with gifts for deserving families in the area.

You purchased 54 gifts for Holiday Coalition including bikes, toys and clothing. Members also purchased six bikes and over 80 gifts of clothing, toys, video games, baby books and many more items for the Sal-

vation Army Angel Tree. Thank you for sharing the love of Christmas with many families who are struggling this Christmas season.

Thank you to Betsy Creamer for organizing this and for Celesta Miller for delivering the gifts to Holiday Coalition.

► 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.

► 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

► THANK YOU, MUSICIANS!

Many thanks to the many musicians who worked so hard to present cantatas during last Sunday's worship services. We wish to thank the Leesburg UMC and Harmony UMC choirs for their presentation of the inspiring cantata, "Tapestry of Light" at both 8:15 and 11 am worship. And we also wish to thank "Raising Praise" for the presentation of their original cantata, "Songs of Promise" at 9:45 worship. We all appreciate the sharing of your time, passion, and talents to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

-Pastor Jim Wishmyer

► THANK YOU FROM THE LUMC STAFF

The staff of LUMC wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Love Offering. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Angela Becek
Debbie Buttery
Elaine Gladwin
Chris Shelton
Linda Stoutenburgh
Pam Bentley
Linda Flood
Judy Roberson
Barry Simpson
Laura Van Leliveld
Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Administration

► ADMINISTRATIVE SUBSTITUTE NEEDED

We are looking for someone who can step in to keep things going in the office when our administrative assistant takes vacation time or is sick. We are looking for someone well versed in Microsoft Office software (primarily Publisher, Word, and Outlook, with a little bit of Excel), and who could learn a some basics of our database software, answer phone calls, and work with Pastor Jim. We need a person who can be reasonably comfortable working in someone else's rather messy workspace... Daytime hours would be expected, but start and end times can be flexible. Contact the office if you are interested.

► YEAR END GIVING FOR 2011

IMPORTANT YEAR-END REMINDER: Contributions you wish to make to LUMC for 2011 MUST BE either: 1) put in the offering plate on or before Sunday, December 25, or 2) placed in the Admin. Asst. mailbox by December 31, or 3) mailed with postmark on or before December 31. All offerings put in the offering plates on Sunday, January 1, will be counted for 2012, regardless of any notes or preprinted dates that may be marked on your offering envelope.

► 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPE SETS DELAYED

Our 2012 offering envelope sets have been delayed due to an oversight by the printers. I do not know whether we will receive them before January 1. Please note your current envelope number, and mark it on any offerings you make in 2012 until the new envelopes arrive. Thank you for your help with this!

Linda Stoutenburgh, Financial Secretary

► 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

► LUMC PICTURE DIRECTORIES

LUMC picture Directories are available in tWesley Hall.