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All Are Welcome



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There is a difference between preaching and telling the truth. Jesus said, "I love you and there is nothing you can do about it!" Pastors live in a tricky situation, between telling the truth and budget balancing. The church today has lost its place of influence. The church has forgotten that its primary mission is to the margins. We have misplaced in our minds the unconditional love of God.



**Watch for
more news on
the All Church
Picnic — it will**

be happening in late August or early September and you won't want to miss all the food and fun!

People come to church if they feel the love. The great truth is the church is the truth of loss. People matter. Unconditional love and acceptance matter. What would we do to make any person comfortable in this church? But not just one person — **all** are welcome! We must tell the world that all people are welcome here.

Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday!

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service and Children's Sunday School
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month

There are passages in the Bible where Jesus accepted people who we would have a hard time accepting. Invite your neighbors, your friends, people who you meet on the streets, in the gutters, those who come to LUMC for food, who you deliver to four times a year. Tell them about LUMC where all people are welcome. You can safely assume that you've created God in *your own* image when it turns out that God doesn't like all the same people as you!

Pastor Dave

Boulder Dinner Theater

Claire VanMeter has reserved the LUMC group tickets for upcoming shows at the Boulder Dinner Theater. Here's what's in store for those who would like to join in the fun.



The show following "Cats" is "*Slow Dance with a Hot Pickup*". This is a world premier and obviously being very well-received, as we were only able to reserve 26 tickets (our usual number is 40). Our tickets are for Sunday, October 9, 2011.

The other shows in the upcoming season are:

- *Phantom of the Opera* ~ Sunday, January 22, 2012. We were only able to reserve 36 tickets for this show
- *The Drowsy Chaperone* ~ Sunday, March 18, 2012. This is a "regional premier" and is an American musical of the jazz era
- *Cinderella* ~ Sunday, July 29, 2012. You know the story ~ we'll just have to see if the slipper fits.

For more information, please contact Claire VanMeter - vanmeterrc@gmail.com

Annual Pancake Breakfast

It is time once again to rally round the griddle and flip those pancakes!! On Saturday, September 3, the men of the church will host the annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Louisville Fall Festival. This year the men will also stay and work the lunch booth, so we will need lots of extra help. We will try to have 4 different shifts so that everything runs smoothly.

The Louisville Community Park will be the place to be that morning to cook or eat those delectable delicacies. All men are encouraged to meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. on that Saturday to help prepare and set up for the event. Food will be purchased ahead of time, so just bring a few spatulas, tongs or other cooking implements.

Pancakes, bacon, sausage, milk, coffee and juice will be served starting at 9:00 a.m. and lunch — burgers, hot dogs and brats — will begin at 10:30 a.m. All church-goers, friends, family, acquaintances and perfect strangers are invited to come and partake in the feast.

A sign up sheet for the event will be circulated at each worship service in August. Many volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Don't miss the fun and fellowship that this event is always noted for. Sign up today! Please contact Tom Gormley at 303-665-7713 or gormleys@earthlink.net for more information.





Boulder Valley schools will reconvene beginning August 14th. And what does that mean for Louisville UMC? The start of our fall Sunday School season can't be very far behind! Pastor Dave is pulling together a number of brave and faithful souls to take on this adventure!

I would like to thank all those who have stepped up to serve on this committee. Now that the newly renovated nursery space is ready for action, the committee will have a variety of programming options to consider. With the help of these dedicated folks and God's direction, our program is bound to be a success!

In addition, I would like to thank all the great individuals who have helped me to keep the Sunday School program active and vital over the past several years. All of our efforts will bear fruit in time, but we must be patient. Stay tuned for great things to come!

Larry Boven

Sunday School coordinator



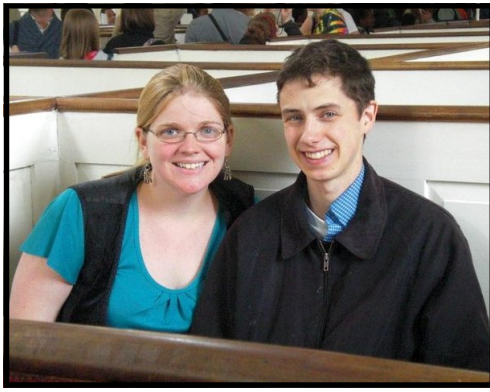
FOOD BANK NEWS

Summer must have caught many folks a bit short this year, because food requests surely have increased! The good thing is that the people in need seem to know where to come for help and are aware that we do have the food.

The big news from the Food Bank is that we were able to pick up about 600 lbs. of food from the Channel 9 Food Drive. This is thanks to some great detective work from Jan Stewart, pick up help from Jay and Nancy Holloway, and sorting & heavy lifting by Sheila Spangler and the Boy Scouts. This much needed food will be a great boost for our September delivery.

But now we must start the process of building up all our stock for that September 9 delivery. Along with the usual three -- *cereals, peanut butter and desserts* -- we would like you to include *stuffing, canned yams or sweet potatoes and canned or instant potatoes.*

Thanks to each of you for your help. This is quite a small congregation for such a large mission and to do it successfully takes every one of us!



Just Catching Up

By Emily Spearman Cannon

Left: Emily & Stephen Cannon visiting a historic Anglican church in Boston. Emily is LUMC's sponsored Candidate for Ministry.
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Hi church family! It's been a couple months since I've actually written to you, so I thought perhaps I should use this month's column to fill you in on what Stephen and I have been doing since June...we've been keeping pretty busy! Here's what the Cannon family has been up to recently:

On our way back to Ohio, we had the honor of serving as attendants in the weddings of some of our dearest college friends. The first of these was at the Colorado Renaissance Festival (the bride wore white, the groom wore 40 lbs. of chainmail), and the second was a rather swanky event in Omaha (complete with cocktail dresses, white roses, and a ritzy reception at a local casino.) Each wedding was a perfect fit for the respective couples, and both were incredibly joyous and heartwarming in their own ways.

We avoided hotel costs and made our trek much more enjoyable by staying with friends and family along the way. Their hospitality—the grandparents who treated us to dinner, the friend who slept on the floor so that we could have a bed—was touching...it's amazing how something as simple as a road trip can remind you of how wonderfully generous and loving people can be!

As soon as we got back to campus, we were immediately embraced by the fantastic community whose love I have come to treasure so much over the past year. Several of my friends hosted a "Welcome Back" dinner in our honor—and presented us with a gift basket of cleaning supplies for our new apartment—and they were all eager to do whatever they could to help us get settled, whether that meant helping to carry boxes or cooking us dinner when our kitchen was still a work in progress! (Our favorite moving story? A couple of friends came over to help Stephen and I move all the furniture from my old apartment into our new place. We discovered that the bed frame had wheels, so we had this brilliant idea: we decided to reassemble the bed outside, load as much furniture as possible onto the mattress, and then push the whole thing up the hill to the new apartment. This

plan worked perfectly...at least until one of the wheels broke off! We had to push our "broken-down" bed into a parking spot and carry everything from there, while some amused passers-by asked if we needed AAA to come fix it!

Stephen started looking for a job, while I began my summer Homiletics class. (That's "preaching", in seminary-speak.) The class just ended a few days ago, but Stephen's job hunt still continues...several other seminary spouses have informed us that it took them 1-4 months to find work, so this could be a longer process than we had originally anticipated. Prayers and happy job-finding thoughts are much appreciated!

Several of us went to the midnight premiere of the final Harry Potter film, and we went in costume! Hmm, I knew we held onto our graduation gowns for a reason!

Stephen has gotten me absolutely addicted to the British sci-fi classic Dr. Who. We're actually watching the rebooted version that started in 2005, but I'm sure we'll get around to watching the retro episodes at some point in the future!

I began my Field Education placement at William Street United Methodist Church, which is a vibrant and thriving congregation in downtown Delaware. My first task? Helping out with Vacation Bible School, where the theme was "Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You!" I'm always amazed at how energetic, enthusiastic, and perceptive children are, and it was an absolute joy to spend the week with them! (In the coming year, my time at WSUMC will primarily be spent leading worship, making hospital calls, and spearheading a community-outreach ministry geared towards Delaware's growing Hispanic population.)

Stephen and I have been perfecting our thrifty-shopping skills: we clip coupons, scour the weekly ads for sales, and compare prices at all the local grocery stores. It takes some time, but we usually save between \$20-40 a week! Hey, give us some time and perhaps you'll see us on Extreme Couponing someday!

And that's about the extent of our adventures over the past couple months! We're loving married life, and we're pretty much settled in our new home. (Well, there still may be one little stack of things in the corner that have yet to be put away!) I miss you all, and I hope that all is well at LUMC! I'll talk to you next month!

— Love, Emily



JEFFERSON STREET PRESCHOOL

It's very hard to believe that our next update to you will be about the beginning of the 2011/2012 school year. The summer has flown by, but not without some serious fun at the preschool. Summer camps have been in session for over a month and the kids are loving them.

Some of the parents got together and built a cabin in the play yard. They built it out of beetle killed pine and it is just what the kids wanted (not to mention that the old plastic house that used to be there was donated to the church treasure sale). The parents of our students are terrific volunteers for the school. They organize the fundraisers and the Parade of Lights entry, as well as volunteering in the classrooms when needed.

This fall will bring a new look to the school in that the landscaping will hopefully be completed by the beginning of the fall session. This will include grass and/or flower beds in the front and south side yards. We also hope to install a white picket fence around the front yard.

Registration is looking very positive for the fall with our M-W-F class full and a current waiting list of several families. The T-Th class and the afternoon Pre-K class are both approximately 2/3 full and we are getting daily calls for tours of the school. We all expect the classes to be full by the time school starts or shortly thereafter. It seems that the word is spreading about the charm and quality of our little preschool.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the Jefferson Street Preschool, please contact one of the committee members:

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Sheila Newton - swnewt@comcast.net

Claire VanMeter - vanmeterrc@gmail.com

Sandy Gormley - gormleys@earthlink.net

Visit the preschool website at: www.jeffersonstreetpreschool.com



Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of East Boulder County will be Friday, August 5 with opening ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. Right now, our team is #3 in fundraising. If you haven't bought a

luminaria for a \$10 donation yet, please do so! Our goal, in order to be a Pacesetter team, includes selling 50 luminarias.

If you're a cancer survivor, or know someone who is, please join us for a Survivor Victory Lap and a catered dinner (by Carrabba's Italian Grill) at no charge to you. We'll have pictures in next month's newsletter.

Thank you to our congregation for their continued support of our team and the fight to cure cancer! For more information contact Janeen Hill or Sheila Spangler.



Youth News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, August 7, 2-8 p.m. — United Methodist Youth Day at Water World**
The cost is \$25 per person, to be paid by the youth group. If you bring a friend, they will need to pay. If we have more than 5 people, it's \$20 per person. We do not have to make reservations and if you'd like to go, please let Sheila or Mark Spangler know. (Janeen will be recovering from Relay for Life and her high school reunion).
- **Sunday, August 21, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Memory Square Park — Messy Olympics**
The Lafayette UMC Youth Group will be joining us. Wear old clothes that can get dirty and/or wet. Fun, Fun, fun to wind up our summer!
- **Monday, September 5 — Louisville Fall Festival fundraiser**
We'll be cooking brats, burgers and hot dogs at LUMC's food concession at the Louisville Fall Festival. More details to come. We will need donations of name brand soda and bottled water.
- **September (date and time to be determined) — Murder Mystery Dinner**

Thank you to everyone for their support and donations for our 4th of July fundraiser - we made a profit of about \$500! Now we can start planning our mission trip for next year!

Contact Janeen Hill at janeen_hill@hotmail.com, if you have questions regarding any Youth Fellowship events



Do you love to sing? Are you being called to share your voice with the Lord? The LUMC Choir would love to have you join us!

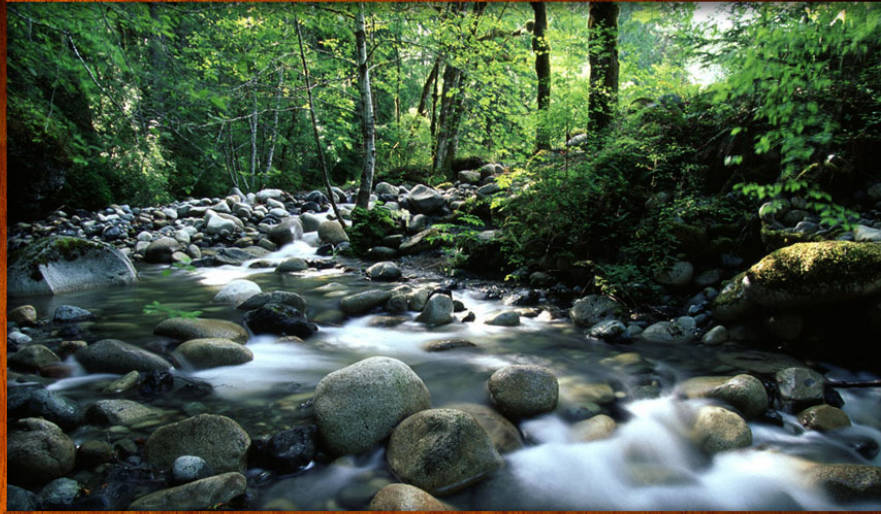
All ability levels welcome — ages high school freshman and older.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary.

The choir sings weekly at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Contact Abby Kilcoyne for more information at abby.kilcoyne@gmail.com



Summer

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17



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W5: Words from Wesley Will Work in Our World

I observed, "Love is the fulfilling of the law, the end of the commandment." It is not only "the first and great" command, but all the commandments in one. "Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise," they are all comprised in this one word, *love*."

— *John Wesley* quoting his own sermon on "The Circumcision of the Heart" (1 January 1733) in the work

A Plain Account Of Christian Perfection (Edition of 1777)



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