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A Vital Congregation

*Words
from
Pastor
Dave*

Dear Friends,

As we start the second month of the New Year, I thought it would be appropriate and meaningful to share some of the wonderful things that happened at LUMC in 2011 -- and happened because of you. It is my pleasure and honor to be a part of such a wonderful and magnificent group of people. Listed below are a few of the things that I especially remember. Please add to this list by emailing me at pastordavec@comcast.net.

1. Your worship attendance was up 18% over 2010.
2. Your giving was up 10%.
3. Children's Sunday school attendance grew 200%.
4. Adult Sunday school attendance grew 100%.
5. You provided three college scholarships.
6. You delivered 1000 food baskets to the needy.
7. You purchased 265 Christmas gifts for seniors and children.
8. You provided food, 278 times, to walk-in people in need.
9. You provided dozens of winter coats and hats for those in need.
10. Your mission giving was up 82%, to help,
 - A. United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)
 - B. Attention Homes
 - c. Louisville Food Bank
 - d. Japan's Tsunami Relief
 - e. Joplin, Missouri Tornado Relief
 - f. Panama Peace Corps
 - g. Local families displaced from their homes
11. You provided over \$8900 for church improvements.

"Enthusiasm is that certain something that puts a spring in your step, a twinkle in your eye, and a smile on your face ... If you have it, thank God for it. If you don't have it, get down on your knees and pray for it." ~ Unknown author

No need for the people of LUMC to get on their knees. You are filled with enthusiasm, and God, I know, is smiling as he watches over Louisville United Methodist Church!!

Love and blessings,

~Pastor Dave

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ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Youth Fundraiser

**Sunday, February 19
at 5:30 p.m.**

Bring your best pot of chili and don't forget your \$\$\$ for voting! All the details are in this month's calendar insert.

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

LUMC Welcomes Margaret Elizabeth “Maggie” Kilcoyne, the newborn daughter of music director, Abby Kilcoyne and her husband, Michael. Maggie made her appearance quite early on Thursday, January 19th. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Michael, Abby, and Maggie are all doing well and couldn’t be happier! They would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and good wishes.



KNITTING AND CROCHETING CIRCLE



A knitting and crocheting circle is now forming and will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Join us at:

*Café de Paris
908 Main Street
Louisville*

All ages and ability levels are welcome! Bring your current projects to work on. We will also have extra needles, hooks, and yarn available.

Contact Sarah Graba for more information at:
sarah.lee.richards@gmail.com or
303-717-9712.



Van Drivers Needed!

We need several people who would be willing to share responsibility for driving a 13-passenger van that would transport residents from the Balfour facility in Louisville to LUMC each Sunday for the 10:30 service. A regular driver’s license is necessary, with a clean driving record. These persons will actually need to become employees of Balfour, so that their insurance will be in force when we are using their van. Pick up would be at approximately 10:05 a.m. and return from LUMC at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Please see Pastor Dave if you can help or have any questions. And thanks for prayerfully considering this ministry opportunity.



Youth News

The youth are still Thinking Theologically About Money - we had a couple of wild weeks playing The American Game, learning about having enough money, trying to save money when life has other ideas (like hurricanes, car repairs and student loan payments, and buying lottery tickets), and how to help others with our money.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3-5, we will NOT be attending Youth Leadership Conference and NO regular meeting will be held

Sunday, February 19th, ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF Fundraiser — Get your crockpots out for the cooking and your wallets out for the voting! We'll be meeting after the 10:30 service, both youth and parents, to make final preparations.

Saturday, March 3, The Harlem Globetrotters at 1stBank Center in Broomfield — details coming soon

PLANNING AHEAD — May 4-5, "Acquire the Fire" youth conference in Denver

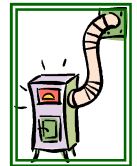
Friends are always welcome to join us!

"Regular Meetings" are planned for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

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

Many Thanks From Your LUMC Trustees

Thanks to the generous giving of LUMC's congregation, we've been able to start on the badly-needed upgrades to the heating/air conditioning system. Four new heat ducts and two air return ducts have been added to the fellowship hall which will greatly improve the air circulation and comfort level in the room. A thermostatically-controlled exhaust fan coupled with a damped air inlet has been added to the back food storage room to exhaust the hot air generated by the three refrigerators located there. As a result, the main office (which houses the thermostat) should be cooler and Pastor Dave won't freeze while working in his office.



Improvements to the furnace main plenum and the kitchen oven fan air system are still on the "to-do" list. In addition, the siding and top cap of the handicap ramp will be replaced when warmer weather allows the work to be done.

LUMC is truly blessed to have members that care so much about our church "home". Thank you to all who have helped make these projects possible!



ATTENTION HOMES UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who contributed gift cards in December to Attention Homes. Carol Hill delivered the gift cards, along with platters of homemade Christmas cookies and cider, the week before Christmas. The kids loved the cookies and the staff very much appreciated the gift cards. They will be used in the coming months to increase the quality of life for the young people in the residential program. Thanks again for your generosity!

More opportunities to be involved in this new outreach will be coming in the near future!

Carol Hill and Sue Peverley

Mission Co-Chairs



LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK 2011 IN REVIEW

Those who are involved in our Food Bank program met an amazing number of people in 2011. Most of them live in the Louisville/Superior/Lafayette area, but many came from surrounding areas or were just driving through town. It's great that people in need know they can receive help at our church!

We keep many boxes packed and ready to give out, with only the addition of some frozen foods needed. Pastor Dave and Reyenne Guerrero, who are most often in the church office, are generally the faces of our food ministry. Our thanks go to them for the time they give to actually greet people, talk with them and give out the food boxes.

Doing some year-end calculations, we have reached more people than you might believe possible for our little town. Estimating that we served approximately 250 families at each quarterly delivery and then adding in the daily walk-ins brings our grand total of families receiving baskets this past year to 1235! We don't know exactly how many people are in each family served, but we estimate that the total number of individuals we served in 2011 was 3500-4000. Isn't that an amazing accomplishment?!

What a blessing it is to have a congregation such as ours. We pledged as a church family to undertake this food ministry as our church mission. To your credit, you have solidly stood behind that pledge. A sincere thank you to each of you. We hope that you feel real joy in our accomplishments!

And our work is not finished -- currently the Food Bank knows of two women who are desperately seeking for employment. If you have and ideas that might help these ladies, please let us know by contacting the church office.



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Let's Hear It for United Methodist Polity! By Emily Spearman Cannon

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Greetings, church! I hope that 2012 is off to a good start for each one of you, and that this new year is bringing many blessings! (Speaking of blessings, a special greeting goes out to our newest little LUMC-er, Margaret Elizabeth Kilcoyne! Congratulations Abby and Michael!)

Life in Ohio is going swimmingly: Stephen is doing well at his job, and I am enjoying my internship at our local church, where we just held our very first monthly community meal. (This is a once-a-month outreach that I've been heavily involved in creating, so the high turnout for the first dinner was very encouraging!) In addition, I just completed an intensive two-week course on United Methodist polity...which was actually much more interesting than it may sound! Although I was initially a bit apprehensive about the content of the course—I was afraid that “polity” might just be code for “long lists of rules and regulations”—I feel like I have come out of it with a much deeper understanding of the ins and outs of United Methodism. I'd like to share a few fun factoids that we covered in this class:

Tithing is good!

I've been tithing ever since I was six years old—although back then I didn't quite understand why I had to give away part of my hard-earned allowance!—so the importance of stewardship wasn't exactly new information. What was news to me, however, was exactly how far our offerings go.

About 85% of what you put in the offering plate stays in the local congregation, where it pays for pastors and staff members, takes care of the building, and supports local ministries. The rest goes to pay our apportionments, which are basically our church's “tithe” to the annual conference. At the conference level, the money is distributed to ministries all over the world, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the World Service Fund, the Black College Fund, the Ministerial Education Fund (my fellow seminarians and I thank you for supporting that one!) and many others. So when you put your check in the offering plate, you're providing medical care to disaster victims, sending young people to college, and fighting injustice all around the globe. Pretty cool, huh?

We're not afraid to take a stand!

As our denominational tagline says, the UMC is a place of “open hearts, open minds, [and] open doors.” Unfortunately, our acceptance of theological

diversity and our lack of fire-and-brimstone absolutism have lead some to accuse us of being wishy-washy or noncommittal. But if you take a look at our Social Principles, you'll see that our Church is willing to take a decisive stand on some very controversial issues. (Admittedly, some of our stances are more decisive than others; our denomination is rather polarized on issues like abortion and same-sex marriage, and our official statements on those topics reflect our lack of cohesion.) But check out what we have to say about things like healthcare, women's rights, poverty, immigration, gambling, or environmental justice...whether or not you agree with what the Social Principles have to say on these issues, you have to agree that the UMC isn't afraid to make some bold statements! (By the way, you *don't* have to be in full agreement with everything the Social Principles say in order to be a good Methodist. Remember what I said about our acceptance of theological diversity? :-))

Don't like it? You can change it!

The structure and logistics of the United Methodist Church are not set in stone—we are meant to be a democratic denomination, and we are open to new ideas and new wisdom. As a member of the UMC, you can vote on issues at church conferences, you can send delegates to Annual Conference and General Conference, you can even draft petitions to change our denomination's primary governmental authority (the Book of Discipline.) And when all the big decisions are being made at General Conference—which will be held this spring in Florida—half of the voters will be laypeople! So if you have ever wanted to get more involved in the UMC beyond the local church, congratulations...you can!

Of course, this is only a small sampling of the content covered in a UM polity course, but I think that these particular topics help to illustrate some of the unique features of our Church: we give generously, we're passionate about social justice, and we're constantly evolving. I have always been proud to identify myself as a United Methodist, and my seminary education is only intensifying my commitment to our tradition!

Have a fantastic February, LUMC...I'll talk to you again next month!

Need a Good Read?

The Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.
at Lydia Morgan, 1450 Lincoln Ave., Louisville

Contact Sheila Newton at snewt@comcast.net for more information.



Feb. 8: *Have a little faith* / Mitch Albom

March 14: *Modoc: the true story of the greatest elephant that ever lived* / Ralph Helfer

April 11: *Just like us: the true story of 4 Mexican girls coming of age in America* / Helen Thorpe

May 9: *Heaven is for real* / Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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Always be humble and gentle.
Be patient with each other,
making allowance for each other's faults
because of your love. — *Ephesians 4:2*



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