



LOUISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Grapevine

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Hello LUMC! We have a new newsletter editor starting next month. Donna Spearman has graciously volunteered to continue the monthly periodical, so start sending your articles to her at donna@thespearmans.com

Thank you to everyone who helped at Vacation Bible School this past June! A special thank you to Ann Toll for all her contributions! See pages 4 and 5 for pictures from the week-long event.

Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (1 hr)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service w/ short Sunday school
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month

Hello from Pastor Dave!

Wow, my inaugural message in the Grapevine.

Wow, for the unbelievable ministries that we see happening at LUMC. Wow, for the nicest people that we have met. Wow, for the beautiful church building. And wow, for the lovely streets that we have explored. My hope is that LUMC will become the home for all those who are seeking the “good news” of the Bible.

My wife Judy and I are so excited to become part of LUMC. We look forward to meeting and sharing with each of you.

My love through Christ, Pastor Dave



Relay for Life

Relay News - Team LUMC will be having a bake sale on July 11, at both services, and washing cars at the Walgreens on 287 and Baseline as fundraisers for the American Cancer Society. Luminarias to celebrate and remember loved ones will be available for a \$10 donation. We will also have Stars and Moons, \$1 donation each, that will show the name of your loved one, and will be set around the track the night of Relay, August 6. If you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is, please sign up for the Survivor Reception and Victory Lap. Survivor invitations are on the table in the entry way at church - there is no charge for Survivors - come celebrate another birthday with Relay for Life.

The LUMC Relay for Life team wants to be a "Pacesetter team" this year. To do this, we have to raise \$2000 and sell 25 luminarias, among other things. Can you help us? Here's how you can help:

1. Join the team -- this means signing up online, and showing up on August 6th to participate (walk around the track!), as well as helping with the fundraising, etc.

2. Support the team --

* Donate money! Make your check out to the "American Cancer Society" and drop it in the collection plate or hand it to someone on the team.

* Bake or buy a baked good at our Relay For Life Bake Sale, scheduled for Sunday, July 11th, after the 8am and 10:30am services.

* Buy a luminaria (a small bag) from the Team, for \$10, decorate it with the name of a loved one who has survived cancer, or has died of cancer. Once decorated, return it to Courtney or a team member. These will be lit with candles and put around the track in the evening of the event. And the names of each person will be read aloud.

* Get your car washed on Saturday, July 17th, from 9am-1pm, at the Lafayette Walgreens (287 and Baseline), to help us raise money.

IF YOU ARE A CANCER SURVIVOR, this event exists to honor you. We want YOU to show up at the beginning of the event, so that we can honor you. It's all FREE. Just let us know, so we can sign you up (just so the organizers know how much food to prepare). You will receive a complimentary Carrabbas dinner, purple T-shirt and a goodie bag. Then you'll be asked to take a "Victory Lap", as a group, on the 1/4 mile track, if you can. It's simple, and a time to celebrate your life.

The theme this year is "Birthdays!" (as we all want to see more of these). Our team's booth will be set up as a fiesta, with sombreros for sale, and piñatas to hit (for a small fee).



Jefferson Street Preschool

Well, our first camp, "Birds, Bugs and Gardens", is over and we all learned so much! The children learned about different birds and what they do. Everyone got to make a birdhouse out of a gourd and paint it to take home. They went on bug hunts and viewed them through magnifying glasses. They planted their garden with tomatoes, broccoli, potatoes, peppers, carrots, pumpkins and squash. They even made a green bean teepee. A beekeeper came in with some comb honey to taste and explained why bees are so important for our gardens. Our next camp: "Legos and Construction" promises to be just as exciting and fun. The kids will be building, building, building! Thanks to all the generous donations of Legos, we now have plenty to build towering castles, houses and farms. The kids will also be constructing with wood scraps and nails, screws and whatever will hold two pieces of wood together! Everyone is looking forward to this camp. We even have a volunteer "master Lego builder", Bradley Spangler, to come and help out. The rest of the summer camps look just as exciting and fun filled.

If that isn't enough, we had our first profitable month in May. It is a great sign that the school is off to a good start. We will keep you all informed of profit and loss in the future, but hope this positive cash flow is the new trend.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the preschool, please call one of the committee members- Nancy Holloway, Sheila Newton, Claire VanMeter or Sandy Gormley.

Congratulations to our own Emily Spearman, who is now officially being "sponsored" in her ordination process by the Louisville United Methodist Church, as decided at the Charge Conference on June 27. We are all very proud of her and her accomplishments thus far, and can't wait to see what she does as she begins seminary at Methodist Theological School in Ohio this August (on a full-ride scholarship, no less).



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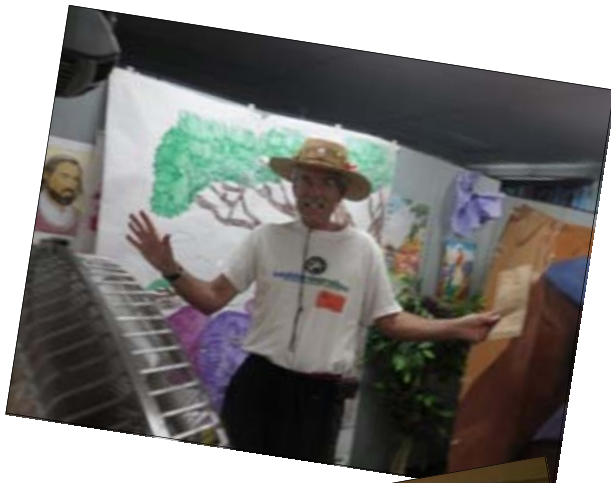
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Youth News

Youth News - The Youth will be going on a Food Safari in July to help replenish the food bank. Details to come. August will bring Water World and our own Messy Olympics.



Kalli Pierce, pictured left in the blue skirt at her brother's baptism many years ago, is shown right receiving a Bible for the first time on June 27. Because of their moving cross-country on multiple occasions, Kalli (along with Joshua and Caleb) missed getting a Bible.



LUMC children enjoy the Children's Sermon on Sunday, June 27. Jan Stewart had them play Follow the Leader blindfolded. It was a challenge!

Church Council Review

With 8 members in attendance Bob Peverley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order.

Finance Chair, Eric Shaffer, reported that for the first time since December we had a positive cash flow in May. It was voted without objection to continue not paying apportionments in June and possibly July depending on income and expenses.

A roofing company has been contacted to evaluate the needed repairs to the roof.

Ann Toll is seeking a replacement for her Sunday School Director position.

Tom Gormley reported that we have not heard who our new pastor candidate is.

The “Quiet Disciple” nomination forms will be available for the last 2 weeks of June.

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A volunteer has come forward to try out the newsletter editing when Courtney goes off to college.

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Farewell to Bob and Ann!



Thank you for all your contributions to our humble little church over the past few years. We've loved having you here, and good luck with your new church in Parachute, Colorado, Pastor Bob!