



LOUISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Grapevine

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Elizabeth Roberts will be speaking at a program on Sunday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Mountain View United Methodist Church about her work towards peace in Afghanistan

Hello LUMC members and friends! Come August, we will be looking for a new Grapevine editor because I will be heading to college. I promise you, it is not that hard! Any volunteers? -Courtney

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

A Fond Farewell from Bob and Ann

Dear Members and Friends:

Saying “goodbye” is awfully difficult thing to do for me and for Ann. We have enjoyed serving Louisville United Methodist Church for the past three years as your “pastoral couple”. The time has certainly gone by quickly for us. We thank you for all of the support you have given to us throughout this time. We have developed some very close friendships. We have so many happy and fond memories—food deliveries, work days around the church, serving food on the Fourth of July and Labor Day in the park, many activities and trips with the youth, Vacation Bible School, going to the Boulder Dinner Playhouse as a group . There so many memorable special events during the Advent/Christmas season and the Lenten/Easter season—pageants, cantatas, Seder meals, Easter egg hunts, etc. I am grateful for your participation in the joint special services that we did with other local churches (Lafayette, Niwot, Erie, and St. Joseph’s). Our joint Thanksgiving Eve services were always a highlight for me. I am also grateful for all the special congregational celebrations sponsored by the Family Life Committee. They have really helped to strengthen our fellowship and sense of community and were always a lot of fun.

I enjoyed my Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings, singing in the choir, visiting our members in the various hospitals in the area, helping to organize our stewardship campaigns. The last one, the Iron Horse Express, using the small trains designed by Ivan Meek and manufactured by dozens of members of the church, was lots of fun. Ann and I loved working with the Sunday School children and teachers. I have loved watching all of the little children play on the playground throughout the week during my three year tenure. What a joy! I have also enjoyed working with the teachers at the Boulder Valley School District serving young people with disabilities, as well as with the Imagine program who work with adults with disabilities. Both groups had cooking classes—and they always invited me to eat with them! I enjoyed getting to know each student and teacher who participated. I also loved being a judge at the various parades held in downtown Louisville and getting to know all of the downtown merchants on a personal level.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and Ann and I will be moving on to a new adventure. You will be receiving a new minister and it is our hope and prayer that he or she will be able to help the church grow in membership, worship attendance and in financial giving in the years ahead. This is something that I was unable to accomplish during my three year tenure, but I am hopeful that the new pastor will be able to bring new life and enthusiasm into the church. This church has some of the most hard working, dedicated and dependable members I have ever known and I’m sure they will continue to give 110% of their time, talents, gifts and service to this wonderful faith community. Our new Jefferson Street pre-school continues to grow and will soon be able to provide a little income to support the church ways. The future looks very bright and promising indeed for Louisville United Methodist Church! We will miss you all!

Bob and Ann Toll

Food Bank Explanation

It was recently suggested that some of our people would like an explanation of the Food Bank and how it started. This is pretty much from memory but I'll give it a try.

The Food Bank started about 30 years ago during the Christmas Season. One of our members knew of a couple of families in need and church members were asked to help fill a box for them. The following Christmas a couple more families were added. At about 12 families there was some panic that we were undertaking too much.

Our food was stored in the old basement. A dark, dusty, scary furnace room with a glorified crawl space. We used to have the Halloween Spook House for the Sunday School in the basement. Hardly had to decorate as the kids freaked out just going down the steps. When the new addition was built the Food Bank was moved to the new basement. Shelves were built and we have a wonderful area that we truly appreciate.

We now delivery around 250 food boxes four time a year. The changes in the current economy have led to many changes regarding how we get our food. We now rely a lot more on food drives and donations. We work a lot harder for our food. A box at each delivery has about 16 items included and if you multiply that by 250 you can see our dilemma. The June delivery will include spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned soup, dry soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna, dessert, a canned meal, mac & cheese, a miscellaneous food item, a personal item, bread, meat and a couple more items yet to be determined. A box, if purchased would cost around \$35.

Delivery has evolved into a community effort. Besides the many faithful LUMC volunteers whom we depend on for both packing and delivery, we have the Louisville Lions Club who we can rely on at each delivery plus many community members, and youth organizations.

We need an amazing amount of help to accomplish this mission. We will pack on Friday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. and deliver

on Saturday the 12th starting at 9:00 a.m. We are usually in need of help the most on the Saturday delivery,. A delivery route takes around two hours and you are provided with a map to help locate houses.

This is the main mission of our church and a tremendously worthwhile one. It is also the only food bank in Louisville. If you would like to become more involved with the Food Bank program in any capacity, packing, delivering, providing a food box or items to be included in a box you would be most welcome. Please contact any member of the Food Bank Committee: Jay & Nancy Holloway, Tom & Sandy Gormley, Ray & Claire

Liturgical Calendar: Pentecost

Pentecost begins the sixth season of the Christian year coming fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ and continues until the last Sunday in August. Pentecost commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people and is also the birthday of the New Testament Church. The Pentecostal Season emphasizes the ministry of the Church empowered by the Holy Spirit as the instrument of God's will in the world.

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red signifying the fire of the Holy Spirit.

ALL CHURCH TREASURE SALE
Friday, June 18 & Saturday June 19
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
100% of Proceeds to Support Church Budget

This will be our third annual and successful Treasure Sale. We are looking for a wide variety of gently used items to sell. Some suggestions are:

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| 1 | Jewelry |
| 2 | Personal Items |
| 3 | Furniture |
| 4 | Kitchenware |
| 5 | Home Décor |
| 6 | Best-seller Books |
| 7 | Accessories |
| 8 | Pictures |
| 9 | Plants |
| 10 | And much, much more |

Mary Klassen has graciously agreed to donate her garage for storage of our items. You may drop your donations off at almost anytime, but please give her a call first. This has been a terrific money maker for our church in the past. Please help us make this year's a success also.

In addition to your donations, please plan to do some major shopping on these two dates. If you would like to help with the sale or become more involved, please contact Carol Hill.

Congratulations Matthew!

Matthew Ryder has been awarded space in a YOUNG WRITERS STUDIO held this July on the campus of the University of Iowa. I am sorry that I cannot supply more specifics and details. If interested you can contact Matthew and Leann to fill you in. I do know that he was selected from among 450 applicants and there are only 130 spaces available.

-Sheila Newton

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WANT TO GET A HEAD START? The newsletter deadline for the next issue is June 25. Please email any articles, pictures, or suggestions, to our editor:

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Education Corner

It has been a great year of learning in our Sunday School program at Louisville United Methodist Church! The adults have enjoyed 3 different classes this year, and the children have been introduced to a lot of new stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Our Live B.I.G. Curriculum has provided a variety of activities, discussion points and lessons to help kids and teachers alike increase in our understanding of God, God's son Jesus, and the kings, leaders, prophets and disciples who helped spread God's word throughout the world. Let us always keep the spirit of Pentecost (spreading the Word of God) in our hearts, our hands and our voices!

Beginning Sunday June 6, we will have Sunday School only during the second half of the 10:30 worship service. Parents and other attendees are asked to "Share the News" (teach) with kids at least one Sunday between now and the end of August. I will pass a sign-up list around the Worship Service to help get the schedule set. It will work best to have 2 adults (teachers) and 1 Youth helper (for Nursery) each Sunday. Our curriculum this summer comes from "The Kids' Book of Awesome Stuff". Lessons and activities center around the earth, God's creatures, environmental stewardship, and where we humans fit into it all. It should be fun.

And, it's closer than we think -- Vacation Bible School with Baobab Blast! to be held at the Lafayette church this year. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for a registration form for your children, grandchildren, kids in your neighborhood, etc. Exciting activities and stories on an Africa theme begin Monday morning, June 21 and continue through Friday, June 25 at 12:30. During the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 27, the kids will sing a couple of their Baobab Blast! songs for us.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to work with the children and Youth of Louisville United Methodist these past 3 years. May we all continue to grow in love of God and service to humankind as we go forward!

Blessings this summer and always,

Ann, Larry, Shelli and Amy

Don't Forget to Dream!

We must never be afraid to dream—for our dreams become our deliverers.

Give your dreams a chance and you will be surprised how many good things start to happen. Don't become disillusioned; recycle your dreams and work to bring them true with action and effort.

When we lose our dreams, we tend to lose our goals. Our dreams become a self-imposed nightmare; we aim at nothing and we hit it. We don't have to live that way. One of life's most powerful forces is the person who dreams and awakens with the confidence to capture the dream.

The dividing line that separates those who are successful and those who fold their tents and run is nothing more than a powerful, two-word sentence—"I can." Truly amazing results have come to people who realistically say, "I can", people who accomplish what they truly believe they can do.

Give yourself a chance. You cannot win the race unless you start running; you gain nothing without having ventured. Pity the poor soul who nurses a dream, who builds an ambition, always wishing, always hoping—but never takes the risk to begin.

What is your hidden dream? What do you want but are afraid to try for? Take the challenge and begin this week. Grasp onto the excitement of your dream, not the excuses why it can't be done. Don't stifle your dream, give it a chance!

If you have a flame burning in you, or even a spark, don't smother it. Nurture it, thank God for it, run out and act on it. You better than anyone else can fulfill your own dreams!

Jefferson Street Preschool

Can you believe that the first school year for Jefferson Street Preschool has come to an end? It has been a very exciting year filled with fun (*have you ever been in a room of 10 - 4 year olds that are trying to name a fish?*), learning (*did you know that plain popcorn dipped in applesauce tastes just like buttered popcorn? or that a baby chick does a lot of eating, pooping and cheeping? or that the same chick will take a nap when the kids do?*), imagination (*have you ever tried to save a princess at the castle while battling dragons and trying to avoid the hot lava that is consuming the playground?*) and wonder (*there are moments each day when we are awed by the God who thought to create such creatures as children*).

Summer is here and our first JSP Family picnic is over. Memory Square Park was the place for grilled burgers and dogs, cold salads and watermelon, lemonade and fun. Approximately 40 people came to enjoy the beautiful weather, good food and the new friends they have made over the past 9 months-both children and parents alike.

With the school year at an end, it is now time to move on to more fun things for the summer. Our summer camp program begins on June 7, with the start of the "Birds, Bugs & Gardens" camp. We will be hosting beekeepers and learning the importance of pollination, working to finish planting the preschool vegetable garden –on the south side of the building, go exploring for birds & bugs and will learn their importance in nature.

We are very excited about the summer program but we need some help making it all work. Do you know anyone with skills, talent or interest in any of our summer camp themes? If so please let us know or contact them and have them contact us. We also have a list of items that we would like to have for the camps-that we just cannot afford to purchase at this time. Please look at the list and if you can help with donations of either money to purchase or the items themselves, we would be very grateful. This is a big undertaking and we will need lots of help to pull it all off.

The preschool would like to thank all of those that have been monitoring the playground after church on Sunday. It is so nice to come in and find a clean playground. It is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the preschool committee and staff, we want to thank you all for all the support you have given us this first year. We hope you will continue to keep the preschool in your prayers as we go into the summer months and our second year.

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 all those who received Bibles this past May like Caleb, pictured left.

Youth News

The youth group visited Boondocks Fun Center on May 2. In spite of rain, wind and hail, we had fun with miniature golf, go-karts, bumper boats, laser tag, and arcade games.



Grant, Caleb, and Bradley pose for a picture



Bumper Boats!



And Mini Golf!

We met for another Cheesy Pizza, Cheesy Movie Night on May 16. We will have a fellowship meeting on June 6, and then take a break until Messy Olympics in August.

Awaken Your Spirit - Pastor Bob

One of the most meaningful groups we organized at Louisville United Methodist Church two years ago was a Spiritual Growth and Meditation Group that met on Wednesday evenings. Debbie Feyh and I co-led the group. We both believe in nurturing the life of the spirit.

What is spirituality? How do we cultivate spirituality in our personal lives? Spirituality has many forms and fills many needs. Some people prefer to explore their spiritual life in corporate settings, but others in more solitary, meditative surroundings. They contemplate their values and the questions of existence in their own ways. There is no one right way to go about kindling your own spirit. Here are some ways to tap into your spirit:

Define your essential values and test how closely you stick to them. Ask yourself: What is most important to me? Do I make time for the things that matter most? Am I constantly distracted by lesser “obligations” and therefore neglect what truly matters? How closely do my daily activities represent my values. I encourage you to read inspirational literature and listen to spiritual music—according to your own tastes, of course. Let the world around you comfort and inspire you. Focus your attention on nature’s beauty. Take a hike in the mountains. Gaze into the star-filled sky.

Strive to see the extraordinary in ordinary things—the wonder in a child’s eyes, the smile on the face of a stranger, or the delicate blossoms on a tree in the springtime. Make time each day for prayer and meditation. Meditation and relaxation techniques can help keep us grounded and centered on our values.

“I cannot teach you how to pray in words...and I cannot teach you the prayer of the forests and the mountains and the seas. But you who are born of the mountains and forests and the seas can find their prayer in your heart.”

—Kahlil Gibran

Prayer and meditation contain the dual powers of healing and importing energy. We can pray in times of distress, but also as thanks for life’s joys. “There are only two ways to live your life. Albert Einstein wrote. “One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

June: A Great Month to Rededicate Ourselves to Service to our Church

The next time you think that it doesn't matter if you skip church services once again, or turn down the call to serve on a committee, or turn a deaf ear to appeals for needed funds, remember the following thought entitled, "This Is My Church":

This is my church

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, leading them to Goodness, Truth, and Beauty. It will be if I am.

It will be friendly if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I help to fill them.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit—if, I who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, beginning this month I will dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my church to be.

-Pastor Bob

God, Forgive Me When I Whine

I wanted to share this essay and poem written by Jess Kenner, who is an authentic Colorado cowboy poet.

"Today upon a bus, I saw a girl with golden hair: I envied her—she seemed so cheerful, and wished I were as fair. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle; she had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, she smiled. O, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two feet—the world is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The young man who sold them had so much charm. I talked to him, and he said to me, "It's nice to talk to folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." O, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two eyes—the world is mine.

Then walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do. I stopped for a moment, and said, "Why don't you join the others, son?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew, he was deaf.

O God, forgive me when I whine;

I have two years—the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I want to go.

With eyes to see the sunset glow,

With ears to hear what I would know,

O God, forgive me when I whine;

I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine.

-Pastor Bob

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HEY EVERYBODY! Want to go to Africa in June?? Then come join the VBS Baobab Blast crew for a week of worship and fun as we explore God's word, help our neighbors, and learn about good stewardship of our world! First UMC of Lafayette from June 21-June 25 in the mornings from 8:45 to noon.

Still needed:

Serengeti Science supplies! Nicole Sarver will have a list for us on Sunday. Please be generous...

Grassland Games! We need an adult leader! (We already have 2 youth who have volunteered to help and we have the book, so it amounts to choosing the games for each age group and rounding up supplies on the list.) Thank you to Alice Morris for her several years of help in this area and good luck with your new job!

Fellowship Friday! We always have a Friday program for parents and others who would like to come. (Book your ride now!) Put it on your calendar for 6/25 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and think about the potluck item you can bring for our feast!

Parents, grandparents, friends of kids - Look for the VBS Registration form and reach out in love to others and include them in VBS. I have found VBS to be a very positive introduction for new families into the church. This year will be extra special. Guess where the United Methodist church is growing fastest??? AFRICA! We'll see you there!

In Christ's Love,
Ann, Larry, Nicole, Shelli, Our Youth and Our Kids