

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

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BIBLE VERSE ON UNITY

Ephesians 4: 1 – 6: *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

XODUS BENEFIT WITH A SMILE



On Friday, September 20, the Lanoka Harbor Firehouse will be hosting a comedy night to raise funds for the Xodus Recovery Community Center. Located at 2 Warren Avenue in Lanoka Harbor, the Lanoka Harbor Firehouse will open the doors at 6pm, with the show starting at 7pm. As of this newsletter's publication date, Joel Richardson will be performing hosting duties, while the lineup will include Mike Calcagno, Tony Luke Jr. and the headliner, Richie Byrne.

Byrne has been performing on the comedy circuit for over 20 years. He is writing, producing and starring in "The Richie Byrne Show," which can be seen at the Gotham

Comedy Club in New York City, according to his website. After checking the Gotham Comedy Club's website, I didn't see any upcoming dates for the show yet.

Byrne has appeared in the independent film "Goodbye Baby" portraying a role he knows best, a stand-up comic. Jerry Adler had a starring role in the 2007 film. In 2005, Byrne appeared on an episode of "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." In addition, Byrne has been warming up the crowd for "The Dr. Oz Show," since its debut on network television.

Pizza, hotdogs and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$25 each or \$175 for a table of 8. Tickets can be purchased at <http://xrcclaughsforrecoverybenefit.eventbrite.com>.

God bless,

Dominic Gregoria

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, September 15: Sunday School begins.....9:15am – 10:15am

Wednesday, September 18: Kúrios Kids begins.....4:30pm – 6:15pm

Saturday, September 28: Lacey Day at Gille Park.....12:00pm – 4:00pm

HOPE CENTERS

Last month, LUMC's Community Revelations mentioned that LUMC is a recognized Hope Center, but what does that really mean? Written below is how gnjumc.org explains it:

"Hope Centers are located within communities and work with local residents to develop long term sustainable transformation. Hope Centers create partnerships with community organizations, schools, churches, community leaders, businesses and elected officials; connect and increase community resources; work with under-served populations and address specific needs to under gird long term change. A Hope Center collaborates with communities to build on assets to address educational, social and economic challenges. Hope Centers connects United Methodists with community residents, schools, non profit organizations, businesses, town governments, and other faith groups to feed the hungry, provide high quality childcare and educational enrichment for students, build affordable housing, assist the homeless and offer job training."

HOPE CENTERS THROUGHOUT GREATER NEW JERSEY:

- Aldersgate UMC in East Brunswick – Crisis Room: information and referral services, financial support, clothing, household items, counseling and food pantry.
 - Asbury UMC in Atlantic City – STEM program, healthy meals and nutrition.
 - Camden Urban Ministry Initiative – Youth development, activities and social capital building.
 - Camp YDP – Licensed preschool and after school program.
 - Christian Outreach Project – Home repair for seniors and disabled.
 - CUMAC – Major nutrition, food distribution and income stability provider.
 - First Friends Of New Jersey and New York – Referral and support for immigrants and their loved ones.
 - Hamilton UMC in Atlantic City – Meal program, healthy eating and nutrition, community garden.
 - Lacey UMC in Forked River – Xodus: recovery programs for those living with addiction.
 - The Maker's Place in Trenton – Asset-based community development concerning infant mortality.
 - Morristown UMC – Youth programs including character development and social skill building.
 - Pathways to Prosperity, Norwescap – Financial Stability, job training, career, life skills, coaching and budget counselling.
 - The Neighborhood Center in Camden – Food and meal distribution, information and referral source.
 - Sea Bright UMC – Community-based support for those in recovery and their loved ones.
 - St. Luke's UMC in Long Branch – Healthy meals, food pantry and nutrition.
 - Turning Point in Trenton – Community-based programs targeting the social determinants of health.
 - Venice Park UMC in Atlantic City – Meal program, healthy eating and community nutrition.
 - Vincent United Methodist Church in Nutley- (currently, no description).
 - Wharton UCC – Hospitality center and meal program.
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HARVEST FEST COMING IN NOVEMBER

On Saturday, November 16, LUMC will be hosting a Harvest Fest from 10am until 3pm. There will be baked goods, homemade soups and chili, an art show, car show, animal care products and services, demos and a blessing of the pets. Vendors can apply by emailing laceyumcnj@gmail.com. The cost of registration is \$35 for a 6 foot table and a chair. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2019.

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RETURNING SOON : YOUTH GROUP

On Friday, September 13, the Youth Group will start up again from 6pm until 7pm.

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DRAMA CLUB SET TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10



If your child is into acting and you haven't signed them up for the drama club, there is still time. The club is set to begin on Tuesday, September 10, and continue every Tuesday from 5pm until 6:30pm. There will be many segments to this 90 minute session. Your child will be taught many aspects of the acting process, including stage direction, improv, scene study, script-in-hand performance, warmup games and much more. No child will be denied their opportunity to perform!

I am happy that Dean Abramo has agreed to assist me with this venture. I know that Dean has a natural comic ability and has displayed his sense of timing during our Sunday service on numerous occasions. I have met with Dean about this venture and he appears to be excited about getting started. A few other adults have volunteered their services, which I am sure will be needed as we get further into the sessions.

This is not an after-school venture for kids to be dropped off at if they have no interest in learning the skills needed to increase their performance level within an entertainment setting. No experience is necessary to be a part of the club. If your child has some acting experience, this club would be able to help them reach the next level. Everything done within the club, including their introduction to the other students, will be done in a style that will make them better performers.

There is no ending date because the students will be able to participate, as long as they have a desire to keep learning. Once the sessions have begun, future students will still be given an opportunity to sign up. All children should be able to read and will be welcome up until the age of 18. Those students will have access to all of the handouts that were passed out during the previous sessions. There will be some Tuesdays that we will not meet and this will all be given to the students during their sessions.

There will be some scripts that will be learned so that they could be performed at a Church Service. Down the road, I would love to have the children perform outside the church at places such as nursing homes. I have performed in stage shows, murder mysteries, independent films and shorts, music videos, training videos and script-in-hand readings. I have performed in improv settings, which will be a major part of the club, on a number of occasions.

Performing Christian-themed stories, as well as Biblical tales, could also assist them with having a better understanding of their faith. Besides outside scripts, the Bible itself contains some very dramatic stories. While working with the youth group at the First United Methodist Church of Oakhurst, I had reworked the Prodigal Son into a modern setting for the youth to perform at a Sunday Service. The skit was encouraged by Betty Gibbons, a retired pastor, as well as Pastor Mark Ale.

There are 4 acting techniques which every actor should know about and all participants in the drama club will be introduced to them, as well as others. The major 4 are the Meisner Technique, Stanislavski's System, Lee Strasberg's Method and Atlantic's Practical Aesthetics. Each of these methods will help them better understand the craft.

If your child decides that acting isn't really for them, the lessons provided will at least prepare them for many of life's other adventures. They will be able to speak in front of people, as well as have the basis for the preparation of whatever direction they decide to tackle.

If you have any questions about anything said in this article or dealing with the club, you can contact me at (732) 904-9945. If you would like to sign your child up for the Drama Club, email me at donnieq777@hotmail.com. Include in the email, the child's age and name, your name and contact number. Robert Downey Jr.: *"Discipline for me is about respect. It's not even about self-respect; it's about respect for life and all it offers."* Alan Rickman: *"Actors are agents of change. A film, a piece of theatre, a piece of music, or a book can make a difference. It can change the world."* Oprah Winfrey: *"I don't think you ever stop giving. I really don't. I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life."* Angelina Jolie: *"I was told that I was different – and I felt out of place, and too loud, too full of fire, never good at sitting still, never good at fitting in. And then one day I realized something – I hope you all realize. Different is good. When someone tells you that you are different, smile and hold your head up and be proud."*

Dominic Gregoria

***“You stand up
for me in the
darkest night
When my faith
is weak
You’re still by
my side
You will never
stop fighting for
me”
Riley Clemmons***

COLOR OUR WORLD



Be kind to one another... FROM EPHESIANS 4:32

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