

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

August 2018

## Lacey United Methodist Church

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Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Morris Maze

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney & Gail Matuska

## LET THIS BE YOUR VOICE



I can't believe that this issue of LUMC's Community Revelations is number 7 already! Where has the time gone? Each issue that comes out signifies that I am a month older, a process that I would love to slow down.

With that being said, I would like to stress that this newsletter is not meant to be just my voice or Pastor Linda's voice. It is in place

to be our voice. If you have an inspirational story or an event that you would like to talk about, this could be your outlet. It doesn't matter if you are an adult member of the Church, someone from the youth group or an interested member of the bordering communities.

The easiest way to submit an event or story would be to email me at [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com). If you would like to suggest an idea, you can always call me at (732) 904-9945. The deadline is always the Wednesday before the last weekend of the month. In all fairness, the earlier you can submit something the better. Always include your phone number with your submission, so that I can reach you with any questions.

We all have our own reasons for belonging to a Christian community. This newsletter can be a vehicle to spread the word of Jesus Christ throughout the entire community. With everything that is going on in our world today, we all could use a positive message to balance things out. This may just be a thought, but wouldn't it be great to see the balance shift the other way!

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

**Worship Service: 9:00 am – 10:15am**

**Sunday School: Children gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00am.**

**After the Children's Message, the children leave to go to Sunday School (9:15am – 10:15am).**

**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour – every Sunday after Worship / All are welcome!**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, September 9

12PM – 3PM: CHURCH PICNIC; location: Forked River Fire House Pavilion; bring your favorite side dish or dessert; invite a friend or family member.

Saturday, September 22

3PM- 6PM: “GOING, GOING, GONE” LIVE AUCTION; \$5: entry, auction paddle, sandwich / \$3: entry, auction paddle / \$1: entry only; sponsored by Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe; proceeds benefit LUMC and VETWORK.

Tuesday, October 30

TBD: SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP; \$135: show ticket to “Jesus,” smorgasbord meal at Shady Maple, round-trip bus transportation; full payment required by September 1. Contact Dawn Kuch at (732) 232-7270 for more info.

## **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

Sunday, August 12

5PM – 7PM: ICE CREAM SOCIAL / POOL PARTY; location: Miss Bonnie’s; \$25 deposit needed for Ignite Weekend.

Sunday, September 9

9:15AM – 10:15AM: J.A.M. (Jesus & Me) starts on Sundays.

Sunday, September 16

4PM – 5PM: CONFIRMATION CLASS / BIBLE STUDY begins (6<sup>th</sup> grade & up); Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> grade & up) follows at 5PM.

Friday, September 28 – Sunday, September 30

IGNITE YOUTH WEEKEND in Wildwood (5<sup>th</sup> grade thru High School age).

CONTACT BONNIE MARSHALL AT (609) 276-5750 FOR ANY INFO ON YOUTH EVENTS!

## **BIBLE VERSE FOR SUMMER**

Luke 21: 29 – 36: “He told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree, or at any other tree. As soon as it buds, you can see for yourselves that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all this happening, you may know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you: the present generation will live to see it all. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Be on your guard; do not let your minds be dulled by dissipation and drunkenness and worldly cares so that the great day catches you suddenly like a trap; for that day will come on everyone, the whole world over. Be on the alert, praying at all times for strength to pass safely through all that is coming and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.”

## YOUTH GROUP HEADED TO IGNITE THIS FALL



On Friday, September 28 thru Sunday, September 30, members of our Youth Group are planning on attending Ignite 2018: World Changers in Wildwood. Of course, those interested in attending should contact Bonnie Marshall at (609) 276-5750. But what exactly is Ignite?

Having attended the Ignite Conference with the youth group from the United Methodist Church of Oakhurst, I can honestly say that it is a very uplifting weekend where children that are currently in grades 6 thru 12 can feel the presence of God through prayer, music, workshops and guest speakers. Last year, many attendees (including my Oakhurst group) were able to send out 80,000 meals to Zambia in Southern Africa. Many of us stayed past the

allotted time frame to ensure that this goal was met. Nothing could compare to this feeling of accomplishment knowing that we assisted in feeding the hungry.

This year's theme is based on Matthew 5:14: "You are the light of the world." Celebrating the festival's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Ignite Squad is hoping to enlighten our youth to "recognize the Divine Spark" within them. After all, they are our future world changers! Currently, scheduled to appear are Bread Of Stone, Bryan "DJ Vow" Martinez, Byron "Mr. Talkbox" Chambers and Rachel Billups, with there still being time for more special guests to be added.

Bread Of Stone is a 4-piece band fronted by brothers Ben and Bill Kristijanto, with Tim Barnes and Jason Ferris comprising the rhythm section. They reached number one on Billboard's Christian Rock charts in 2015 with their single "Porcelain." They started The Light Project in Indonesia, which "empowers those who are not afraid to carry the light of Jesus into the darkness, even when faced with persecution."

Bryan "DJ Vow" Martinez spreads the word of God by spinning an eclectic mix of hip hop and electronic dance music. Byron "Mr. Talkbox" Chambers has worked with TobyMac, Group 1 Crew, Nathan East, Marvin Sapp and Erica Campbell. A two-time Dove Award winner and a Grammy nominee, Chambers has performed and toured with Jonathan Butler and The Mighty Clouds Of Joy. With roots based in Gospel music, Chambers spent a year working with NSYNC before returning to those roots. He is featured on TobyMac's latest single "Feel It," which spent seven weeks at number one on the Hot AC Christian Billboard charts.

Rachel Billups is a Campus Pastor at the Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, as well as an Executive Pastor for the Next Generation Ministry. She is an ordained Elder with the United Methodist Church. In addition, Billups has co-authored "Down To Earth: Hopes and Fears of all the Year Are Met in Thee Tonight" and "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas."

During a scheduled time on Saturday afternoon, youth can sign up to show off their talent by performing at an open mic session. However, those wishing to perform should sign up early. In other words, put your name on the list on Friday evening. While meals are the responsibility of the attendee, you can purchase snacks, as well as some light fare at lunchtime, inside the Convention Center. As it was with my experience at Keswick, this experience can be just as rewarding for the adults as it is for the children.

Dominic Gregoria

*Members are encouraged to join one of the many Life or Fellowship Groups to Praise and Serve God!*

## HAITIAN BEADS ARE BACK IN STOCK!

*“Every good and generous action and every perfect gift come from above, from the Father who created the lights of heaven. With him there is no variation, no play of passing shadows.”*

*James 1: 17*



It appears that Laura Eve McDonald of Laura Eve's Handcrafted Treasures has more Haitian beads in stock. Ranging from \$5 - \$15, you can support a great cause by purchasing a bracelet, keychain, lanyard or necklace. This product is made by women in Haiti from cereal boxes that are donated by churches. For more information on how you can purchase these items, seek out Laura after Sunday service or check out her facebook page by searching for Laura Eve.

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