

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

June 2018

Lacey United Methodist Church

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Church Council Chair: Chip Marshall

Staff Parish Team Chair: Rose Coram

Children-Youth Education: Bonnie Marshall

Finance Chair: Steven Michalkowski

Head Counter: Becky Buglione

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

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND



On Tuesday, October 30th, LUMC will be hosting a bus trip to “Jesus,” being performed at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, located at 300 Hartman Bridge Rd. in Ronks, Pa. For \$135, you get a show ticket, a smorgasbord meal at the Shady Maple and round-trip bus transportation.

While at the smorgasbord, look for the raisin bread with the vanilla icing, a true Lancaster staple. Check with Dawn Kuch at (732) 232-7270 for seating availability.

The brainchild of Glen and Shirley Eshelman, the ex-dairy farmer and his wife began their theatrical dream in 1976 when they opened the Living Waters Theatre. In 1987, they produced their first complete full-length Biblical show entitled “Behold The Lamb.” In 1991, they moved across the field and opened the Entertainment Centre. However, a fire destroyed that building in 1997. Determined to continue presenting Biblical stories to the masses, they introduced their most ambitious venture, the Sight & Sound Theatre in 1998.

If you have never seen a production at this 2,000 seat venue with a 300 foot panoramic stage, you don't know what you are missing. I saw “Joseph” there a few years back and not only was the production great, but they incorporated live animals! If there is still room on the bus, buy a ticket because you won't regret it.

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

BIBLE VERSE FOR FLAG DAY

Galatians 5:13 – 15: “You, My friends, were called to be free; only beware of turning your freedom into license for your unspiritual nature. Instead, serve one another in love; for the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you go on fighting one another, tooth and nail, all you can expect is mutual destruction.”

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, June 3

11AM – 1PM: Coffee With The Pastor – Membership Session

Thursday, June 14

5:30PM – 8:30PM: Men's Fellowship Night at Keswick (\$12 per person); guest speaker: Pastor Chris Sayre

Monday, June 25 – Friday, June 29

5PM – 7PM: Camp Incredible – Free Week Of VBS for children K – 5th Grade

**IF ANYONE HAS SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER,
CONTACT DOMINIC AT donnieg777@hotmail.com.**

SUMMER LUNCH MISSION BEGINS THIS MONTH



On June 25th, LUMC's Summer Lunch Mission will kickoff and provide families who qualify for free or reduced lunch fees during the school year with free brown-bagged lunches for 10 weeks. Initiated by Pastor Linda, this project is co-chaired by Gail Matuska and Ellen Larney. With the school system qualifying the families, 5 other churches participate in the program with LUMC. They are Forked River Baptist Church, Village Lutheran Church, Forked River Presbyterian Church, St. Pius X Catholic

Church and Crossbridge Community Church Of Ocean County.

Some of the businesses that contribute to the program include Captain's Inn, Applebees, Walmart, Perkins and the German Butcher. 6 to 8 items can be included in a bag for a child, with color-coded coolers being delivered for 5 separate routes. Because there is no delivery on July 4th, the families get delivered the day before with hotdogs, rolls and potato chips to help them enjoy their holiday. While the deliveries take place during the week, sometimes extra food is included for the weekend. These lunches include ready-to-eat and frozen items, which are easy to prepare. Some of the items include GoGurt, Uncrustables, bagels, pancakes, turkey and cheese sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs and much more. Drinks and snacks are also included. Each delivery contains an address, number of children and special instructions. Joann Michalkowski maintains records on all of the families' allergies.

Recently, Pastor Linda, as well as some of the volunteers, spoke about the program at a Lacey Township meeting, which resulted in a sizable donation from the town. Some of the funds raised from individuals and businesses was used to strike a deal with Lacey Recreation. \$10 vouchers are expected to be included with the lunches for the Farmer's Market, which is at LUMC on Fridays. The vendors can redeem these vouchers with Lacey Recreation. Gail Matuska stated that last year the program started with 47 families, a number which usually grows before the program ends. One mother who participates in the program has reportedly stated that her "son was thrilled. He wonders what they are getting today!" Gail adds, "We want the food to be nutritional but enticing. It should contain a protein, be healthy and well-balanced." Kudos goes out to all the volunteers who put together these lunches, deliver them and spend their summer at BJ's and other places to purchase what is necessary.

Dominic Gregoria

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



For those of you who enjoy history like I do, Pastor Linda had a really good idea for a story being that April 23rd marked the 50th anniversary of The United Methodist Church. I would also like to thank PL for the information she provided.

A priest in the Church of England, John Wesley had a spiritual awakening in 1738. Along with his brother Charles, John created societies of "Methodists," incorporating specific disciplines. Following this movement, Richard Strawbridge, Barbara Heck and Philip Embry started Methodist societies in America. Wesley sent missionaries to America in 1769 to assist with these societies. Francis

Asbury was the only one of these British preachers to remain in America when the Revolutionary War began. Once 1784 came, Wesley was ordaining Methodist preachers in America. This same year, the first American Methodist Conference took place on Christmas Eve at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland. Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke were named superintendents, and then bishops, of what was entitled The Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1800, The United Brethren in Christ Church was founded and became the first denomination to originate in America. With a message similar to the Methodists, this Church was started by a German Reformed minister (Philip William Otterbein) and a Mennonite bishop (Martin Boehm). The Evangelical Association came to fruition in 1803, led by Jacob Albright, a converted Lutheran. Both of these Churches were comprised of mostly German-speaking people.

Breaking away from The Methodist Episcopal Church due to a laity issue, The Methodist Protestant Church was formed in 1830. The issue of slavery led The Methodist Episcopal Church South to split from The Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844. While conservatism led The Evangelical Association in the Midwest to create a divide with their Eastern division, becoming The United Evangelical Church, in 1894, they resolved their differences and jointly became The Evangelical Church in 1922.

In 1939, The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church South and The Methodist Protestant Church joined forces to become The Methodist Church. The churches were broken up into jurisdictions, mostly based on geography. The Southern church, deemed the Central Jurisdiction, agreed to be a part of this union, provided their jurisdiction was based solely on race.

The United Brethren in Christ Church had a history of ordaining women clergy. When they merged with The Evangelical Association in 1946, the women clergy of the United Brethren were forced to give up their rights as clergy. This union led to the formation of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The Central Jurisdiction was finally abolished in 1968 when The Methodist Church joined forces with The Evangelical United Brethren Church to become The United Methodist Church. The word "methodist" originated back when John and Charles Wesley were attending Oxford University. Some students would make fun of them by calling them "methodists," due to their method in which they incorporated their religious beliefs into their lifestyle. The word "united" came from the union, as well as The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The same year that The United Methodist Church came into being, the cross and flame was established as the emblem. While the cross represents Christ, the flame symbolizes the Holy Spirit, Pentecost and the birth of a new church. The two tongues of flame symbolizes the joining together of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Be proud to call yourself a United Methodist.

NOTABLE MOMENTS IN UNITED METHODIST HISTORY

*“Never neglect to
show kindness
and to share
what you have
with others; for
such are the
sacrifices which
God approves.”
Hebrews 13:16*

1980: Rev. Marjorie Matthews became first woman elected bishop in North Central Jurisdiction..

1984: Rev. Elias G. Galvin became first Hispanic bishop in Western Jurisdiction.

1984: Rev. Leontine T.C. Kelly became first African-American woman bishop in Western Jurisdiction.

1984: Rev. Roy I. Sano became first Asian-American bishop in Western Jurisdiction.

2004: Rev. Minerva G. Carcano became first Latina bishop in Western Jurisdiction.

2005: Rev. Rosemarie Wenner of Germany became first woman bishop in central conferences.

2008: Rev. Joaquina Filipe Nhanala became first female United Methodist bishop in Africa.

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