

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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Finance Secretary: Lorraine Borchester

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Mission: Morris Maze

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

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& Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney
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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION

What you are reading, whether you are online or checking out our hard copy, is the first installment of our newsletter for the Lacey United Methodist Church. After speaking with Pastor Linda, we decided it would be a good idea for our Church to have a publication that would reach out to the congregation, as well as the community. The hope is that this could be a useful tool to help create a bridge between the Church and the community. Anyone can submit Church-related news or contribute to the publication by emailing me at donnieg777@hotmail.com.

God bless,

Dominic Gregoria

BIBLE VERSE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

1 Corinthians 13: "I may speak in tongues of men or of angels, but if I have no love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. I may have the gift of prophecy and the knowledge of every hidden truth; I may have faith enough to move mountains; but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give all I possess to the needy, I may give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, I gain nothing by it.

Love is patient and kind. Love envies no one, is never boastful, never conceited, never rude; love is never selfish, never quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs, takes no pleasure in the sins of others, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance.

Love will never come to an end. Prophecies will cease; tongues of ecstasy will fall silent; knowledge will vanish. For our knowledge and our prophecy alike are partial, and the partial vanishes when wholeness comes. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, reasoned like a child; but when I grew up I finished with childish things. At present we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror, but one day we shall see face to face. My knowledge now is partial; then it will be whole, like God's knowledge of me. There are three things that last forever: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of the three is love."

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!

Special Worship Service - Wednesday, February 14: 7PM – Ash Wednesday

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 8

5:30PM – 6:30PM: Men's Fellowship Night at Keswick

Friday, February 9

5PM – 6:45PM: All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner (\$12/adult, \$5/children under 12 yrs.)

7PM – 10PM: Open Mic Coffee House (free admission / refreshments available for purchase)

Thursday, February 15

6:30PM – 8PM: Book Club Dinner & Discussion of The Shack by William Paul Young (maddiestape@yahoo.com)

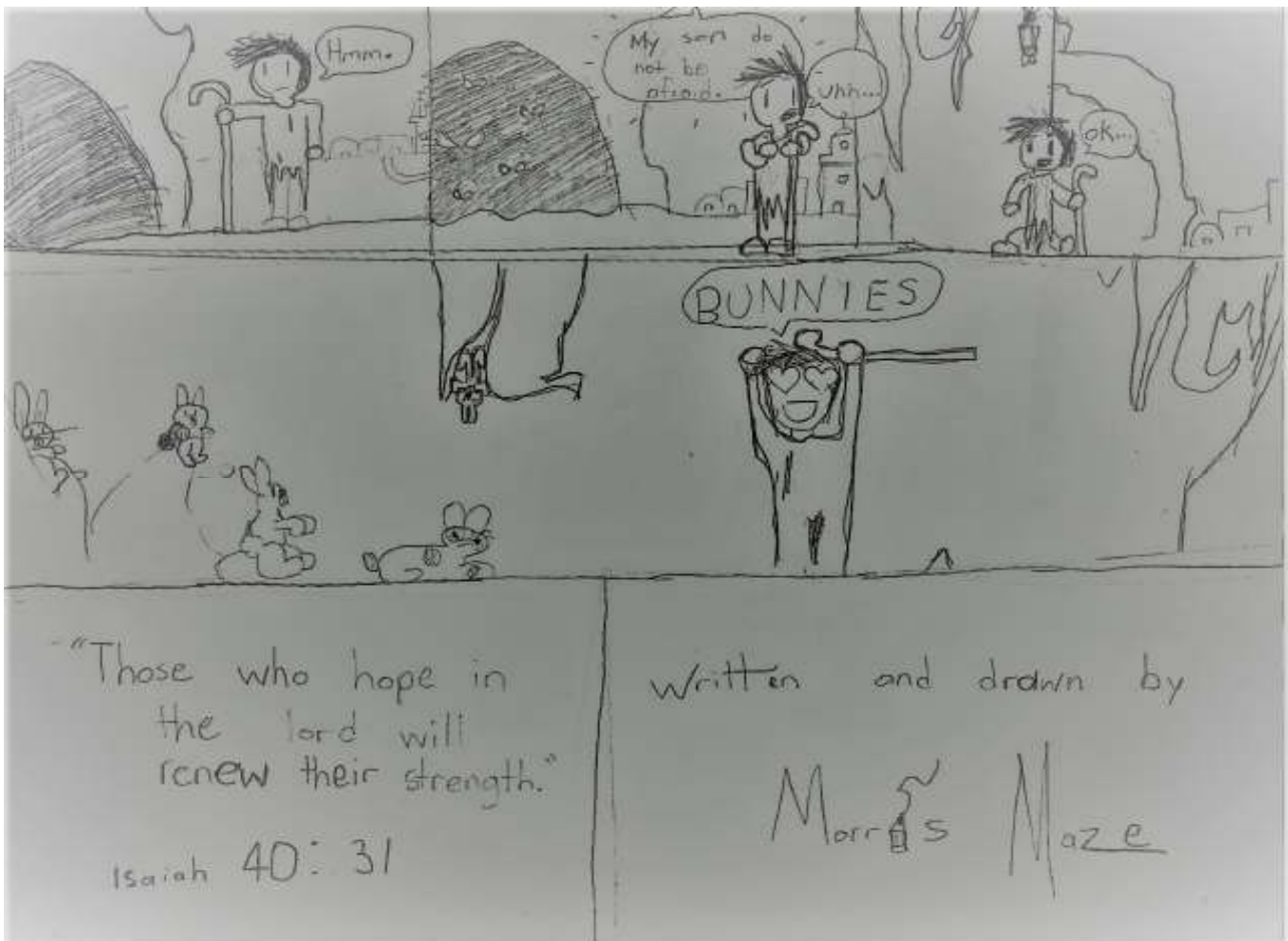
Saturday, February 17

7PM – 10PM: A Time 4 Us: Night Out 4 Adults (\$10/person; silent auction, DJ Bill, snacks & beverages)

Sunday, March 4

1PM – 4PM: 6th Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange (bring wrapped gift valued up to \$10 to exchange)

REMINDER: DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11. THESE GIFTS CAN BE NEW ITEMS, BUSINESS DONATIONS OR THEMED GIFT BASKETS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DAWN KUCH AT (732) 232-7270!





JOY OF THRIFTING

Located on Church property is a small treasure known as the Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe. Having been involved with JOA since the beginning, Elaine Brandt explained that “this property used to be owned by the Catholic Church.” Brandt operates the store with two signers, Gail Matuska and Maddie Stapleton, as well as other keykeepers. A member of LUMC for almost 15 years, Brandt continued, “the shop is run by all volunteers. We have 15 or 16 people donating their time any given week.” I was amazed to find out that not all of the volunteers are LUMC members. The lionshare of the proceeds go to the Church, while a small portion is allegated towards petty cash for the thrift store and mission work. Brandt mentioned Oceans Of Love as an example of the latter.

Brandt offered that “Joy Of Angels got its name from her late mom’s love of angels.” There is a section within the store where there are angels that aren’t for sale and slips of paper where anyone can fill out prayer requests for Sunday’s service. “Thursday’s volunteer group has a prayer circle in the morning and customers are invited to join in,” exclaimed Brandt.

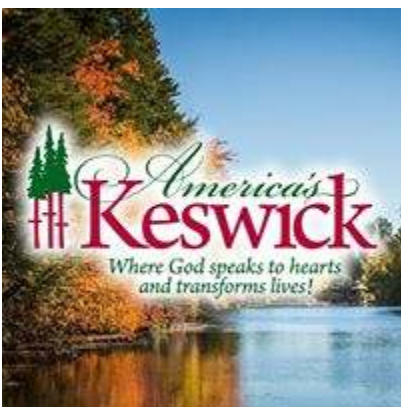
“We receive an abundance of donations. Even though we have signs outside stating that we don’t accept some items, people still on occasion drop off electronics and microwaves.” Stating that the shop does carry dishes and silverware, women and children’s clothing were stated by Brandt to be very popular. Books are located at the front of the store, while there is a small media space upstairs. Knick knacks, toys, men’s clothing, coats, linens and crafts can also be found throughout the store. This is a perfect place to find gifts at unbelievable prices in which all of the proceeds go towards a great cause.

Debbie Waddell, who volunteers on Monday and Tuesday, stated “the merchandise changes every week because we receive so much new stuff. There are so many beautiful sets of dishes.” Lori Osborn, who volunteers on Monday, added “our kitchenware would be perfect for newlyweds or first apartments.”

“The most rewarding part is giving back to the community and the Church,” continued Brandt. “This is a mission of the Church. Some of the donated merchandise is used for families in need and toys for kids of those families. There are 2 bins located outside that contain blankets, pillows, sweatshirts and coats for the homeless. Mike (Orlick) makes sure that these bins stay filled.”

The Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe is open to the public 6 days a week: Monday & Tuesday (12pm – 3pm), Wednesday (10am – 1pm), Thursday (8am – 11:30am) and Friday & Saturday (9am – 12pm). For more information, visit their facebook page at <https://facebook.com/joyofangels/> .

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ENRICHING THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH

On the weekend of January 12, the Lacey United Methodist Youth had the pleasure of attending the Mid-Winter Advance Spiritual Retreat at America’s Keswick, located at 601 Route 530 in Whiting. Speaking with Bonnie Marshall, one of the adults in attendance, she stated, “the kids look forward to this every single year. They love the worship and singing.” In addition, it was brought to my attention that our youth won the volleyball tournament for the very first time.

Having attended the Mid-Winter Advance in the past with the Oakhurst United Methodist Church, I found the experience to be equally rewarding for the adult chaperones, as well. While the free time on Saturday is always fun for the kids, as they can swim or get involved with a sporting activity, the seminars before lunch can be equally enriching. The Praise Team always has a knack for allowing the youth to become engaged with the songs and worship. In addition, Saturday night usually ends with a talent show.

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*“And may God,
who is the ground
of hope, fill you
with all joy and
peace as you lead
the life of faith
until, by the power
of the Holy Spirit,
you overflow with
hope.”*

Romans 15:13

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Future events at Keswick include:

February 9: Couple's Weekend at America's Keswick

February 10: Valentine's Dinner Concert at 6:30pm.

February 23: Hispanic Weekend 1 at America's Keswick

February 28: Pianos, Pipes and Pastries at 9am

March 2: Hispanic Weekend 2 at America's Keswick

To find out more information about any of these events, contact America's Keswick at (732) 350-1187.

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

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