LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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FROM THE APOCRYPHA

Wisdom and Human Destiny

The Wisdom Of Solomon 1: 1-16: Love justice, you rulers of the earth; set your mind upon the Lord in the right way, and seek him in singleness of heart; for he is to be found by those who trust him without question, and he makes himself known to those who never doubt him. Dishonest thinking cuts people off from God, and if fools take liberties with his power he shows them up for what they are. Wisdom will not enter a shifty soul, nor make her home in a body that is mortgaged to sin. This holy spirit of discipline will shun falsehood; she cannot stay in the presence of unreason, and will withdraw at the approach of injustice.

The spirit of wisdom is kindly towards mortals, but she will not hold a blasphemer blameless for his words, because God, who sees clearly into his heart and hears every word he speaks, is a witness of his inmost being. For the spirit of the Lord fills the whole earth, and that which holds all things together knows well everything that is said. Hence no one can utter injustice and not be found out, nor will justice overlook him when she passes sentence. The devices of a godless person will be brought to account, and a report of his words will come before the Lord as proof of his iniquity; `no muttered syllable escapes that vigilant ear. Beware, then, of futile grumbling, and all bitter talk; for even a secret whisper will not go unheeded, and a lying tongue brings destruction on its owner.

Do not court death by a crooked life; do not draw disaster on yourselves by your own actions. For God did not make death, and takes no pleasure in the destruction of any living thing; he created all things that they might have being. The creative forces of the world make for life; there is no deadly poison in them. Death has no sovereignty on earth, for justice has no sovereignty on earth, for justice is immortal; but the godless by their deeds and words have asked death for his company. Thinking him their friend and pining for him, they have made a pact with him because they are fit members of his party.

MONTHLY PASTOR'S BREAKFAST



This month's Pastor's Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 8th, at 9:30am at the

Lacey Perkins, located at 113 South Main Street in Forked River. Everyone is invited to be part of the food, fellowship and fun!

FRIENDS IN FAITH

There will be a Friends in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, in Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. All women are welcome to join us! Please contact Dawn Marie Kuch at (732) 232-7270 for more information.

COUNTERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help count the collection once a month. Counters alternate weeks and we can work around your schedule. Please contact Rich Rosfjord at (732) 501-8135 if you can help.

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT



On Thursday, August 3rd, join us for "Faith & Family Night" with the Jersey Shore BlueClaws. \$12 gets you a ticket into the game. \$17 gets you into the game plus a hotdog, beverage and an ice cream. A High-A affilliate of the Philadelphia Phillies, the BlueClaws home stadium is ShoreTown Ballpark, located at 2 Stadium Way in Lakewood, New Jersey. Gates open 65 minutes before the first pitch of the game. First pitch is at 7:05pm. Please contact Joann in the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS

The Summer Lunch Program could use donations of Mac & Cheese and kid friendly soup. Once the program is underway this year, drivers will also be needed. Contact the LUMC Office for more info.

BAKE SALE NEEDS

The Fundraising Team is collecting plain paper bags to be decorated and used at upcoming bake sales. Contact Dawn Kuch at (732) 232-7270 for more information!



BAKERS GET READY

Bakers are needed to provide baked goods (cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes etc.) for our monthly Bake Sales at the Farmer's Market, which begins at 11am on Fridays. Volunteers are also needed to work our booth. The Bake Sale dates are May 26th, June 30th, July 21st, August 18th, September 1st and September 29th. There will NOT be a Thanksgiving Market this year due to poor attendance.

The Bake Sale will run until we are out of product for that particular day. Some of the items from last year that were big hits were Linzer Tarts, Pistachio Cupcakes, Banana Bread and Whoopie Pies. There were so many delicious items that Dominic needed to take extra insulin on our Bake Sale days.

GRAND RE-OPENING OF THRIFT STORE

On Saturday, May 20th, the Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe will be hosting a Grand Re-Opening of the store from 10am until 3pm. There will be door prizes, music and refreshments, in addition to the in-store specials that will be happening. Come in and check out the hidden treasures that are available for purchase. If you haven't been thrifting, this would be a great day to start!

BOUNTY OF THE BAY RETURNS

This year, the Bounty Of The Bay will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 3rd. Enjoy samples from your favorite restaurants and vote on the top three. Details will be coming soon!

CAR & TRUCK SHOW

LACEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

203 LACEY ROAD, FORKED RIVER, NJ

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

9:00AM - 2:00PM

\$15.00 PRE-REGISTRATION

\$20.00 DAY OF SHOW

RAIN DATE: JULY 1ST

REGISTRATION TIME BEGINS AT 8:30AM

OPEN TO ALL YEARS / MAKES / MODELS.....TROPHIES | FOOD | MUSIC | FUN FOR ALL

FOR SHOW UPDATES OR INFO CALL (609) 693-5222 OR VISIT WWW.JERSEYSHORECARSHOWS.COM

MESSAGE TO ALL MISSION LEADERS

Get the word out about your mission or wins concerning your mission by emailing <u>donnieg777@hotmail.com</u>. Also, if anyone wants to write a devotional or just talk about an uplifting experience send that in as well. There is too much negative in the the world, let's talk about the positive. God is good!

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:00AM IN-PERSON OR ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWS THE YOUNG DISCIPLES MESSAGE.

MEETING CHANGES FROM LAST CHURCH BULLETIN

The Finance Team Meeting will be held on Monday, May 8th, at 5pm and the Fundraising Team Meeting will be following the Finance Team Meeting at 6pm.



"He who Christ sets free is free indeed I won't apologize I won't apologize I won't apologize Nothing's gonna silence my beliefs I won't apologize I won't apologize I won't apologize."

DISCIPLE

HOPE CHEST FOOD PANTRY

The Hope Chest Food Pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30pm until 1:30pm. We are in need of bottled juice and snacks. Also on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Hot Lunch Program takes place at 12:00pm. Sit down and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our volunteers. Volunteers are still needed for both missions.

YOUTH NEEDED

Looking for youth that are High School age who may be interested in attending a weekend spiritual retreat in May or youth of any age that may be interested in attending the Ignite Festival in the fall. In addition, sign up your interested children for Sunday School or the Drama Club. Sunday School is held during the Sunday Services and Drama Club is held on Wednesdays from 5pm until 6:30pm.

Also, we are looking for interested youth to help bring the light of Christ into the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings or to be Junior Ushers. In addition, we are looking for youth that may be interested in joining a future Youth Group.

All of the above activities mentioned require adult volunteers to assist with their implementation. Adults can now also join the Drama Club. Contact Dominic at <u>donnieg777@hotmail.com</u> if interested.

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