

THE FRIENDLY VOICE

JUNE 2018



LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT ARTICLE FOLLOWING THIS PREFACE NOTE
FROM THE PASTOR**

Hello Friends.

Below, please find IMPORTANT information you need to know as members in the United Methodist Church. As you may, or may not know, our denomination has been struggling within itself with issues relating to the inclusion, rights, and privileges of LGBTQI* persons in our congregations and as pastors. As it stands now, the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline (our book that outlines all our policies/rules, and procedures as well as doctrines, beliefs, and our social principles) does NOT permit any United Methodist pastor to officiate at any same-gender wedding anywhere (within a UMC or any other place in the world), nor does it allow any same-gendered weddings to occur within any United Methodist Church, or on any piece of United Methodist property (e.g. camps/retreat centers, retirement homes, parsonages, etc.). The Book of Discipline also prohibits LGBTQI pastors from being married in a same-gendered marriage, or practicing homosexual behavior whether they are married or not. This position that the UMC has taken has created many hard feelings in those who are in defense of LGBTQI persons in our churches believing the policies of the United Methodist Church need to change to fully include the LGBTQI community. There are also those in the United Methodist Church who believe the discipline should stand as it is, and that like all of God's children, the LGBTQI community deserves our love, but the practice of homosexuality and same-gendered marriage to be wrong. The opposing viewpoints have clashed and begun to polarize the UMC creating a terrible line between churches and congregations in our denomination. As a result, there has been talk of churches leaving the UMC over this issue, and possibly a mass division within our family.

The Way Forward Commission (see the end of the article for its description) has been looking at ways to prevent this from happening. Below is the latest update on what has been going on with the commission and the announcement of a special session of General Conference in February of 2019.

Only one person has brought this subject up with me since I have been here at Langhorne UMC. I really do not have a good handle on how the majority of you are feeling about this issue we face as a denomination; and moreover, how we minister now, and in the future, to the LGBTQI community. What is just for all? What does the Bible say and how are we interpreting it? And what is God telling us through scripture, tradition, experience, and reason?

I ask that you pray for our United Methodist Church. Pray that all hear the voice of God and the love that must be sincerely and unconditionally present and extended to see that all decisions made are just and that Christ's love and peace on earth can bring us, and keep us all together as one in Christ, and one with each other.

Prayerfully and lovingly,

Laurie, your Pastor

Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler



*LGBTQI persons are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Inquiring persons. You may or may not see the "I" elsewhere, and it is not in the following article. The LGBTQI community includes it to include those persons still "inquiring" or searching for their sexual identity. This refers mostly to teens and young adults discovering they are different and find themselves in a position to make what are often difficult decisions regarding friends, family, and relationships with each other, society, and the church.

Way Forward Commission Ends its Work. Bishops' Clarify Vote.



Commission
on a
Way Forward

UPDATE

The following statement of clarification was crafted by the bishops who served on the UMC's Commission on a Way Forward and approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops this week:

"The Council of Bishops (COB) has voted by an overwhelming majority to share the work done by the Commission on a Way Forward on the three plans and to recommend the One Church Plan.

The One Church Plan will be placed before the General Conference for legislative action. To honor the work of the commission, and in service to the delegates to the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, the COB will also provide supplemental materials that include a historical narrative with disciplinary implications related to the connectional conference plan and the traditionalist plan. The recommendation adopted by the COB reflects the wide diversity of theological perspectives and the global nature of The United Methodist Church as the best way forward for our future as a denomination."

Bishop Kenneth Carter
President, Council of Bishops

By The Rev. Maidstone Mulenga Director of Communications, Council of Bishops

The 32-member Commission on a Way Forward for The United Methodist Church concluded its ninth and final meeting in Nashville, Tenn., May 16.

The Commission met nine times over 17 months. The Commission reviewed a wide variety of petitions presented as legislation to previous General Conferences regarding human sexuality and examined how other faith communities and denominations are responding or have responded to the question of inclusion of LGBTQ persons.

"The key part of the early work was to build trust and intentional community among a group of people who had good reasons not to trust each other," said Bishop David Yemba, one of the moderators of the Commission.

At the heart of the work on relationship building was the book, *The Anatomy of Peace*, from the Arbinger Institute. The focus of *The Anatomy of Peace* is to help people build the capacity for living through conflict with a heart of peace instead of a heart at war. A heart of peace helps us to see and treat others as people while a heart at war tends to see and treat others as objects, obstacles, or problems.

"A heart at war exaggerates our differences. A heart at peace sees what we have in common," said Bishop Yemba.

The Commission wrote a covenant with each other that both guided the work of the Commission and helped to build community and trust. Commission members focused on finding a way forward rather than on representing groups or constituencies.

"The Commission's practice of voicing differing theological views and interpretations of scripture stands as a model for what kind of ministry we are both called and empowered by God to do," said Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, one of the moderators. "This led us to discover the interests behind the various positions and opened up multiple possibilities for how the church can continue to fulfill the ministry of Christ in both unity and with diversity."



The Commission spent significant time listening to the church through an open framework for receiving documents, ideas, and testimonies. The Commission received and processed feedback from boards and agencies, local churches, annual conferences, individual lay and clergy persons, candidates for ministry, and seminary students. Conversations took place with individuals and interest groups across the globe.

Along the way, Commission members worked on possible models for a way forward.



In November 2017, the Commission presented an extended interim report to the Council of Bishops. The report included three sketches: one that focused on accountability within the context of the current Book of Discipline language; one that focused on removing restrictive language and placing a high value on contextuality and protections of various perspectives; and one that re-imagined the church as a unified core with multiple branches.

In February 2018, the bishops held a special meeting to hear more details on the proposed plans from the Commission and to offer feedback.

With continued input from bishops and constituencies around the church, the Commission refined and adapted the models and presented its final report to the Council of Bishops in May 2018.

The Council of Bishops is in the process of revising and perfecting their report and recommendation based on the work of the Commission to the special session of General Conference 2019.



"We anticipate the report will be released in early July. Future work will be with delegations to create a culture that will listen to God, receive the report, and do this work with a heart of peace and not a heart of war," said Bishop Ken Carter, president of the Council of Bishops.

Although their work is officially over, members of the Commission will collaborate with residential bishops in equipping delegations between now and 2019 General Conference, which will be held **Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri.**

About the Commission: The Commission on a Way Forward was created after the 2016 General Conference approved a motion for the Council of Bishops to name a commission that would explore options to keep the unity of the church that had been threatened over the question of inclusion of LGBTQ persons. The Commission is diverse body that represents the global church with members coming from nine countries with a variety of theological perspectives. The Commission is one third laity, one third clergy, and one third bishops and includes younger persons, LGBTQ persons, professors, administrators, pastors, youth ministers, campus ministers, lay leaders, large church pastors, and persons identified with renewal and advocacy groups.

Posted on May 18, 2018

<https://www.epaumc.org/home-page/home-feature/2018/05/way-forward-commission-ends-its-work-bishops-clarify-vote/>



Langhorne United Methodist Church

Jun 2018 (Eastern Time)

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JUNE 2018 SANCTUARY SERVANTS

June 3

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Erika Paton
 Greeters 9:30.....Marty & Marlene Kalbach
 Ushers 9:30Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00Raab Family

June 10

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Linda Rutledge
 Greeters 9:30..... Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Ushers 9:30 Smigiel Family
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00Daeche Family

June 17

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Barbara Jordan
 Greeters 9:30.....Madge Laughlin & Tim Eick
 Ushers 9:30.....Robyn Rowlands & Kim Stockburger
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00Curtin Family

June 24

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Erika Paton
 Greeters 9:30.....Donna Goodwin & Lynne Brown
 Ushers 9:30.....Joe & Helen McDonald
 Contemporary Assistants 11:00Boyle Family

LUMC Sunday School

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, for bringing your children to Sunday School this year.

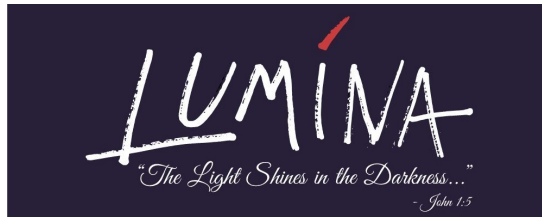
A BIG THANKS to those who worked to establish the Sunday School program, by attending meetings, signing up to teach or assist.

What a joy it has been. Looking forward to next year.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

RALLY DAY and Church Picnic will be held on September 9th!





ON SUNDAY JUNE 10 we will receive a special offering for the ministry of **LUMINA**.

Please consider giving generously in support of LUMINA's Mission: To share the love of God by equipping & encouraging people who experience poverty & hardship.

Conference Advance Specials is a missional stewardship program of second-mile giving by generous churches, groups and individuals to support primarily local ministries.

Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance, also known as LUMINA, is one such Conference Advance Special mission project approved and promoted by the Annual Conference to seek donated funds from local churches through designated giving. Langhorne United Methodist Church has long supported LUMINA with our financial gifts, special collections of cooking and baking supplies, our prayers and encouragement.

(Please use a pew envelope and label it LUMINA)

Your Missions & Outreach Team



Do you know of someone that needs a card sent to them, such as Sympathy, Get Well or just to let them know we are thinking of them. If so, please let Beverly Eick know, you can contact her at 267-370-9149 or by email at eick406@gmail.com



Shipwrecked!

Langhorne United Methodist Church VBS 2018

July 23, 2018 — July 27, 2018

09:00 am — 12:00 pm (EDT)

**Come join us at Langhorne United Methodist this summer for
an adventure of a lifetime!**

LUMC-online.org

Don't get washed away - Let Jesus come to the rescue!



We are excited to invite you to embark on a new adventure this summer with us!

SHIPWRECKED, RESCUED BY JESUS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 23RD - 27TH

EARLY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS AND CAMPERS AT

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/vbs2018lunc>

Contact DebbieLetham@gmail.com 215-588-2321

When you're lonely, JESUS RESCUES! - Jesus tells the parables about lost things...

When you worry, JESUS RESCUES! - story of Martha worrying and complaining...

When you struggle, JESUS RESCUES! - Jesus's Garden of Gethsemane friends...

When you do wrong, JESUS RESCUES! - Jesus welcomes a criminal into heaven

**When you are powerless, JESUS RESCUES! - Peter and John heal a lame man in
Jesus's name**



VBS Donations Requested **(can be placed in the choir loft):**

Used or borrowed for display:

Nautical items - canoes, small boats, rope, buoys, life preservers, life saver rings, oars, ship maps, hammocks, stuffed animals of birds, nets, ripped sails and broken masts, old boat equipment, fishing gear, telescopes

we try to repurpose and reuse - but these new items are appreciated:

Sharpee markers, tape-rolls of brown, blue & green; white table cloths;
gift cards to department or craft stores; cups, small plates, kitchen supplies;
seashore items, beach decorations; acrylic paint, tacky glue

IDEAS and HELPERS NEEDED - calling all at home church crafters and pinterest pals:

cardboard hut shelters, palm trees, waterfalls, boats,
treasure chests (and gems), tiki torches, bonfires, buoys,
seashells, clams, jungle birds, fish, seahorses, sting rays,
sandbags, nets, snails, seaweed, vines - lots of vines,
ripped weather beaten shirts, telescopes and periscopes,
jelly fish shower caps, barrels from cardboard, treasure maps!
and YES an underground sea volcano and cave!

and as always monetary donations for scholarships for those in need, and for pizza for our teenage workers are always appreciated!

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Questions? DebbieLetham@gmail.com 215-588-2321

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JULY 23-28, 2018

Beacon



Bible Point:
When you worry...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:
"The Lord comes to the rescue each time." (Psalm 34:19)

Bible Story:
Martha worries and complains. (Luke 10:38-42)

Guac



Bible Point:
When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:
"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Bible Story:
Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying and coming back to life. (Luke 23:26-24:12)

Hope



Bible Point:
When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:
"The Lord will hold me close." (Psalm 27:10)

Bible Story:
Jesus tells parables about lost things. (Luke 15)

Moe



Bible Point:
When you're powerless...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:
"This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." (Ephesians 1:19-20)

Bible Story:
Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name. (Acts 3:1-26)

RAE



Bible Point:
When you struggle...Jesus rescues!

Key Bible Verse:
"Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10)

Bible Story:
Jesus' friends try to rescue him in the garden of Gethsemane. (Luke 22:39-54; Matthew 26:36-56)

United Methodist Women

UMW invites all LUMC women!

Bring a friend!

Annual Salad Supper

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:30pm

We are blessed to host a presentation by
Polly Riddle, Missionary and Author

Polly will recount how she was called by God to travel to Liberia to teach adults math and reading skills. She has chronicled her three-month trip in an inspiring diary format, publishing “Best to the Guest” in paperback book form and online. Polly is a member of St. Andrew's United UMC, Ann's Choice, and the UMW at Lehman UMC.

Coming together as one body in Christ – our salad supper for multiple UMW units is an opportunity to fellowship with neighboring churches while enjoying scrumptious salads.

PLEASE BRING A SALAD or 2 TO SHARE! HOPE FOR A BIG CROWD!



Please RSVP to Brenda Lauble 215-630-9879 so that we can tally the number of salads

And may plan accordingly if we need extra food!

Thank you very much and God Bless!



Steeple Kids

Langhorne United Methodist Church
301 E. Maple Ave
Langhorne, Pa 19047

***Steeple Kids is finishing up its 20th year!
It has really grown since opening its doors.***

***We are currently taking registrations for the Fall.
We have children 8 weeks old thru Kindergarten.
(For more information please call (215) 757-4981)***

Time to get ready for our June

Friday Family Fellowship and Fun!!

"Family" is defined as all members of the church of ALL AGES with the understanding we will be having FAMILY FUN!!
Kids are welcome to come in their "jammies!!"



**June 8 - GAME NIGHT and
Pot Luck Kid-friendly Dinner***

6:00P to 9:00P

*Please BRING a kid-friendly entrée or salad and a favorite game (or two) to share with others. Entrée or salad size should be about 8 servings. LUMC will provide the beverages and light dessert.



**June 22 - FAMILY FLICK NIGHT
and Kid-friendly Dinner****

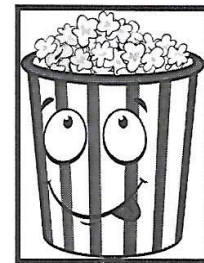
6:00P to 9:00P-ish

(Donations accepted – but NOT required – to cover food costs.)

Featured FLICK for the evening: MARY POPPINS

**Tonight's dinner will be Stouffer's Mac 'n' Cheese; turkey hotdogs; green beans; and fruit cup for dessert. Beverages will also be provided. Popcorn and apple juice will be served with the movie.

Please SIGN UP for BOTH of these events on the sheets hanging up by Rev. Pfahler's office door. Please NOTE special dietary needs so that we can accommodate you and/or your family.



See you for Friday Family Fellowship and FUN!!



LUMC Family Night at the Trenton Thunder

(Trenton Thunder vs. Portland)

July 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Tickets: \$14

(Includes Admission and \$6.00 Food Voucher)

Tickets will be on sale each Sunday

from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

This is not limited to LUMC members.

Bring a friend(s) or the whole family!!

For more information please contact

Linda Rutledge at 267-394-1779 or

Holly Rogerson at 267 879-5547

JUNE SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

Send our Seniors a Birthday Card and let them know you are thinking of them!!!!



- June 3** Dale Habel, 24 N. Marmic Dr., Holland, PA 18966
Alberta Hess, 290 E. Winchester Ave. #319, Langhorne, PA 19047
Evelyn Brunner, 14 Hybrid Rd., Levittown, PA 19056
- June 4** Gwen Miller, 1045 Brownsville Rd., Langhorne, PA 19047
Charles Lotocki, 25 Pine Glen Rd., Langhorne, PA 19047
- June 16** Raul Torres, 803 Sterners Mill Rd., Feasterville, PA 19053
- June 18** Doris Zimmerman, 686 Langhorne-Yardley Rd., Langhorne, PA 19047
- June 27** Madge Laughlin, 3238 Aster Ave., Trevose, PA 19053

WELCOME TO LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Members by Profession of Faith

Theresa Melervey

Elizabeth, Tim & Ryan Williams

New Members by Confirmation

Mallory Friend

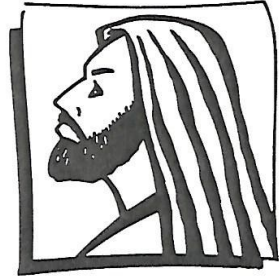
Amanda Smigiel

Christopher Stockburger



Word Search: Life of Christ

This word search focuses on the life of Christ. Find the words listed below in the word search box. Words can be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward and forward.



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 K A M S O Q B E T H A N Y J O
 C D I S C I P L E S W I D O W
 I M R M E H T A B B A S G H K
 L A A Q M E L A S U R E J N J
 U R C G Y I S B T E M P L E Z
 Y T L N N M S I T P A B U H J
 G H E G J N P D R C M J P T J
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COMPOUND INTEREST!

Directions: Each of the two sets of letters has two compound words hidden. Can you find the compound words? Example: AEGTWAY: gateway, getaway

BFHILOSW : _____

DOOOPRST: _____

Solution: Top — fishbowl or blowfish;
 Bottom — doorpost or doorstep.

baptism	Bethany	children	demoniac	disciples	faith	fasting	fishing	Galilee
gospels	healings	Jerusalem	Jesus	John	Jordan	leper	Martha	Mary
miracles	parables	Peter	Pharisees	Sabbath	Simon	sower	temple	temptation
transfiguration		vineyard	widow					

Verse to Remember

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” —Mark 12:43-44

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10 -11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School *

11- 12:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School *

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

*2 Adult Sunday School Classes being held

pick which time is best for you.

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Erika Paton Lay Leader, jerp1968@verizon.net

Donna Goodwin, Church Secretary, church@langhornechurch.org

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Kerry Fenton, Organist, Kerry@langhornechurch.org

Amy Hansen, Treasurer, amy@langhornechurch.org

Hugh Green, Youth Director, Hugh@langhornechurch.org

Barbara Jordan, Choir Accompanist, acompanist@aol.com

Kim Stockberger, Bell Choir Director, Gs5th@comcast.net

Kurt Tommuscheit, Sexton

Amy Rodda, Steeple Kids Director, steeplekids@comcast.net