

FRIENDLY VOICE

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LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the
Pastor's
Desk

Greetings in the name of the One who loves and carries us all!

It is July, and along with the increase in warmth and outdoor activities, our church is still vibrant and working hard to make the world a better place for all whom we touch.

Close to my heart, we have an EXCITING week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) coming up July 24-28!! The children, minimum age of 3 years, are welcome to sign up and attend. Call and tell your friends, your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors... the kids and families do NOT need to be members here at Langhorne UMC to attend!! It's open to EVERYONE!!! (YAY!!)

The program is Biblically sound and talks about how we are "created by God" and "built for a purpose!" Each day has themes, Bible stories, and characters to go along with the day –

DAY 1 – Decker the Crab: GOD MADE YOU!

DAY 2 – Tina the Cathedral Termite: GOD IS FOR YOU!

DAY 3 – Bubba the Humpback Whale: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!

DAY 4 – Skylar the Bower Bird: GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

DAY 5 – Abbee the Bee: GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON!

Sounds FUN, doesn't it?!? So, if you LOVE KIDS, how about coming out to volunteer? We would LOVE to have you. See the information here in the newsletter to find out more about VBS. I'll be there! How about you?

You will find me to be someone who loves participating in church ministries, sometimes forgetting my chronological age when it comes to the kids!! I am really looking forward to taking part in all that goes on here in the Langhorne UMC community.

Peter, John and the other Apostles brought together the first community of believers. It was an inter-dependent group of people who worked together to see to all the needs and the faith formation of all its members, as well as committing themselves to Christ's commandment to make disciples of all nations. It was the early church, and it stands today as the example for the church universal as well as the church local - - for us at Langhorne UMC. Our sacraments have community as a foundational component. In Holy Communion, the Eucharist Prayer (the Great Thanksgiving) speaks of what God has done for us as Creator and incarnate as Jesus Christ. It further invokes the Holy Spirit to be...

...“pour(ed) out... on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and the blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world...”

And during the breaking of the bread, the presiding pastor says,

“Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf...”

Our sacrament of Baptism has vows we take as congregation, or church community members that state how we will live and how we will nurture the lives of those newly baptized and also those who have been members for years as all grow during their lifelong faith journeys. It also, while acknowledging the new member (s), has the congregation...

...“renew(ing) our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

(The UMC has recently added “our witness” right after “our service” in that line.)

So “community” is not just something that evolved or just “happened” in our church - - it is in our DNA!! It is part of us. It is what makes us formidable when up against what is wrong. It shows the world what God’s love CAN do if we prepare the way for the Lord in all that we do and say so that God can go to work!! But the key here is that we are not in community by ourselves; we are in community with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, together. When we forget that, the good stuff doesn’t happen, or we get blinded by the human earthly things preventing us from seeing the good down the road and worrying about the rough spots on the journey.

There is really GREAT community here at Langhorne! Remembering that we ALL are human and bound to mess up, we also know that the community is - - WE ARE - - there to...

“...surround (everyone) with a community of love and forgiveness, that (we) may grow in (our) service to others. We will pray for (all), that (we) may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.”

We are there for each other.

And for that, I am truly thankful to God for you... for Langhorne United Methodist Church. Thank you for welcoming me so very lovingly as your new pastor. I am looking forward to devoting time together in community with you all to further God’s mission for this church, and God’s Kingdom to come.

Peace always with Christ. Grace always with God. Love always with each other.

In that Peace, Grace, and Love,

Laurie

Rev. Laurie Pfahler, Your Pastor



Welcome Pastor Laurie

Jeremiah 3:15 King James Version (KJV)

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

We welcome you to Langhorne United Methodist Church. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you to serve the Lord.

Dear Congregation,

This month we are welcoming Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler as our Pastor here at Langhorne United Methodist Church. Her first service will be July 2, 2017. Laurie comes to us from First United Methodist Church of Pottstown and Salem United Methodist Church of Pottstown.

Laurie grew up in the Methodist Church being a “preacher’s kid.” Before attending Drew Theological Seminary, Laurie was a youth leader and camp counselor. While attending Drew, she was assistant director and program director at the 2 United Methodist camps in New Jersey. During a break in her studies at Drew, Laurie was a camp director for a special needs camp in Pennsylvania. She also then became active in her local United Methodist Church as liturgist, SPRC member, children’s choir director, and was active in their community meal team.

Laurie then returned to Drew Theological Seminary answering the call to pastoral ministry. Laurie obtained her Master of Divinity Degree, while working as Christian Education Director at First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville for two years. In 2015 she accepted appointment as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pottstown and Salem United Methodist Church of Pottstown.

Laurie describes herself as having a sense of humor and a love for camping, canoeing, biking, walking/hiking, as well as a good snow storm! She enjoys counted cross-stitch and is learning to crochet. She is a fan of table games and jigsaw puzzles and enjoys many types of music, being a bit of a musician. Please be sure to greet Laurie and welcome her to our church family!

Becky Remillard

Jeff Rowlands

SPR Co-Chairpersons



JULY 2017 Sanctuary Servants

July 2

Worship Assistants, 9:00.....Erika Paton
 Greeters, 9:00.....Chris & Rita Cresswell
 Ushers,.....Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

July 9

Worship Assistants, 9:00.....Jeannette Hesser
 Greeters, 9:00Bev & Tim Eick
 Ushers, 9:00Sam & Joan Phillips
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00..... Raab Family

July 16

Worship Assistants, 9:00..... Ron Cookson
 Greeters, 9:00..... Dale & Carol Habel
 Ushers 9:00Ron & Louise Cookson
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Curtin Family

July 23

Worship Assistants, 9:00.....Linda Rutledge
 Greeters, 9:00..... Barbara & Peter Jordan
 Ushers 9:00Cheryl & Bob Fryer
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Daeche Family

July 30

Worship Assistants, 9:00.....Jerry Hill
 Greeters, 9:00.....Joe & Helen McDonald
 Ushers 9:00Marty & Marlene Kalbach
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Merritt Family



THANK YOU for your fantastic response to the call for meatloaves!! Our guests were fed well as we provided approximately 100 servings. Our guests were most appreciative of for our church's dedication in providing one of the best (if not the best) dinner in the Shared Meal Ministry network. I also received expressions of thanks for the handicap access we provide at the front of our building. Folks indicated that they couldn't attend all Shared Meal locations because they were inaccessible.



Also I wanted to thank those who faithfully drop off grocery items each Sunday. The items you donate are delivered to CARES Cupboard Food Pantry which is operated by PennDel Mental Health Center. PMHC is a private, non-profit community mental health center, which has been providing psychiatric and social services to residents of Lower Bucks County for over 40 years. They provide food items and personal care items to numerous families in need. We may want to consider reinstating something like the FLOCK bags we used to provide through a different social concerns ministry in the past hint, hint. If you are interested in this or any other Caring Ministry please contact Bill Bryan, bbryan104@comcast.net / 215-847-2130. If you have an idea for a new Caring Ministry – let's talk about it!



**LUMC Family and Friends
Night at the Trenton Thunder**

July 23, 2017 at 5pm

Tickets: \$14

Includes \$6.00 Food Voucher

50 Tickets Available

We will have a raffle for

Free Parking and an additional Food Voucher



We are excited to let everyone know that VBS Registration is **NOW OPEN** for Vacation Bible School at Langhorne United Methodist Church!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/lumc2017vbs>

We are BLESSED to share God's Word and pray our collective children are able to know Him better.

July 24- 28th 9am - noon

PLEASE COME JOIN US!

Call Debbie Letham with any questions - 215 588-2321

CAMPERS, REGISTER FOR VBS!

Campers (and volunteers) please sign up at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/lumc2017vbs>

MAKER FUN FACTORY

CREATED BY GOD! BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!

M-F July 24-28, 2017 from 9am – Noon Ages 3 -103

PLEASE join us as we explore where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God



GOD made you,
is for you,
is always with you,
will always love you,
and made you for a
reason !

Join us as we explore our FAITH and see how unique we are! God's LOVE makes us purposefully – we are all part of HIS plan! We will explore the Bible stories that help us discover HIS LOVE with marvelous adventures

We PRAY our children will be blessed with these Bible adventures as we share God's Word!

Monday 7/24 GOD MADE YOU.

Story: God lovingly creates people. (Psalm 139; Genesis 1:26–2:4)

Verse: "Thank you for making me special!"

Tuesday 7/25 GOD IS FOR YOU.

Story: Rahab believes in God's mighty power. (Joshua 1–2)

Verse: "If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Wednesday 7/26 GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU.

Story: God is with Gideon. (Judges 6:11–7:25)

Verse: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Thursday 7/27 GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.

Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Luke 22:66–24:12)

Verse: "Your unfailing love will last forever." (Psalm 89:2)

Friday 7/28 GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON.

Story: Abigail brings peace. (1 Samuel 25)

Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord."

Any Questions?
Please contact
The LUMC church
office or VBS leader
Debbie Letham
(215-588-2321)

Debbie Letam@gmail.com

We ask a donation of \$30 per family to help defray costs, this includes a CD of the music. We accept 3 year olds (fully potty trained) on up!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- MAKER FUN FACTORY- JULY 24-28, 9am-noon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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We need station leaders (set up activities that campers will attend), crew leaders and assistant crew leaders (responsible for bringing campers from station to station), and always we need general helpers/gophers!

Any Questions? Please contact VBS leader Debbie Letham (215- 588-2321) at DebbieLetham@gmail.com

Please be aware that we participate in our UMC district's SAFE SANCTUARY PROGRAM for background checks - and this year IT IS **FREE** and **ONLINE**.... EVERYONE (over age 18) needs to make sure their registration is done every three years...Thank you for your compliance and compassion and cooperation! Registration may be done online and free at the following links – or contact us for help:

PA criminal background check link (ACT 34): <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>;

PA Child Abuse Clearance: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

Please get a code to enter into your application from Bill Bryan to help organize them more easily..

Please get copies (either printed or by email) to Debbie or Bill

If you are under 18, you DO NOT have to fill out these forms

Any Questions on safe sanctuary? Please contact Debbie Letham (215)588-2321

DebbieLetham@gmail.com) or Bill Bryan (215-847-2130) bbryan1026@verizon.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- MAKER FUN FACTORY- JULY 24-28, 9am-noon

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Hello everyone - now is the time to bring in VBS goodies! We would love your help collecting these simple items - we try to recycle/"upcycle" many items for decorations - and we also do ask for any donations monetarily or gift cards for food purchases and odds and ends...we strive to keep our budget very low... **WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!**

We are making many mini-factories - our Maker Fun Factory theme is hand in hand with showing how unique each of us are: "God made you - God is for you- God loves you - God made you for a reason"

Decorations wish list #1 - please bring materials to fellowship hall or to the choir loft

- 1) Building factory: construction sets - knex, erector sets, legos, building blocks, paper blocks, blue prints, drafting tables, anything old that you don't want anymore - or something big we can simply display and return.
- 2) Food factory: CLEAN EMPTY food boxes, cans, containers, fake food or make food via arts and crafts for a garden farm area. Recycle recycle recycle.
- 3) Music factory - OLD pots and pans (we will hang outside LOL) and make MUSIC! Any ideas welcome!
- 4) Painting/Crafting factory: old paint supplies for decoration only - old acrylic/latex paints and brushes for us to use. posterboards, construction boards, GLUE AND GLUE STICKS!!!
- 5) Christmas factory: actually we have too much of this already but if you cant help yourself and need to get rid of Christmas overflow we will take it, use it and donate it after.
- 6) Decoration making: if you want to construct decorations a home we need giant gears, tools, etc... we have plenty of supplies for you - just ask...
- 7) NEW: 9 VOLT BATTERIES, COLORFUL COPY PAPER

Here is a preview VBS video with picture of the giant gears: <https://youtu.be/5fjMyDcJcgk> Here are some music videos: <https://youtu.be/ZmMFCMiT-ac> <https://youtu.be/jVKuOi3YEAM?list=RDZmMFCMiT-ac>

THANK YOU!
God Bless You!

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Stewardship Notes

Wow, it is already summer time. Who knew time could go by so fast!

Many of us will be traveling through the summer, and not have an opportunity to be in our wonderful church as often as we like to be. Thankfully our Lord never takes a vacation from blessing us with his abundant love, gracious gifts, and providential care. The Lord's care is ongoing. God never tires of caring for us.

During the summer we spend more time outdoors and can care for the beautiful world God has given us. We truly value the time we spend with our loved ones, but there is also great temptation during the summer months to neglect the most precious of all our Lord's gifts, His holy Word and Sacraments offered in worship. Vacation plans and recreational activities often replace worship.

LUMC encourages you to stay in the Word, take your Bible with you to read, pray, and go worship while on vacation. Additionally, don't forget to send offerings given by thankful hearts as although we may be absent, the church expenses continue.

We would like to invite members who are travelling to send the church a postcard showing where you are travelling and a short note to tell us about your travels. We will display the postcards in Fellowship Hall.



Stewardship: Supporting the church through our prayers, our gifts, our talents and our time.

“He who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep. The Lord watches over you ... the Lord is your shade at your right hand.” (Psalm 121:4-5).

If you are interested in becoming part of the Stewardship Team please contact one of our members.

Holly Rogerson, Jackie and Paul Hansen, Linda Rutledge, Beth Lotocki

We would like to thank Ashley Hickman for all her work and dedication to serving on the Stewardship Committee. She will be missed greatly.

Reminder: Join us for a fun late afternoon and evening at Trenton Thunder on July 23, 2017. See Linda Rutledge for more information.



Our Church Finances

Finance Committee, Chuck Boyle, Chairperson

May 2017

We continue to remain on a solid financial path after the first five months of this year. As of the end of May 2017 our revenues are ahead of expectations and our operating expenses are below expectations. This is a very nice story to share with our loving congregation. This picture could change, but for now we are looking financially stable.

For the year to date on the revenue side we finished \$4,600 above our budget, which is very good. The major differences between our budget and actual revenue are noted below:

Total offerings came in over budget by \$6,300. The main reason for this was a generous and much appreciated offering of \$6,000. Please keep in mind that large offerings like this cannot be counted on every month.

The Wednesday night dinners have generated \$600 more than what was budgeted. Not only do we have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal, but we also help support our church.

Investment returns from the McKay Fund are \$1,400 less than budget. We have checked with the Trustees and they confirmed that there have not been any changes in the way this fund is invested. This may be a reflection of over budgeting a bit.

On the expense side for the year we reported \$8,400 under budget for the first five months on this year. The major differences between our budget and actual expenses are noted below:

The Missions Conference was not held this year resulting in a \$450 reduction in expense.

Our Youth Director volunteered to generously donate his services to our church which resulted in a savings of \$3,300.

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Our Sexton's compensation and supply expense is \$800 less than budget.

Utility expenses are currently \$1,800 below our budget.

Various other staff compensation areas are showing in total \$1,000 in savings when compared to our budget.

Mission School expense was budgeted but not expensed as of yet resulting in a temporary savings of \$450. This is a timing issue that will correct itself moving forward.

This leaves us with a net operating gain of \$13,000. It is good to be on the plus side.

As of the end of May we have \$68,000 in the L.U.M.C. general fund. This is the financial cushion that we need to move forward.

The Reserve Giving Fund continues to grow nicely thanks to our congregation. As of the end of May the balance in this fund is \$7,800.

If any member of the church would like to receive a copy of the church's full financial reports please place a note in the finance committee mail box outside of the secretary's office.



“Thank you for your continued support. We are the Church and its future is in our hands. Lord, What do You want me to do?... .” (Acts 9:6).



Sunday School at LUMC

A group is working on getting a Sunday School up and running for September.

We are looking for people to provide input on curriculum, as well as teachers and assistants, and substitutes.

If you are willing to help us share God with our children, please contact one of the following people.

Karen Arner - klarner1@verizon.net

Jackie Hansen - jhansen597a@hotmail.com

Angie Manning - AngelaL350@aol.com

JULY SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

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

JULY

- 1 Erika Paton - 2155 Langhorne-Yardley Rd., Langhorne, PA 19047
- 2 Naomi Rogerson - 290 E. Winchester Ave. #413W, Langhorne, PA 19047
- 3 June Gill - 1000 Old Lincoln Hwy., Langhorne, PA 19047
- 15 Diane Wachstetter - 1500 Garfield Ave., Croydon, PA 19021
- 18 Gayle Meiers - 728 Ross Drive, Langhorne, PA 19047
- 20 Claudia Megahan - 66 Quickset Road, Levittown, PA 19057
- 21 Ginny Rowlands - 288 Barclay Ct., Langhorne, PA 19047
- 22 Sue VanCamp - 31 Downhill Road, Levittown, PA 19056
- 23 Cynthia Schick - 25 Stonyfield Road, Holland, PA 18966



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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Sunday Worship Hours:

Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Contemporay Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Laurie Pfahler, Pastor,

Bill Bryan, Director of Congregational Care, bbryan104@comcast.net

Erika Paton Lay Leader, jerp1968@verizon.net

Church Secretary, langhorneumc@gmail.com

Bryan Sengdala, Choir Director, brianvsengdala@gmail.com

Anthony Vigile, Contemporary Worship Leader, Anthony.vigile@gmail.com

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