

The Friendly Voice

*Happy
Easter!*

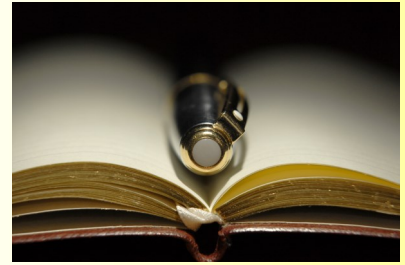


HE HAS RISEN!

April 2014

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

April 2014



Greetings friends!

Recent conversations and personal readings of devotions have intersected or collided for me. I love when that happens! It's like the Spirit is saying: "Hey! How about this?" Or "Here is something new to think about in a new way." And then He provides the opportunity to share it. Well, here is one of the latest of such lessons.



I've always noticed how Christians tend to jump into the "armory" and get all excited about getting "suited up" in order to fight the devil. I imagine a little kid dressing up in baggy uniform, helmet, and lugging unwieldy weapons, playing soldier. The Christians in this situation mostly do this in a defensive posture or mode to stand up against the attacks which in and of itself is not a bad thing, but it is not complete.

As disciples and followers of Jesus we also need to be on the offensive. And what is needed for having both in place is a strategy for warfare. II Corinthians 10:3 ***"Though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does."*** Satan most certainly has strategies in place against us and is constantly attacking. However, so do we have a strategy and it is not of this world! It is superior, supernatural, and Spirit inspired!

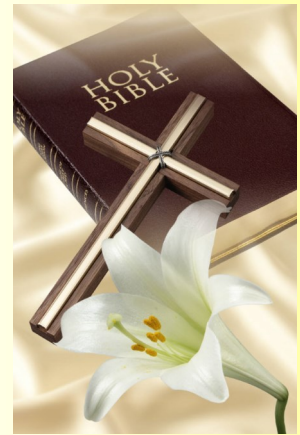
It is important for us to know this and understand this otherwise we are like children playing soldiers in our costumes. We need to believe this so that we can effectively employ what's in the armory against the enemy! As little children we really don't know the functions and power that we possess. II Corinthians 10:4 ***"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they divine power to demolish strongholds."***

We need to know that the weapons we possess and are available for us are not of our own making or technology.

They come from the supernatural realm. By faith we believe we can access them. By going through the basic training of searching and reading God's Word and spending time in prayer under the leading of the Holy Spirit as our Drill Sargent, the strategies for defense and offense will reaffirm the victory of Christ on the Cross!

BLESSED EASTER!

Pastor John



John



SOME INFORMATION FOR YOU ABOUT HOLY WEEK...

Holy Thursday service, April 17, 7:00 p.m. is an observation of the Last Supper with dramatic presentation "The Longest Night."



On **Good Friday**, a shuttle will start transporting walkers from LUMC parking lot at 11 a.m. to Friends Meeting House where the procession of the Cross will begin at 12 noon and end up back at LUMC for the worship service.

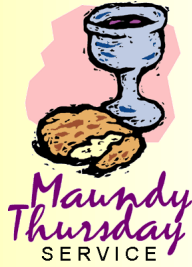
Sunrise Service begins promptly 6:00 a.m. at pavilion #6 at Core Creek with, singing, prayers and dramatic meditation: "**Easter...The Mystery and the Promise.**"

Dress warmly, bring flashlights, a blanket to sit on, and a box of donuts to share with others and the hope of Easter!





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Thursday, April 17, 2014

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18, 2014

Good Friday

Procession of the Cross, 12:00 p.m.
Good Friday Ecumenical Worship Service.

1:15 p.m. at

Langhorne United Methodist Church



Sunday, April 20, 2014

EASTER SUNDAY

Ecumenical Sunrise Service,
Core Creek Park,
Pavilion #6 - 6:00 a.m.



Easter Celebration Worship

THREE SERVICES!

Traditional Worship with
Communion,

8:00 a.m. & **9:00** a.m.

Contemporary Worship, **11:00** a.m.



WORSHIP TOPICS for APRIL

April 6

Communion

"Rejuvenation"

Matthew 4: 12-23



April 13

PALM SUNDAY

"Palm Sunday"

Matthew 21: 1-11



April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

Communion

"Where Is Jesus?"

Matthew 28: 1-10



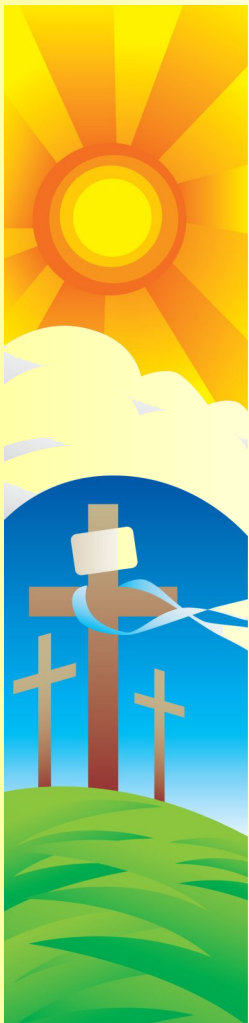
April 27

"A Flaw of Faith"

John 20: 10-31

Special Guest Speaker,

Jerry Hill





April Sanctuary Servants

April 6

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
 Worship Assistants, 9:00 Jerry Hill
 Greeters, 8:00 Kathy DiGregorio
 Greeters, 9:00 Stan & Connie Dettman
 Ushers, 9:00 Stacy & Tami Lewis
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Merritt Family

April 13 - PALM SUNDAY

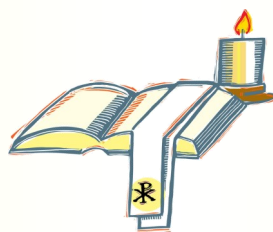
Worship Assistants, 8:00 Dolores Chemey
 Worship Assistants, 9:00 Ron Cookson
 Greeters, 8:00 Tim & Beverly Eick
 Greeters, 9:00 Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Ushers, 9:00 Mike & Jennifer Hanley
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Boyle Family

April 20 - EASTER

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Erika Paton
 Worship Assistants, 9:00 Holly Rogerson
 Greeters, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
 Greeters, 9:00 Joe & Helen McDonald
 Ushers, 9:00 The Hansen Family
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Letham Family

April 27

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Tom Romspert
 Worship Assistants, 9:00 Ron Cookson
 Greeters, 8:00 George Jenca
 Greeters, 9:00 Madge Laughlin & Bev Eick
 Ushers, 9:00 Bob & Cheryl Fryer
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Hanley Family





FORWARD LOOK

3rd Tuesdays each Month
12:00 noon

Tuesday, April 16, 2013:

Devotions: Rose Norman; Program to be announced.

Outreach: Food Collection

*Bring your own lunch;
beverage will be
provided.*

New Members Welcome!

We are looking for women who would like to share Christian fellowship. Bring a bagged lunch, and join us for friendship and devotions. The Forward Look Class meets on the third Tuesday of the month.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday April 14th - 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship Hall

The program for our April meeting on April 14th, is "**A Calling for Our Time,**" a presentation by Debbie Letham out of our program booklet. The discussion will be held studying the many ways that United Methodist Women are "called to service" in this day and age.

Our hostesses will be Ruth Torres and Naomi Rogerson. Our outreach will be personal hygiene supplies: toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, etc.



**Thurs., May 1,
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Special Preview Sale,
Wed., April 30th,
4-7 p.m.**

SNACKS FOR SALE!



Rummage Sale

- Clothes
- Books
- Plants
- Toys
- Household Items



Langhorne United Methodist Church
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215-757-4984

Announcing the 2014 Women's Retreat Weekend



where women delight
in God's grace

Try thinking about this—hanging out at a café with friends, while enjoying your favorite hot beverage, nibbling on a brownie or bit of chocolate pie, laughing, talking, and relaxing together—it's a perfect gathering! Join us at Café Chocolate. It's a retreat where we'll focus on God's grace—with a bit of chocolate sprinkled on top.

SAVE THE DATE!

September 19-21, 2014

Camp Innabah

Cost \$115.00

Registration information will be shared shortly.

Contact Karen Arner, Jackie Hansen, Debbie Letham or Holly Rogerson for any questions.

BAKE SALE

Women who participate in our annual Women's Retreat are hosting a fundraiser bake sale on Sunday 4/13/14, Palm Sunday, at all services. We will be making homemade baked items for purchase. There will be some available in single serving sizes, and as well for families. All proceeds go to help defray the cost of the retreat.



TRUSTEES' **WORK DAY** **MAY 3, 2014**

Garden Angels/Spring Work Day

It may not seem like it, but spring is coming and with it the things we need to work on outside. Despite some nasty summer weather, our Garden Angels did a wonderful job last year keeping the flower beds around our church looking nice. Please consider if you can sign up for a two week period. In this time you are asked to come once for an hour or two to weed either the front OR back flower beds.

Spring Work Day is the first Saturday in May, 5/3/14. We work from 9 to noon, or whatever part of the time you can contribute, to finish as many jobs on our "Honey Do" list as we can. If you know of a

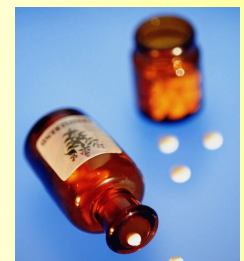
project that has to be put on the list please contact Jeannette Hesser (215-752-1645 or jeannettehesser47@gmail.com). The list will be posted in Fellowship Hall in late April. Willing to help but it doesn't fit your time schedule? Just sign your name to the job on the list and the approximate time you plan to work on it.

UMW Social Action News...

DONATIONS: EYE GLASSES AND CELL PHONES. Used eye glasses can be placed in the small box near the Mission Board in Fellowship Hall for the Lions Club to recycle/re-use. You can also place in the same box, donations of used cell phones to be recycled with 911 for distribution at no cost to Bucks County residents ONLY without cell phones to use in emergencies. SIM cards will be removed and smashes, so your privacy will be maintained. This is a project of the County Sheriff's office in Doylestown. For more information, contact Sgt. Joe White at 215-348-6288.



GOT DRUGS? Permanent medication collection boxes are available at 25 locations in Bucks County, some locally at Langhorne Borough Police, Middletown Twp. Police, Lower Southampton Police, Bristol Twp. Police. Seventy percent (70%) of people who abuse prescription pain relievers get them from friends or relatives. Further, 1 in 4 high school students have abused prescription drugs. EPA studies have detected pharmaceutical drugs in our water supply. This project is supported by the Bucks County Commissioners and made possible by a grant through the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, 215-244-7607. A flyer is posted in the hallway before Fellowship Hall for more information.





LUMC Sunday School News

The Sunday School class handed out M&M's to the congregation for a Valentine's Day treat.

Each bag had a bible verse or personal message to the congregation. We hope that everyone enjoyed the surprise!

Since January, we have combined all the age groups. We are now meeting in Room 3 (Cooking Classroom) due to the time change for worship service being changed to 9 a.m.

We had a visit with a couple of our Missionaries. The children heard from a few of our Missionaries on Mission Sunday. We had the pleasure of having the Quigg's and the Livingstone's share their experiences with us. Thank you to all our Missionaries!

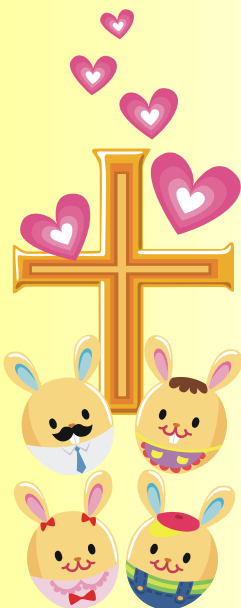
For the month of April, we are learning the story of Easter and preparing for Children's Sunday. We look forward to sharing the things that we've learned over this Sunday School year. We hope that you will be able to join us for the 9:00 a.m. service.



Miss Bonnie's class has spent the past month learning all about the Good Samaritan, John the Baptist and are now learning the Easter story.

Are you on Facebook? Did you know that the Sunday School has its own page? Log onto Facebook and search for LUMC Children's Sunday School.

We are always looking for more helpers and volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping out with the Sunday School program. If you are interested in helping with the Children's Sunday School program, please feel free to email/call me for more information or see any of the teachers.





April 13, 2014
(Palm Sunday)

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held right after Sunday School at 11:00 am. Children up to 4th Grade are invited to attend. All children will gather together in Fellowship Hall at the end of Sunday School. Donations of small wrapped candies are being requested and will be collected the week before to fill the plastic eggs.



THE EASTER EGG

Jeremy was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him.

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg.

"Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss Miller," the children responded enthusiastically --all except for Jeremy. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them.



The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs.

In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here."

The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too."

Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life.

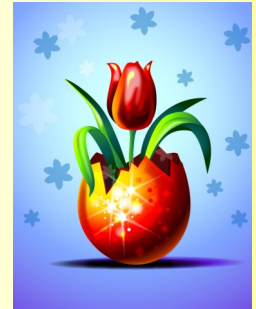
Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty. Surely it must be Jeremy's she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty."

He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too."

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?"

"Oh, yes," Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up."

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.





Vacation Bible School Weird Animals VBS 2014

Imagine...

- ...a child hearing about God's love for the first time.
- ...kids worshiping in powerful ways.
- ...children praying for each other.
- ...adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.
- ...the kids in our church showing God's love to children in India.
- ...children serving each other.

This summer, kids will discover that Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind at Weird Animals VBS. Be a part of vacation Bible school at Langhorne United Methodist Church, July 21-25. It's our goal to reach over 100 children and over 75 volunteers with this program. That's a great flock – lets help them grow in their relationship with God!

We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with Jesus' love. Help kids in our community discover that:

Even when you're left out...Jesus loves you!

Even though you're different...Jesus loves you!

Even when you don't understand...Jesus loves you!

Even though you do wrong...Jesus loves you!

Even when you're afraid...Jesus loves you!

As we plan and prepare for Weird Animals, our team would cherish your prayers.

Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for staff to join our team.

And please pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the VBS children!

Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event!
Questions? Contact DebbieLetham@gmail.com or 215-588-2321

As Vacation Bible School (VBS) volunteers, we be participating in the East District UMC Safe Sanctuary requirements. Please utilize these quick and easy resources: for adults (18 and over), there are 2 forms: The PA criminal background check (ACT 34) and the Child Abuse Clearance Form (ACT 151).

Volunteers (adults 18 and over) can: 1. Fill out the paper forms and return them to Debbie Letham, Amy Hansen or SPR representatives for processing (the church will pay for them). OR 2. Fill out the forms yourself online or by mail and return the copies to us. We need to see the originals and to make a copy for the file. Fees can be reimbursed or applied towards your regular LUMC donation.

The PA criminal background check can be done online and paid for with a credit card online. The Child Abuse form can be filled out online, but needs to be printed out and mailed in with a \$10 money order. Links to the online sites:

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

Child Abuse Clearance form link (ACT 151): http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf

Remember: Everyone over 18 needs to have these done. Thank you for increasing our compliance in the policies. Questions? Contact DebbieLetham@gmail.com or 215 588-2321



WE NEED YOU at VBS !!!
Register as a volunteer at
<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/LUMC2014VBS>

TEEN VOLUNTEERS - UNDER 18 also greatly needed! Our energetic young people are essential to the success of our program. Teens need to provide the names/phone numbers of 2 references, who are not family members. These references can be church members, teachers, neighbors... anyone who can vouch for your awesomeness! Please provide this information in your registration online or by email to DebbieLetham@gmail.com

Thanks so much for your help! Anything we can do to make this a smooth operation, please feel free to let us know!



Easter Garden

Sunday, April 20, 2014

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS

March 30, 2014

Put in Secretary's Mailbox along with your payment.

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Honor of: _____

I will take my plant(s) after the

- 8:00 service
 9:00 service
 11:00 service
 Please give my flowers to a shut-in.

ITEM	Each	QTY.	TOTAL COST
6" Pot Daffodils	\$7.00		
4" Pot Mini-Daffodils	3.00		
6" Pot White Lilies; 6 bloom	9.00		
4.5" Pot Tulips	4.00		
6" Pot Mums (Mixed)	8.50		
6" Yellow/Orange Daylilies	8.00		
TOTAL			



PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF ORDER.



Members' News



We express our condolences to Claudia Megahan and her family for the loss of Claudia's husband

Ron Megahan,

who went Home to Our Lord on February 27, 2014;

and

To Elaine Bauer for the loss of her mother

Eleanor Bauer,

who went Home to Our Lord on March 7, 2014. Eleanor had been a member of LUMC since 1955 and had been the LUMC Church Secretary for 17 years, plus Treasurer/Financial Secretary for 42 years.



We've Lost a Friend



Best Wishes to ...

Drew Kalbach & Bridget Coyne

on their wedding, March 8, 2014.

Baptized on March 30, 2014 ...

Matthew David Thompson,

born July 4, 2013, son of Matt & Danielle Thompson.



APRIL SENIOR BIRTHDAYS



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|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------|
| 4/1 | <i>Dot Turner</i> | 4/14 | <i>Ron Fox</i> |
| 4/10 | <i>Bob Hesser</i> | 4/15 | <i>Vic Campo</i> |
| 4/11 | <i>Helen McDonald</i> | 4/20 | <i>Joan Yugas</i> |
| 4/11 | <i>Sam Phillips</i> | | |





WEEKLY EVENTS...



Every Sunday:

- Traditional Worship, 8:00 a.m.
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Genesis Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday:

- Squires Barbershop Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

- Wed. Night Supper, 5-7:00 p.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Every Thursday:

- Men's Breakfast Club, 7:00 a.m., (*American Diner*)
- Pastor's Bible Study, 2:00 p.m.
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.
- Crusader Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
- Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.



(Please check your weekly bulletin announcements for any date, time or location changes.)

Thrs., May 1
RUMMAGE SALE
 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sat., May 3
WORK DAY
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sun., May 4
YOUTH SUNDAY,
 9:00 a.m. only

Sun., May 11
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
 9:00 a.m. only

Thrs.-Sat., May 15-17
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sun., June 1
CHOIR FESTIVAL

Sun., June 8
Begin Summer Worship
Hours, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Reception of New
Members
Church Picnic,
 4:30 p.m.



YOUR CHURCH FINANCES

By Joe Wachstetter, Finance Chair

General Fund - February

February total income was \$1,459 over budget. The receipts from offering envelopes were \$198 over budget. The income from other receipts was \$1,231 over budget plus an extra \$115 from the endowment income contributed to the total income. February expenses were -\$767 under the budgeted amount. The result of all this is a Net Ordinary Income of \$127 for February which is \$2,226 over the budgeted estimate. The operating cash balance for February was \$15,370.

	Feb 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	26,255.66	24,791.50	1,464.16	106%
4310 · Interest Incom	3.07	8.33	-5.26	37%
Total Income	26,258.73	24,799.83	1,458.90	106%
Expense				
5100 · Administrative Board	3,239.16	3,293.33	-54.17	98%
5200 · Council on Ministries	849.20	759.16	90.04	112%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	14,473.90	15,200.25	-726.35	95%
5800 · Trustees	6,679.48	6,984.25	-304.77	96%
5900 · Business Operations	889.91	662.00	227.91	134%
Total Expense	26,131.65	26,898.99	-767.34	97%

General Fund – Year-to-Date

The year-to-date total income was -\$6,026 under budget. The receipts from offering envelopes were down -\$6,324. The income from other receipts helped to offset the loss from offerings a bit.

The year-to-date expenses were -\$674 under budget. The result of all this is a Net Ordinary Income of -\$10,353 for the year which is -\$5,353 under the budgeted short fall. This is due primarily to the -\$7,749 short fall in offering envelope giving in January.

	Jan - Feb 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	50,516.98	56,531.96	-6,014.98	89%
4310 · Interest Incom	5.59	16.70	-11.11	33%
Total Income	50,522.57	56,548.66	-6,026.09	89%
Expense				
5100 · Administrative Board	6,390.98	5,861.70	529.28	109%
5200 · Council on Ministries	2,009.30	1,993.40	15.90	101%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	36,786.56	37,636.68	-850.12	98%
5800 · Trustees	13,219.77	14,068.50	-848.73	94%
5900 · Business Operations	2,469.11	1,989.00	480.11	124%
Total Expense	60,875.72	61,549.28	-673.56	99%
Net Ordinary Income	-10,353.15	-5,000.62	-5,352.53	207%

Six Key Financial Principles to Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

—from the book “Enough” by Adam Hamilton

- Put God first in your living and giving. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
- Prepare a spending plan and track all expenses monthly. (Proverbs 27:23-24)
- Simplify your lifestyle, live below your means. (Matthew 6:19-33)
- Provide immediately for an emergency fund. (1 Timothy 6:9-12)
- Pay off all credit card debt and use cash, not credit cards. (Proverbs 22:7)
- Practice long range saving and investing habits. (Luke 14:28)

Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

And Jesus answering said unto them. Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's ...

Mark 12:17





ROOF FUND

Raise the Roof Update

"Come near to God and he will come near to you." (James 4:8)

The loan principle for the Roof Replacement Project is \$161,308 after the February loan payment. Thank you for your generous support for the Roof Replacement Project. We cannot use money from the General Fund to make the Roof Replacement Loan payment.



Please follow the weekly roof loan updates listed on the insert in the Sunday church service bulletin. The monthly dedicated donations were \$2,032 which was -\$1,061 less than needed for the \$3,093 monthly payment. The reserve fund balance is \$17,411. Note that the total of in memoriam donations through February is \$4,959.

Only 58 payments to go!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

"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).



LUMC Lighthouse: Mission News

By Tim Eick

The Mission Team would like to say THANKS to the Missionaries whom were able to make it out for Missionary weekend; THANKS to everyone whom prayed for our Mission Weekend, for the Missionaries safe travel, etc; THANKS to all of those whom helped make the Missionary Weekend possible; THANKS to all those whom came out on Missionary Conference Saturday Night for our Meal/Program; & THANKS to everyone whom came out on Mission Sunday to hear from our Missionaries!!

Here are updates from some of the Missionaries OUR church supports!

Tony & Gwen Martin: We will be returning to Luleå in June so we have started looking for apartments!! We've applied for 3, which is the most we can apply for at one time! Please pray!!! There's a lot of competition for apartments in Luleå as the supply seems to be lower than the demand! So we really need to see God move on our behalf here! And we need to be there in June as our visas expire the next month. THANKS FOR STANDING WITH US IN THIS!!!!

Chaplain Jack & Anne Nigro: I had another great Bible study on the protective custody block at CFCF Prison in Philadelphia. Even though the block was locked down, the officer on duty let me call out those who faithfully comes to the Bible study. We had 10 hungry inmates ready to study what it means to be a true disciple of Christ!!

Steve & Gail Quigg: We spent a week in Coshocton auditing MMS Aviation. MMS's purpose is "to prepare people and planes for worldwide mission service" and they've been doing that incredibly well for decades. Not content to rest of their laurels, however, MMS submits to regular safety audits to minimize their exposure to risk and maximize their service for the Lord. We led a relatively inexperienced auditing team through the process, but what they lacked in auditing experience, they more than made up with aviation knowledge, industrial safety expertise, and enough energy to handle the 6" of snow and single digit temperatures with ease. As she typically does in these situations, Gail worked harder than all the rest of us by interviewing the spouses and providing encouragement and insight all along the way.

A great number of you participated in the Giving Tuesday celebration at the beginning of the holiday season and the response was overwhelming in every aspect. T.H.A.N.K. Y.O.U. for all you did! When the conversation about offering a matching gift of \$500,000 first began, our mission leaders thought it was a stretch. The single biggest day of giving prior to Giving Tuesday was \$492,000 after the Haiti earthquake. They felt that with \$500,000, Global Ministries was giving a generous lead gift. Imagine everyone's surprise when the matching funds were depleted in just over 2 minutes! More than \$2 million was given in the first hour and the total reached \$6.5 million by the time midnight arrived. Even though our aviation accounts didn't get nearly as much of the matching gifts as we had hoped for, like everyone else, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of giving to our account in particular, and to the work of Global Ministries in general. We are excited to see all that will be accomplished for Christ through the generosity of your giving.

FAITH PROMISE: The Mission Team appreciates those who gave us a Faith Promise card on Mission Sunday. If you were not here and would like to support our Missionaries, you may fill out this card and return it to the church office. Thank you!!

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