

LAFAYETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ☒

TOWER NOTES



Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

February 12, 2012

Seeds of a Sower

Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine than by reflection. Joan Chittister

The Christian season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Lent is known as the “springtime of the spirit.” As Joan Chittister notes, oftentimes our commitment to God and the practice of our faith life grows dull. We may go through the motions of coming to worship (or not), but there is no “quickenings” of the heart, arousing us to awe, wonder, praise, and response to God’s presence. We become blind to the graces of God which mark our days. Our focus can easily turn inward, causing benign neglect of those around us.

The season of Lent invites us to be intentional about reflecting upon our faith, our commitment to follow Christ, and our desire to live in devotion to the Way of Christ. You might consider what spiritual practice – prayer, reading scripture, fasting, worship, service – will assist you in renewing a commitment grown dull.

In worship we will be following the Passion Story of Christ from the Gospel of Mark. We invite your participation in special worship services to share the journey to the cross and resurrection with Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

Lent 2012 Passion Pilgrimage

Ash Wednesday, February 22 7:00 p.m.

Taize Worship in the Sanctuary

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of confession and forgiveness. It is a time for recalling our mortality (“ashes to ashes”), repenting of wrongs, and preparing for death and resurrection, both of Christ and of ourselves.

Taize is an ecumenical community in France. This community’s prayerful style of music through musical chants has become a moving spiritual experience around the world. This evening we will join in singing, prayer around the cross, and receiving the ashes that mark us as disciples of Jesus who desire to change our lives and grow in godliness. The Chancel Choir will lead us in worship.

Feb. 19 *Honoring Jesus* – Mark 14:1–11

Feb. 26 *Promise Keepers* – Mark 14:12–31

Mar. 4 *Living Prayer* – Mark 14:32–52

Mar. 11 Volunteer in Mission Celebration

Mar. 18 *Warring Forces Within* – Mark 14:53–72

Mar. 25 *Exchanging Places* – Mark 15:1–15

April 1 Palm/Passion Sunday – *The Cross Bridge* – Mark 15:16–39

April 5 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

April 6 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 5:00–7:00 p.m. Good Friday *Journey to the Cross*

Jesus invites you to Journey to the Cross with him. Interactive centers based on the traditional Stations of the Cross will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Pilgrims on the journey will be given prayer guides to lead them through an activity at each station. Plan on spending about an hour moving through the Stations of the Cross in solidarity with Jesus on this holy day.

April 8 Easter Sunday – Mark 16:1–8

8:30 and 10:30 Worship (note time changes for this day only!)

9:30 Easter Brunch

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt

SSP Pancake Breakfast



The Sierra Service Project group is known to make the largest pancakes in Lafayette! Come and support our SSP team by enjoying mouthwatering pancakes before the service on February 26th. Breakfast will be served from 8-9:20 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 3 or more. Tickets will be for sale after church.



SUNDAY BUZZ GROUPS

Starting Feb. 5 children in Kindergarten through 5th grades will be decorating their rooms with paper chains. Each child can decorate in his/her own style one chain link each Sunday. Which room can complete the chain by JUNE 3??

Parents take note that your child may be attending his/her buzz group in a different room, as of Feb. 5th. Please wait in the hallway upstairs in the Education Building, if the class has not finished their "Buzz Time".

Classes will continue as "rearranged" in this order:

- Room 1 Preschool
- Room 5 Kindergarten-First Grade
- Room 6 Second-Third Grade
- Room 8 Fourth-Fifth Grade



EASTER BASKETS



Once again, the United Methodist Women are planning to create Easter Baskets for needy children. Last year, with the help of the entire congregation, we were able to supply baskets for over 100 children. We hope to do the same this year. We would like baskets, small toys and books, toiletries, and school supplies to fill the baskets. NO candy please. There are two ways to take part; purchase items for the baskets and bring them to Church or fill a basket or two with your family and bring the completed basket to Church on or before our meeting day, March 1. The baskets will be distributed by the Food Bank.



JOIN LUMC AT THE FOOD BANK

Saturday, February 25, 1 – 4 p.m.

Because No One Should Go Hungry

Did you know that the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano helps 132,000 hungry people every month? 1 in 6 people right here in our county need help getting enough food to eat, and the need has increased 35% over the last 2 years. The Food Bank distributes 14 million pounds of food each year, and depends heavily on volunteers to help make that happen.

On Saturday afternoon, February 25, we will be going to the Food Bank warehouse in Concord to sort and box donated food. You will see what happens to your weekly food donations through our ONE Project!

Sign up after worship on Feb. 5, 12 or 19, or in the office. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. to form carpools before heading out to the warehouse (located at 4010 Nelson Ave. in Concord). We hope to have 25 people – feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to come along! Youth 11 years old or older are welcome.



ONE Campaign Continues! Bring ONE Item of Food each Sunday!



RUMMAGE SALE

Remember the church's **RUMMAGE SALE!**
The last weekend in **APRIL!**

There is still some storage space at church for items that can be boxed.... contact Ginny Leavitt, 284-7857 or ginleavitt@att.net



The Northern California Welsh Community
invites you to join us at our
St. David's Day Gymanfa Ganu

a musical celebration of traditional hymn singing

When: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 4, 2012

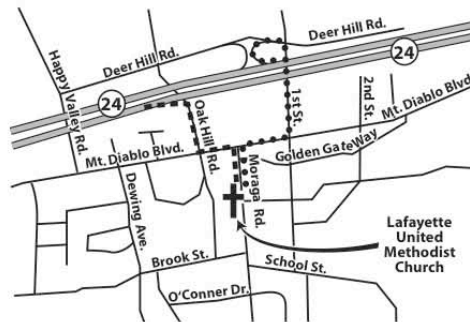
Where: Lafayette United Methodist Church
955 Moraga Road, Lafayette (www.thelumc.org)

Conductor: Bay Area musician, Eryl Aynsley, will lead the congregational singing in both Welsh and English. A native Welsh speaker, she coordinates music for the Welsh American Society of Northern California, has sung with choirs in Wales and the Bay Area.

Organist: Donna Llewellyn Swanson, until recently organist and hand-bell choir director at Los Gatos Methodist Church, and who now resides in Ashland, Oregon, will be the accompanist. Donna's early musical training was in Detroit with Gordon Young, the well known organist and composer.

Te Bach: A *Te Bach* (little tea) will follow in the church social hall. Coffee and tea will be provided. Donations of Welsh cakes and finger food would be appreciated.

For further information, contact
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From San Francisco (24 Eastbound)

Take Oak Hill Road Exit
Turn Right
Turn Left on Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Turn Right on Moraga Road
Church will be on right side
955 Moraga Road

From Sacramento (24 Westbound)

Take Central Lafayette Exit
Stay to the Right on the offramp
Follow ramp to the Right onto 1st St
Turn Left on Moraga Road
Church will be on right side
955 Moraga Road



**On St. David's Day, March 1,
Welsh people around the
world wear daffodils or
leeks to honor St. David,
Patron Saint of Wales.**



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MARCH

Happy Birthday

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| 5 | Blake Tollen | 17 | Andre Jackson | 25 | David Hill |
| 8 | Chadwick Follmer | | Rafael Marcus | 26 | Stefan Miller |
| 9 | Spencer Davis | 18 | Eric Schroter | | Caroline Welch Volk |
| 11 | Chris Coons | 19 | Bill Cooke | 27 | Lindy Evans |
| | Jenna Curtis | 21 | Jane Smith | 28 | Hanna Carter |
| 13 | Matthew Ward | 22 | Margaret Harto | | April Logan |
| 15 | Lorri Sullivan | 24 | Elizabeth Falcone | | Mary Teichmann |
| | Wesley Thomas | | Kathleen Flemming | 29 | Morgan Faries |
| | | | Michael Sanders | | Jax Gendron |
| | | | | | Greg Newcomb |

Happy Anniversary

- 26 Jeanette and Alistair Shearer
30 Missy and Al Kozacik
31 Kurt and Mary Teichmann



WHERE HAS THE BOOK CART GONE??



It is still in Fellowship Hall each Sunday with a continuing changing assortment of choices for all ages. You may have missed it among the tables and other displays for all the activities going on :)



Hospitality and Housing Needs

Our Preschool Custodian, a young woman attending St. Mary's, is seeking a room to rent for the remainder of the academic year. If you know of a room for rent, please call the church office.

Tuesday, March 13 United Methodist clergy from California and Nevada will be arriving for a Gathering of Pastors on March 14 in Alamo. Many will be coming a great distance and need lodging Tuesday evening. If you would like to host one of our pastors for the evening, please inform the church office.

What happens at the ALL CHURCH RETREAT? "JOY TO THE WORLD"



After unloading overnight stuff in your room, we start Saturday, April 21, with lunch. Cary Lodge has individual rooms with beds, desk and chairs. We bring our own bedding such as sleeping bags and pillows or sheets and blankets.

During the afternoon we have group activities as well as free time for hiking, foosball, volleyball, reading or just enjoying fellowship. The ropes course is very popular for those over 11 years old.

The food has been exceptional buffet style....lots of choices.

Activities for small children are planned during the adult sessions with Pastor Lori, our keynote speaker.

Sunday, April 22, Earth Day, a storytime for all leads into the worship service in the unique Silverthorn Chapel.

Questions? Ask families and individuals who've been to previous ALL CHURCH RETREATS: Kintner, Harding, Emerson, Martin, Sabatini, Stillman, Leavitt, Husch, Ward, Sanders



Thank you notes.....

Volunteer & Emergency Services

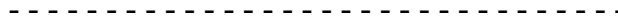
Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for your lovely Easter Baskets and the kindness you expressed in donating them to children in need. We received the baskets through the Food Bank and were able to distribute them to families in need. The baskets went to mothers participating in the workforce services program who are in training (in Antioch), and they were very appreciative. The consensus was that they wouldn't have been able to provide any Easter gifts for their children without your help.

Thank you again for your kindness and compassion.

Anne Struthers, VESTIA

Volunteer & Emergency Services



Hello Friends,

Thank you and those that provided the Easter Baskets for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano Agencies.

These are the agencies that received baskets:

Bay Point	Love a Child Missions
Martinez	Ujima (La Casa) Family Recovery Services
Richmond	Richmond Pal Children's After School Program
Pleasant Hill	Volunteer Emergency Services
Vallejo	First Baptist of Vallejo Church – Pastor Mike

Theresa Pate, Remote Services Coordinator, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

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Thursday by Noon – Next Deadline **Thursday, February 22, 2011**

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