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Sundays in Summer: Starting June 16th

Our Exciting New Summer Worship Schedule Is Almost Here! You Can:

- **Meet and form relationships** with people from other services.
- **Experience worship elements** from different services
- **Serve together** on Worship & Serve Sundays
- **Meet for discussion groups** that aren't competing with worship time.
- Join a Brunch Bunch or Lunch Bunch group to **go out to eat and fellowship.**
- **Choices for parents:** Bring your kids with you for the first part of worship and they'll go to Kids' Fellowship before the sermon—or take them straight to Kids' Fellowship before worship. Do what's best for you!
- **Youth have their own fellowship time** during worship; start in church and head to Youth Fellowship in AG before the sermon.
- **Additional Kids' Fellowship time** after worship for parents who stay for a discussion group.



Sundays in Summer – Morning Schedule	
8:00am	Church open
8:30am	Music rehearsals; sanctuary prep; etc. Possible small group/Adult Sunday School meeting
9:00am	Hospitality Team prepares; Coffee available for early comers
9:15am	Sanctuary clear and available for prayer
9:30am	Worship Service begins Children will be dismissed before the sermon
10:30am	Worship ends; Fellowship in Wesley Hall; Brunch Bunch groups meet
10:45am	Discussion/Disciple Groups start (see options on page 4& 5) Fellowship continues in Wesley for those not in a group
12:00pm	Groups conclude; Lunch Bunch groups meet.

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Worship Series: "The Art of Neighboring"

Our on-going series on "The Art of Neighboring" wraps up this month.

When Jesus was asked to sum up the Torah (The Law) into one command, he said to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But what did Jesus mean when he said, "and you shall love your neighbor as yourself"? Where did he get this idea from, anyway? And, what might happen in our community, our schools, our places of work, our families, and our church, if all of us did?

Our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to step out of our comfort zones, expand our understanding of "who is my neighbor?", learn more fully what Jesus' command means for us today, and put it into practice.

June 2: Youth Sunday– Holy Communion
Graduate Recognition

June 9: Pentecost, "Art of Neighboring: Create Community Wherever You Are!"
Luke 7:36-50, Rev. Heather preaching

June 16: SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS! One worship service at 9:30 am
"Art of Neighboring: So Simple, a Caveman Can Do It!"
Romans 12:9-2:1, Pastor Jim preaching
Worship & Serve Sunday: after worship, we'll join together to serve our neighbors together. See more info on [page 15](#).

June 23: "The Church is Alive!" 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27, Pastor Jim preaching

June 30: VBS Celebration!

July 7: "Hope Is Stronger than Memory" Colossians 1:3-5 (6-10),
Rev. Heather preaching, Holy Communion

Artwork for Art of Neighboring

During our series on the Art of Neighboring we have some special artwork by church members on display. These pieces add a visual element as we consider how we can be good neighbors.

"Tree of Life", by Terry Kingsley, was inspired by the community of LUMC and our connection to each other and our diversity as we grow together.

"Community Quilt", by Julia Grave, depicts a coastal community of homes with an American flag.

"Welcome to the Community! I'm 'Aunt Edna', your Neighbor!" by Donna Varn, is about a farmer who is walking over to the next farm with a hot apple pie to welcome the new owners.



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A Message from Pastor Jim: In the Good Ole' Summertime

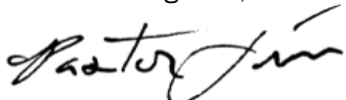
What's so great about summer? Free Vitamin D, for starters! Lots of light. More opportunities for physical activity outdoors. For those with concerns about detox (not botox), summer is a great time to do more sweating. Don't laugh. Sweating is a key component in your body's natural detoxification, and thus conducive to better health. Walking barefoot in the sand. Doing this gives you a free reflexology massage, as pressure points on the bottom of your feet are stimulated that are said to correlate with all our major organs. <http://www.evolveingwellness.com/post/7-simple-summer-health-benefits>

Number 1 for me with "what's-so-great-about-summer" is spending time at an outdoor pool (or the beach, or the river/lake) with family and friends. What a great way to get some exercise and socialization for yourself, and for your kids and grandkids! As part of our "Sundays in Summer" emphasis on building community, check out the water-related family-fun opportunities at Watermelon Park and the AV Symington pool. When spending time in the sun and in the water, make sure to use lots of sunscreen (apply 30 minutes before going outside & reapply frequently); and if doing a lot of swimming, pack a little bottle of "Swimmers Ear" or make your own with equal parts of alcohol and hydrogen peroxide (see article below). <https://washingtonparent.com/articles/1905/1905-swimming-pool-safety-practices.php>

Something new this summer, that I believe will also make summer great, is our "Sundays In Summer" emphasis. On the surface, it seems to be about just moving from 4 worship services (3 in our sanctuary + Gallery for youth) to just 1 worship service (9:30 AM). No, it is so much more.

- Worshipping all together as a faith community for several weeks in a row instead of intermittently.
- Seeing, as well as feeling, our LUMC community all together.
- Getting to know other members/attenders who normally worship at different times.
- More time Sunday morning for fellowship together in the building, and/or going out for brunch/lunch.
- Getting to experience the differences in how we worship most Sundays.
- Seeing and feeling our sanctuary as comfortably (and perhaps, uncomfortably) full – instead of comfortably/uncomfortably empty.
- Opportunities to engage in mission and fellowship each Sunday through the summer.
- Stepping out of our normal routine to experience change, and the growth that comes in us when we embrace purposeful change.
- (At summer's end, add your own!)

Depending on your preferred translation of the Bible, there are over 50 occurrences in the New Testament of the phrases "one another" and "each other" that pertain to the ways we are to treat others. Some are positive – "love one another"; some are negative – "do not lie to each other". As we learn more about what it means to be this faith community called "church," we'll explore many of these as we worship, fellowship, learn, serve, care, and witness together each "Sunday in Summer"! Together, let's make this summer great!



Rev. Jim Wishmyer

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" – Psalm 122:1



Rev.
Jim Wishmyer,
Pastor

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Sundays in Summer Activity Calendar

The principal purpose of our Sundays in Summer schedule is to give you, the people of LUMC, an opportunity to get to know one another. For that to work, you'll have to participate!

Bring an open mind, an open heart, and a willingness to go where the Spirit may be leading you. Join us for worship at 9:30 am. Join a group. Join a service opportunity. Join in fellowship. And wait expectantly for our awesome God to do far more than we can ever imagine!

Brunch Groups

Drop in Brunch Groups following worship at 10:45 : July 7, July 14, July 21

Join other LUMC members for brunch somewhere downtown and get to know one another. Each week we will offer two or more brunch group locations (depending on interest) and each group will be given conversation starters to get you talking over your meal. Children and families are welcome. If you are interested in attending, even if you can only make it to one, please email Rev. Heather Wray at heather.wray@leesburgumc.org

June 16

Serve Together: Worship & Serve Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Won't you be a good neighbor?
Join us on June 16th as we work together to help our neighbors! (details on page 16)

Thank you for showing our neighbors God's love!

[Please sign-up here](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44afa72fa7f58-worship>

June 23

Serve Together: Neighborhood Hospitality

Create welcoming space for our neighbors to join us for VBS

All are encouraged to participate

Choose an area of the facility after you worship and fellowship, then spend about an hour following the provided instructions to prepare the rooms for our guests.

June 30

Building Community: Neighborhood Hospitality

Join us for on-site picnic following worship and mingle together and with our VBS guests.

“Living Your Strengths”

Join Rev. Wishmyer at 10:45 AM, following worship, for “Living Your Strengths”, a time of discovering your God-calling by uncovering your strengths, gifts, and abilities. Thus, you can live the life God created you to live! Sundays, July 14 through August 18.

“Be yourself, everyone else is taken” – Oscar Wilde.

Lunch Bunch

All who stay following worship to participate in one of our disciple groups are invited to take part in our “Lunch Bunch” each Sunday by going out together to eat locally! No agenda, just good food and fellowship.

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July 7

Building Community: Drop in on a Group

Drop-in on a group - listen in on the conversation and add your own perspective

8:30 am:

Explore Ezra-Nehemiah with the Friendship Class in AG1

10:45 am: *The following groups are designed to be drop-in friendly.*

Explore the New Testament Letters with the John Wesley Group in AG1

Explore different Social Justice and Missions Topics* in AG2

“Living Your Strengths” will also meet at this time starting July 14

**We'll use the Book of Resolutions to select topics.*

Be part of a Brunch Group (see page 4)

July 14

Building Community

Drop-in on a group (see July 7), attend Pastor Jim's "Living Your Strengths" group, Be part of a Brunch Group

Join the Youth on a Tubing Trip

July 21

Building Community

Attend Forever Young Interest Meeting in Asbury Hall at 10:45 am

Drop-in on a group (see July 7), Be part of a Brunch Group

July 28

Building Community

Drop-in on a group (see July 7)

Join up at AV Symington after worship for fun in the sun and some splashing around.

August 4

Building Community

Drop-in on a group (See July 7)

Paintball Fun for those 13+

August 11

Building Community

Drop-in on a group (See July 7)

Teens Opposing Poverty

Prepare meals with our youth and carpool to DC to serve those on the streets.

August 18

Building Community

Drop-in on a group!

Scavenger Hunt around downtown Leesburg after worship

August 25

Building Community: One Body, Many Parts

Following worship, spend a few minutes exploring all of the ministry opportunities available for you to join and serve through.

September 1

Serve Together: Worship & Serve Neighbors Helping Neighbors

(our last week of Sundays in Summer)

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New Member Sunday & Orientation

August 25 is our next New Member Sunday—are you ready to join?

All who are interested in joining Leesburg United Methodist are invited to our two orientation sessions: Membership 101, and Membership 102. In Membership 101 and 102 you'll get to know others who are new to LUMC, learn about our Wesleyan heritage, our mission and vision at LUMC, and how to grow in your discipleship journey at LUMC. All are welcome!

Membership 101 & 102 will be offered twice this summer: in July and again in August. Sessions meet on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm:

July 14—Membership 101; July 21, Membership 102
August 4—Membership 101; August 11, Membership 102

Contact Rev. Wishmyer or Rev. Wray; or call or email the church office to sign up.



Virtual Book Club Summer Series: Marilynne Robinson Fiction Series

Relax poolside with these three books that will engage your faith life and your heart this summer. Our summer series is a set of fiction books written by Marilynne Robinson that follow the life and perspective of one preacher's family in the early 1900's Kansas. In June we will read the first book in the series "Gilead: A Novel" followed by the books "Home: A Novel" and "Lila: A Novel" in July and August. We will meet June 26th at 8:00 pm via Zoom meeting, an online meeting platform. Please register for the book club by emailing Rev. Heather Wray at heather.wray@leesburgumc.org

Popsicles in the Park

Kids and kids at heart are invited to enjoy popsicles and fun at Foxridge Park on Sunday evenings at 6:30 starting July 2nd and going through August 11th. Come bring your kids to play on the playground or bring a lawn chair to sit and chat. Either way we'll provide the sweet treat so that you can get to know your fellow LUMC members.



LEESBURG UMC PRESENTS

**Popsicles
in the Park**

Community Office Hours



Wednesdays from 9:00 am—12:30 pm

Stop by the Starbucks off of Edwards Ferry Road in Leesburg on Wednesdays from 9:00—12:30 for Rev. Heather's Community Office Hours. She would love to pray with you, lend a listening ear, and share some coffee. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates or changes to the coffee hours: www.facebook.com/LeesburgUMC/

Hopeful Deacon's Corner: Ordination

I am excited to share that we have finally reached the month of my ordination. In July this section will no longer be called the Hopeful Deacon's Corner because I will be an official United Methodist Deacon. On June 21st in Roanoke Virginia at 7:30 pm in the Berglund Center I will be ordained as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. This is a great honor and achievement and I am excited to share it with you all.

Many have shared that they regret they cannot make the trip down to Roanoke to see me be ordained. While it would be absolutely wonderful to have you present with me I understand that Roanoke is not close by any means. The conference is aware that many churches wish to be with their clergy during the ordination service but cannot be there so they do offer livestreaming of the service via the Virginia Conference webpage (vaumc.org). In the upcoming weeks check in the weekly info and the Head Start because I believe there are a group of individuals who will be livestreaming the service in the sanctuary that evening so that the congregation can watch it together.

One of my favorite parts of the service is when the candidate comes before the Bishop. All those who have been a part of that person's life, call, and ministry are invited to stand to honor them and all God has done in their life. It is powerful to watch as people scattered throughout the Berglund Center stand and you realize that this faith journey we are on is never one we walk alone. I ask one thing of you, if you do celebrate my ordination with me in person in Roanoke, here in our sanctuary, or in your home via live stream, please stand for me. You are a part of my journey and I would not be here without the prayers and support of this congregation.

Thank you for walking with me on this journey. I am eternally grateful.
Grace and Peace,
Rev. Heather Wray

A Message from David Graves

In 2015 Julia and I moved to Leesburg and have been blessed to enjoy you as our church home. I am an Ordained Elder in the UMC and have been working in Extension Ministry beyond the UMC during that time. For the 2019 appointment cycle I made myself available to the Virginia Annual Conference for appointment to a local church and have been appointed to Crums UMC in Berryville as their full-time pastor. This will obviously take me away from LUMC, even as we will continue to reside in our home in Leesburg.

In the United Methodist system, it is always hard to leave people, especially ones I wasn't appointed to, but it is part of our process. I will continue to hold you all in my prayers, even as I hope you will pray for me in this next step of my ministry journey. I will begin at Crums at the end of June.
- Rev. David Graves

Leesburg United Methodist Church has been blessed to have Rev. David and Mrs. Julia Graves as part of our church family since 2015. They have been actively involved in the life of our church and we will miss them - in the choir, in Sunday school, in the quilting group, and more! We pray God's blessing on David in his new ministry journey at Crums UMC, as he leads the church as their pastor. Grace and peace
- Rev. Jim Wishmyer



**Rev Heather Wray,
Director of
Connect Ministries**

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Forever Young Is Coming

Most churches are following a course that will miss one of the greatest social challenges and greatest opportunities in history: the coming age wave. Like Beach residents unaware of the approaching title wave, most congregations still seem to assume that the future of the church is its youth. In the 21st century, the more accurate description may well be: "the future belongs to the old."

Why are many churches so "senior- in sensitive? Perhaps because of the attitude that discriminates against the senior adults. Or maybe because few church leaders are trained to understand the unique needs, opportunities, and outreach strategies required for seniors. But the fact the church cannot afford to ignore is the hidden treasure senior adults constitute for the completion of the mission of the church.

Thus, the aging population provides an unprecedented opportunity for churches to increase their ministerial effectiveness. Here are some of the things that forever young recommend to the congregation.

1. Recognize that all seniors aren't seniors.

A new generational grouping has emerged in our times, known as "middle adults", and includes those between 50 and 70 years of age. They are, says U. S. News & World Report, "different not only in size, but in a vitality and outlook.". Older adults are living healthier, more active, more productive, and longer lives. A person of 50 or 60 can expect to live 15 or 30 more years. It is, indeed, their middle years. They are not, certainly in their minds, "senior adults".

2, recognize that age does make a difference. People 30 years old are different from people 60 years old, not only in the hair on their head but in the mind inside. Older adults think differently from younger adults.

The new and still emerging strategies that will be necessary for effective Ministry to "middle adults" have many implications for programming, evangelism, and scheduling of church activities. The church that is "age - sensitive" will provide a variety of programs to appeal to the diversity of interest, needs, and activities for the senior age group.

Forever young is an adult ministry, not a senior adult group. The distinction is important. If you have a senior adult group, you limit the potential involvement to those individuals who see themselves as senior adults. Many other as senior adults in your congregation and in your community will not identify with those old people. In contrast, if your paradigm is an adult ministry, all kinds of groups can develop, many of which would not even be identified as senior adult

The Forever Young ministry want to be considered in the following ways.

Autonomy - they desire to be or remain self-sufficient.

Social and spiritual correctness - they respond to people more than programs.

Altruism - they desire to give something back to the world.

Personal growth - they desire to continue developing as human beings.

Revitalization - they respond to activities that bring fresh and new experiences.

Effective older adult ministries in this 21st century will be those that integrate these values and motivators into a creative variety of activities and experiences.

The "age wave" is swelling! The 50 - plus age group is growing three times more rapidly than the population at large. Are we prepared to be swamped by the sheer numbers, diversity, and impact of these older adults? If we are prepared, we will get out our surfboards and catch the ride of a lifetime. Forever Young, is coming watch for it.

Contact Wayne Reynolds for more information.

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Our 2019 Graduates

The following information was submitted by our graduates. Congratulations to each on passing this major milestone!

Graduating from High School:

Tuscarora High School

Brayden van Leliveld—United States Coast Guard Academy; Cyber Systems Major

Hi my name is Taylor Gryder and I will be graduating from Tuscarora High School! I will be attending James Madison University in the fall of 2019, majoring in psychology. I was involved in numerous volunteer organizations like key club, interact club, and four honor societies, as well as the Loudoun Youth Advisory Council the last three years. I'm super excited for my seventh year going on a mission trip with LUMC, especially because it's somewhere new! I plan on continuing my love for service while in college, and am super excited for the next four years, roll dukes!

My name is Clare Tallamy and I will be graduating from Tuscarora High School in June. I will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall to study Environmental Science and Sustainable Agriculture. Please buy Adirondack chairs from me to help me pay off future student loans.

Owen Higgins—Tuscarora and Academies of Loudoun; Virginia Tech; majoring in Business Information Technology with a concentration in cyber security Cyber Security Engineer for a future career Cyber Security Intern this year

Thomas Klein—Virginia Tech; Dual Majoring in Aerospace Engineering and Physics

Heritage High School

Kate Bentley—James Madison University; Clinical Psychology

Riverside High School

Michael Taylor—Virginia Tech; Business

Justin Murray—Univ of Pittsburgh Greensburg; Information Technology

Loudoun County High School

Craig Tilghman—James Madison University, Majoring in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice

Foxcroft

Jenna Torrance graduated from Foxcroft and will be attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX.

Graduating from College or Graduate School:

Jordan Chandler has graduated University of Mary Washington and was accepted in to a 4+1 Master's Degree Program studying Geospatial Analysis. She intends to go into Geospatial Analysis. Jordan graduated, in three years, Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, with a minor in Urban Studies, and a certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS). She attended two SEDAAG conferences, participating in research in addition to playing in the annual Geography Bowl. She also worked on campus at Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) a campus wide organization that hosts several volunteer programs on campus and in the local community. Additionally, she was a program leader for a weekly volunteer program, therapeutic horseback riding.

William Henry has graduated George Mason University with a degree in Biology. He has applied for an orderly position at INOVA Loudoun Hospital to experience the medical field.

Sabrey Ann Garling graduated James Madison University with a Master's of Education in College Student Personnel Administration. She is employed by George Mason University as a Success Coach. Sabrey lives in Fairfax.

Ryan Torrance graduated from UVA with a degree in economics. He will be working for IBM beginning in Sept.

Kyle Torrance graduated from Lehigh University with a double major in international relations and history and minor in economics. He is currently in the job market.



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Worship A/V Help Needed

Our A/V team needs some help.

LiveStream: During the summer months we are hoping to live stream our service each Sunday. We need someone to help coordinate, set up, and implement this idea. It requires some technical literacy, and we have some folks who can share knowledge and offer support.

Video Techs: Want to help out with projecting lyrics and liturgy? We can always use more people on the team and Summer is a great time to get trained.

Sound Techs: We are always in need of trained sound techs, particularly those trained to work with the full band.

If you are interested in any of these ways of serving our congregation, contact Rebekah: worship@leesburgumc.org

Keeping Up with the Congregation

Condolences

... to Nancy Fixx and her family. Nancy's sister, Ellen, passed away unexpectedly on May 3rd.

... to the Blaine family. Ken's father, Bill Blaine, passed away on April 26th.

New Members

David Miller Graves; son of Rick and Jody Graves, brother of Zoey Graves, grandson of David and Julia Graves and Lynn and Albert Miller, was baptized on May 26th. Welcome to the household of God!

June Birthdays

The June birthday list is available on the Just Ask desk.



Thank You, MATA

Thanks to instructor Paul Coates, and the students of the masonry class from the Monroe Advanced Technology Academy (MATA) of the Academies of Loudoun! This month they spent nearly a weeks' time cleaning and then repairing the sidewalk leading to our handicapped entrance, as well as repairing the stone foundation of the Blossom and Bloom building.

We appreciate that Paul managed to arrange time at the end of this school year to help LUMC economically fix some problems, as well as provide some great experience for these students. We are blessed to have MATA close to LUMC, and to be able to partner with them!

Great job!--- LUMC Trustees



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Summer Reading Plan

Explore the period of the early church and their trials and triumphs

This summer, explore the period of the early church and their trials and triumphs through daily readings in the New Testament Letters and the Book of Acts. These readings will enrich your walk with Jesus as we continue through the narrative of Scripture.

As you read, imagine you are sitting in a church: a small church in the country or perhaps an old European cathedral. Imagine others (from any time period) sitting around you and hearing the words of Scripture. Allow the words to connect you in space and time to Christians around the world and throughout time.



Angela Becek,
Director of
Discipleship
Ministries

“... Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” - Romans 12:2 (NLT)

ABOUT THE READINGS: The Letters readings are inserted between the Acts readings at approximately the points when they were written. The “...Overview Video” links will take you to a video that gives some background and overview of each respective book. Some of the readings have dates noted—for Acts they are the dates when that part of the story is believed to have taken place; for the Epistles the dates are when they were believed to have been written.

Saturday, June 1: 1 Corinthians 5:1-5:13	Monday, June 17: 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4
Sunday, June 2: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20	Tuesday, June 18: 2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18
Monday, June 3: 1 Corinthians 7:1-40	Wednesday, June 19: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
Tuesday, June 4: 1 Corinthians 8:1-9:18	Thursday, June 20: 2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1
Wednesday, June 5: 1 Corinthians 9:19-11:1	Friday, June 21: 2 Corinthians 7:2-8:15
Thursday, June 6: 1 Corinthians 11:2-12:31	Saturday, June 22: 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:15
Friday, June 7: 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:40	Sunday, June 23: 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15
Saturday, June 8: 1 Corinthians 15:1-16:24	Monday, June 24: 2 Corinthians 11:16-12:21
Sunday, June 9: Acts 2 - Pentecost	Tuesday, June 25: 2 Corinthians 13
Monday, June 10: Acts 21:1-16	Wednesday, June 26: Intro to Romans Video YouTube Search "Read Scripture Romans Ch. 1-4"
Tuesday, June 11: Intro to Galatians Video YouTube Search "Read Scripture Galatians"	Thursday, June 27: Romans 1-2
Wednesday, June 12: Galatians 1:1-24	Friday, June 28: Romans 3-4
Thursday, June 13: Galatians 2:1-21	Saturday, June 29: Romans 5 YouTube Search "Read Scripture Romans Ch. 5-16"
Friday, June 14: Galatians 3:1-4:31	Sunday, June 30: Romans 6
Saturday, June 15: Galatians 5:1-6:18	
Sunday, June 16: Intro to 2 Corinthians Video YouTube Search "Read Scripture 2 Corinthians"	

Sign-up to receive links each morning to the daily readings via [text](https://www.remind.com/join/7gde329) (www.remind.com/join/7gde329) or [e-mail](https://leesburgumc.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=30e4416970eef40632116ccba&id=32380771f4) (https://leesburgumc.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=30e4416970eef40632116ccba&id=32380771f4).

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VBS Donation Items

Requested by June 16 - Place in Asbury Hall

Please no individual sizes, unless specifically requested.

Quantities? A lot. We expect 220 kids, plus 100 volunteers, and should there be surplus, we will use for Sunday school snacks.

- Individual Chocolate Pudding cups
- Oreos (regular)
- Gummi Worms
- Cheddar Goldfish
- Skittles
- Individual Applesauce cups
- Veggie Straws
- Hershey Kisses
- Pretzels (regular)
- Cheez-it
- Mini marshmallows (not colored)
- String cheese
- Ritz crackers



Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Angela Becek to sign-up for anything below (angela@leesburgumc.org or 703-473-7487):

Before VBS—Behind the Scenes:

Friday, June 21 (anytime) 11 am—3 pm: Prep & Stage

Sunday, June 23 11 am—Noon: Decorate: sanctuary, Wesley, AG, Asbury, hallways

During VBS—Irregular Jobs:

Monday Morning, June 24 8:30 am—9:30 am:
Work check-in tables; Direct people to Sanctuary

Friday, June 28 12:30 pm—2 pm:
Clean-up, Tear Down & Get Church ready for Sunday

During VBS—8:45 am to 12:15 pm, Monday-Friday

Crew leaders: bring a small group of kids from station to station

Assist with Stations: Snacks, Crafts, Games, Bible, Science



<https://leesburgumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/196704>

VBS: (Vacation Bible School)

June 24—29, 2019

Registration is OPEN!

Volunteers Needed

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Youth Key Summer Dates

Visit www.leesburgumc.org/ywc for more information and full calendar

- June 2 Youth Sunday
- June 24-28 VBS
- July 6-12 REACH
- July 14 Tubing
- August 4 Paintball
- August 9-11 Mini SPY/REACH
- August 11 TOP



Reach

Backpack Buddies: Thank You!

Thank you to all who help support the LUMC Backpack Buddies ministry. The school year is not over, but we have finished packing for the year. We will have provided 74 children/week for 34 weeks for a total of 2,516 bags of food. The bags contain 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners and 2 snacks plus milk and juice. The Children of Catocin made a card for thanking LUMC for all our support. You will find it on the front of the collection cabinet in Wesley Hall.

Your food, monetary and time donations really impact these children. Thank you!
 Backpack Buddies Team: *Barbara Luna, Charlie Luna, Celesta Miller, Sarah Quadros*



Missionaries: Thank You for Your Support

Through your generosity we have raised \$5,565.40. The Missionaries thank you for your support.

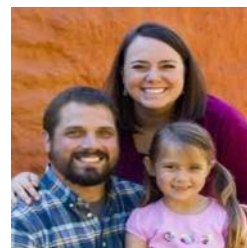
Mark your calendar: Sunday Aug 25th, Missionaries Dan and Kaylynn Mills will be visiting LUMC and sharing their story with us.



Delbert and Sandy Groves



Dan and Kaylynn Mills



Mike and Heather Webb

Reach

Click Here
TO REGISTER

<https://leesburgumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/196622>



Registration fee for youth is \$375
(\$100 deposit due on registration)
Fee for chaperones is \$125
Fee for junior chaperones is \$175

REACH Roanoke (a.k.a. U-SPY): July 6– 12

How can you support REACH?

PRAY for those who will be going. We will once again be looking for prayer partners who will pray for a specific person and provide a goody bag. Bags will be available beginning June 2; please return them by June 30, filled with small snacks and a note.

PROVIDE SNACK ITEMS by June 30 (no nuts/trace nuts):

- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------|
| Granola bars | crackers/chips | cookies |
| fruit snacks | gum | |

COME WITH US! We would love to have 3 more adults join the trip. You will have lots of fun, get to know more people at LUMC, and experience a life changing serving opportunity.

SEND SOME LOVE and let our mission team know they are supported—pick-up a goody bag on June 2, fill it and return by June 30.



Mini-SPY/REACH Leesburg

This Service camp for rising 5th & 6th graders is designed to prepare you for week-long mission trips in middle and high school.

Click Here
TO REGISTER

<https://leesburgumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/206571>

The program is a smaller version of what LUMC Youth experience every July on their mission trip in the Roanoke area. Mini REACH is local, and kids stay overnight at Leesburg UMC for two nights; work on service projects during the day and spend the evenings having fun together and participating in worship.

Can you volunteer during Mini SPY/REACH?

Help is needed in various ways:

- Meals prepared (2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, lunch)
- Supervision and chaperoning
- Volunteer a project at your home for us to come work on for you

Contact [Angela Becek](mailto:Angela.Becek@leesburgumc.org), 703-473-7487

Worship and Serve Sunday: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Sunday June 16th, after worship

Won't you be a neighbor? Come join us we work together to help our neighbors. This is your chance to go out and serve an LUMC neighbor. [Click here to sign up.](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44afa72fa7f58-worship>

What the day looks like:

Worship 9:30 - 10:30

Brunch 10:30-11:30

Send Out 11:30-11:45

At work site 12:00–2:00pm

Brunch will be provided by Red Hot and Blue right after worship

What will we be doing? Tasks that some homeowners aren't able to do on their own, such as moving furniture around, cleaning out garage, reorganizing a play-room, yard work, etc. The job itself will not take more than 2 hours to complete.

If you sign up ahead of time, you will be told what team you are on and what tasks you are assigned. Your team will be made up of at least 2-4 people. Homeowners will be working side by side with you if they are able and will provide all necessary tools and supplies. Of course, if you like using your own tools, feel free to bring them along.

Be sure to come to church dressed ready to go out and help our neighbors!

Thank you for showing God's love to our LUMC neighbors.

Blessings, *Margrit Snyder*, Leesburg UMC Missions Team Chair

The LUMC Missions Team: For more information or if you have questions about Missions at Leesburg UMC, please contact Missions Chair Margrit Snyder at missions@leesburgumc.org.



LUMC Supports Loudoun Hunger Relief (LHR)



Please help us support Loudoun Hunger Relief by bringing food and other items to Wesley Hall. If you know you aren't going to be here the first Sunday of the month, you can drop off your donations in Wesley Hall anytime the church is open .

Shopping List:

Cereal

100% juic

Canned tuna

Canned chicken

Peanut Butter

Canned fruit

Canned peas

Canned green beans

Canned corn

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Feminine hygiene

products

Diapers

URGENT NEED FOR LOUDOUN HUNGER RELIEF.

For the summer, LHR provides an extra day of food for families with school age children. Food supplies are low for these items, please help if you can. Pasta, rice, cereal, macaroni & cheese snacks - nutrigrain bars, crackers, goldfish, cheez-its, etc.

Reach



Women In Friendship Dinner Celebration

The United Methodist Women recently held their annual celebration of Christian service and fellowship in mission, with a salad pot luck in Asbury Hall. Renyatta Banks, Executive Director of the Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, Virginia, was the speaker for the evening. As the new director of the Center, she spoke about the progress Wesley Community Center has made with facility maintenance and the start of some very exciting new programs. She spoke about the many generous contributions made by the church and the community to further their cause. Ms. Banks frequently expressed her gratitude for the support of so many who have come together to fight the effects of poverty in the Portsmouth area.

Each spring at this event, the Methodist Women award a Special Mission Recognition Pin and Certificate to someone who has put his or her faith, hope and love into action to bring God's vision to the world. This year, Sommer Everson was the recipient of the award. Her research and planning for our 150th celebration brunch embodied the spirit of the UMW; love for heritage, love for mission, and love for community and supportive fellowship. Congratulations Sommer!

The evening was a wonderfully informative and energizing time of Christian fellowship.



For more information on the Wesley Community Service Center, please see

The Inn Project, Tucson, Arizona

Caring for refugees is a biblical command. (Matt: 18:19; Luke 10:29-37)

* - The Inn Project came about when ICE made a special appeal to the Bishop of the Desert Southwest Conference of the UMC. It provides temporary shelter to asylum seekers while they make arrangements to travel to family members, friends or sponsors while awaiting their appointments to start the official process to file for asylum. The agreed upon procedures worked well until The Administration began separating families. Now the procedures are frequently ignored.

* - With short notice vans from ICE release asylum families from Guatemala, Honduras and Brazil onto public street, rather than the shelters, in 90+ degree weather.

* - On one April mid-day there were three occasions of release to the streets, each in a different area of Tucson totaling 120 refugees.

* - If you wish to contribute to the expense of caring for the refugees, mark your LUMC offering envelope "Arizona" or mail to the following: First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th Street, Tucson, AZ 85719 (Memo - The Inn) or online - dscumc.org. Click on Immigration Response, then click on Support Projects.

Contact Janice Webb for more information.

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NLI Signature Mission

Thank you to all who participated. We had 95 responses! This information will help guide the NLI Signature Mission team.

The LUMC congregation definitely has a passion for missions. 65% of the respondents said they gave of their time to organizations in the Leesburg/Loudoun community. These are the results of the survey:

Other includes: (some responded "other" with no explanation)

- Boy Scouts, Interact, Rotary
- I currently work at an elementary school where the children are food insecure and need adult role models. I recently volunteered with our girls on the run group. I am also working on a prayer shawl and have joined the new evening group of ladies doing this.
- Pets for vets, jobs for autistic spectrum adults
- Purple Heart
- Lo Vol Caregivers
- Salvation Army
- Loudoun Library
- Cross Roads jobs
- local museum
- Resourceful woman
- I coach with Loudoun Soccer for about 6 months out of the year, currently middle school aged boys.

Mobile Hope	2.80%
Loudoun Habitat for Humanity	9.35%
Loudoun Free Clinic	0.93%
Loudoun Hunger Relief	12.15%
Organizations that help with Addiction	2.80%
Foster Parenting	0.00%
other	35.51%
I don't volunteer right now	36.45%

The results to the 2nd question, "With whom do you sense God may be leading LUMC to be in ministry?" are at right. Other includes:

- at-risk
- Children (4)
- Young people, they are the future
- Minorities, women, teens.
- The poor....
- Alcohol and drug abuse among all ages, including prescription drug abuse.
- music
- Homeless/Home Insecure (affordable housing)
- ... Grief Share is a program designed to help adults from multiple demographics. Everyone experiences loss (symbolic or of a loved one)....
- Aging, homeless, food insecure
- Working with at risk youth and middle aged adults
- At risk youth
- Community Outreach
- All in the Leesburg area that may be in need
- Children and teens and young adults....
- ... over age 50 but also family oriented activities.
- Big Brother type of orgs
- Homeless teens and adults
- Aging Adults - it is the challenge of our time
- Food insecure have no specific demographic
- I think that all of the suggested items are needed and doable....

At-Risk Teens/Young Adults	25.00%
Aging Adults	17.50%
At Risk Children	8.75%
Homeless	13.75%
Food Insecure	13.75%
Individual with Special Needs	0.00%
Other	21.25%

Save the Date: Aug 18th Concert at the Courthouse

Our NLI Outreach Team is planning a Sunday evening concert on the Courthouse lawn as an outreach to our Leesburg community. In addition to the music we'll also have a "Blessing of the Backpacks".



Reach

Great Beginnings Preschool

What a marvelous May at GBP! Spring Fling to Summer Camp, butterflies to Free Libraries and so many memories in between.

Our 2019 Graduation Ceremony took place on May 22, 2019. It was such a joy to celebrate these students and their hard work. Please join us in praying for their successful Kindergarten adventures.

Special Thanks to Mark Feist for trimming the Wirt Street shrub. Thanks to Matt Lamb for removing the stump. And thanks to Alton Echols and Dave Ditka for installing our new Little Free Library on Wirt Street. Our LUMC Girl Scout troop spruced up the new Free Library space by leveling the soil and mulching. GBP used money raised from our Scholastic Book Fairs to purchase a bench for our outdoor reading space.

Our LUMC/GBP Spring Fling Events were such a success! LEGO Building and Bond night as well as the Ties and Tiaras Dance were well attended and too much fun! Thank you to Candy Baracat-Donovan, Kate Anastasio, Tripp Robbins, Heather Wray, Kelly Doa, Caroline Hurt, Pati Jasinski, Shelby Milgram, and Sharon Reith. Your helping hands made these magical events possible for our Sunbeams!

Summer Camp is taking a European Vacation on AIR GBP! We're traveling to Italy, Germany, France and England on a fabulous plane constructed by Claire Tallamy and our Capstone/Raider summer "interns". These youth have been such a blessing: assembling our new playground umbrellas, buddy bench, AIR GBP airplane, setting up and taking the graduation chairs, and much more!

In May, we focused on Mother's Day, mommy animals, does it sink or float?, bodies of water, the color purple, and hexagons. Our study of spring things ended on the last day of school with the release of our butterflies. We got to watch the caterpillars get bigger and bigger until they spun their chrysalises and went to sleep. Those silly little critters slept a little longer than I had planned but what a blessing to watch the transformation with these Sunbeams and finally release our butterflies together.

2018-2019 was a fabulous year of fun and learning. Relationships formed and flourished, memories created and cherished, God's love was felt and shared. Thank you for your support over the past 50+ years of LUMC/GBP's service and mission to this community.

GBP will kick off the 2019-2020 school year on September 3, 2019 with a Blessing of the Backpacks ceremony and meet-the-teacher event. Our first day of school is September 4, 2019. Save the Date: GBP's 4th Annual 5k and Fun Run NEW DAY AND LOCATION: Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Evergreen Sports Complex. Visit our website, Greatbeginningsleesburg.com, to register, find sponsorship information, and to volunteer.

Have a wonderful summer!

Heather Gonzalez, Preschool Director

greatbeginningsleesburg@gmail.com



Steward



Our Way Forward Together: Town Hall Meeting

Join us for a time of questions and answers about the current debate and divide in the United Methodist Church over the differing positions on LGBTQ+ inclusion, Sunday, July 28, 6 pm.

We'll look at:

- What has been happening recently – General Conference, Judicial Council, the completed Annual Conferences in the U. S.;
- Various responses within United Methodism – UMC Next, Wesleyan Covenant Association, Our Movement Forward, etc.;
- What lies ahead – 2020 General Conference;
- Leesburg United Methodist Church, and our way forward together.

We are no less loving, welcoming, inclusive, and caring than we were before this year's General Conference. Our challenge: to be even more loving, welcoming, inclusive, and caring with all people – inside and outside our community of faith.

From the Finance Committee

This year, the Stewardship Campaign will begin in the fall and culminate with Commitment Sunday on October 27th.

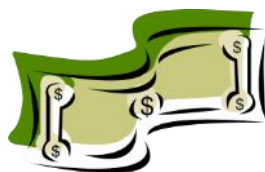
The Finance Committee is looking for a young adult to join us. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM for an hour in AG1. If you are interested, please let Pastor Jim or Tom Payne know (tp20176@gmail.com).

The Finance Committee is working with the NLI Communications Team and the Technology committee to bring mobile giving options that will be rolled out in late summer/early fall.

The church is financially healthy but so far this year giving is 6.8% and spending is 4.8% below our budget forecast. If you are wondering why the LUMC budget expects to be negative at this time, it is because our spending patterns are more consistent on a monthly basis than our giving. Christmas promotes greater giving and churches normally appear "behind budget" throughout the year. Our budget is based upon historical LUMC giving patterns. Thus, we are \$3,687 (not \$13,900) behind where we expected to be at the end of April.

Thru April 30, 2019	Budget (forecast)	Actual
Giving income	\$256,315	\$238,816
Rental Income	\$18,356	\$18,357
Expenses	\$284,884	\$271,072
Net	(\$10,213)	(\$13,900)

LUMC's reserve account balance is currently \$209,735 and our mortgage principal balance is \$437,443.



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The July Newsletter will be published near the beginning of July. To ensure your item gets in, please submit by 9 am on Monday, June 24th. Thank you!



VBS: June 24—29, 2019

Registration is STILL OPEN!

**Donations and Volunteers Needed:
See Page 12**



[https://leesburgumc.churchcenter.com/
registrations/events/196704](https://leesburgumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/196704)

Sundays in Summer starts June 16th!

For more details see the [front page article](#) and the Activities Calendar on [pages 4 & 5](#).



Becoming One with
God and Each Other

*Sundays in
Summer*

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
JUNE 16 - SEPT 1
9:30 AM**