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PLEASE DELIVER BY APRIL 12TH

LUMC Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 10 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.
Mask policies subject to restrictions in place at time of visit.
Closed Saturday & Sunday (661) 942-0419

In-Person Streaming Service Sundays — 10 a.m. in Sanctuary (*masking is optional*)

facebook — lancasterunited
(no FB membership needed)

YouTube — lancasterunitedmc

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LUMC Kitchen (Food Ministry):
Mondays & Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.

Footprints Pre-School
Hours: Mon-Fri 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Check www.lancasterunited.org for more information on our active groups and ministries — the list is growing!

Audio/Visual Team	Online classes
Caring and Hospitality	Prayer Team
Children's Church	Prayers and Squares
Grief Group	United Women in Faith
LUMC Kitchen	(formerly UMW)
Music Ministries	Youth Group
Office Volunteers	Wellness Works

First time visitor?
Please contact the church office for more information, or to speak with the pastor.



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APRIL 28-30, 2023

LUMC sanctuary watch on the big screen,
Debrief over lunch- JWH, Free registration

During the past 2 ½ years of Covid lockdowns and restrictions, LUMC has been careful, caring, and creative not to hamper our Soup Kitchen or preschool ministry. However, years of Covid-19 protocols significantly restrained church in-person worship and "non-essentials" gatherings. But we determined to diligently prepare for the day protocols would be lifted, so for the last 30 months, quietly upgraded our campus's digital infrastructure, worship and small group audio/visuals, security, hospitality, and leadership training. In addition, our Church Conference made it clear our congregation will remain members of the United Methodist Church. Given all this, we are in an amazing position to discover our next steps of *Re-Wilding the Church*.

Friday, April 28	5:00 – 6:00 pm	The Pattern of Change
Saturday, April 29	9:00 – 10:00 am	Christian Life in Media Cultures
	10:30 – 11:30 am	Identity and Community in Digital Culture
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch provided in John Wesley Hall
	1:00 – 1:30 pm	Debriefing the morning sessions
	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Leadership and Authority
	3:00 - 6:30 pm	Dinner Break on your own
	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Panel Discussion of Pastors & Presenters
Sunday, April 30	8:00 – 9:00 am	Google My Soul (Dining Room)
	9:00 – 10:00 am	Weird Worship Ideas (Dining Room)

WHY WE NEED RE-WILDING

…because clergy, staff, and volunteers work very hard to offer a variety of ministry activities that worked well in the past, but they do not succeed anymore.
…because church people have known for a very long time that membership is declining, we just didn't know what to do about it, except work harder.
…because we've wandered into the digital forest and discovered it's scary, exciting, and virtually teeming with life.
…because, let's face it, God is up to something, and the church has to step outside itself to search for and respond to the Spirit.
…because this conference will show us that change, challenge, diversity, and imagination are our history and our future.
B*ecause* we need to figure out what comes next, sign up for this important *Re-Wilding the Church* conference by Sunday, April 23. Call or email the church office or sign up in the foyer on Sundays.

Pastor Greg

Holy Week Schedule

April 6 — Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.

April 7 — Good Friday combined mission area service at Palmdale UMC, 7 p.m.

April 9 — Easter Sunday events:
Sunrise service 8 a.m. — 9 a.m. pancake breakfast — 10 a.m. traditional service



All-Church Notices

LUMC Passages



Jane Van Howling

Memorial service will be held Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m. in the LUMC Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Grand Foyer.

Danny Gutierrez

Memorial service will be held Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m. in the LUMC Sanctuary, followed by a graveside service at Lancaster Cemetery. Reception will be in John Wesley Hall at 12:30 p.m.

We are in need of someone to lead the Audit Committee. It would require the audit of 2021 and 2022 Financial Records. We have two individuals that are willing to help with the audit. Please contact me if you are interested in heading up the Audit Committee or would like additional information. Thank you! — *Dayna Rodriguez, Treasurer*



ONGOING PRAYERS (Members)
Bob Barry
Ramona Beck
Randy Beckett
Cynthia Christensen
Jeri Coleman
Edith Crockett
Fae Currado
Steve & Cindy Farrand
Vicki & David Fisher
Bill & Alease Goesch
Melinda Hunter
Carmen Lane
Ruth Marr
Doreen Maynard
Phillip Portugal
Gerry Saul
Marguarite Shirley
Phillip Trujillo
Augustina Waller

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Barry Bender
Bob Hill
Andrea Lackvoic
Jennifer Lawrence
Jack Melano
Sharon Millen
Gaylin Schmitz
Janet Talbert

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Don Gatlin
Betsy Horn
Philip Roberts
family of Dennis Schaffer
Barb Urmanski
Kelsey Woodell
Pete Yablonski
Al Zimmerman

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Christopher Gravois (*Glenda, Scott, Allen*)
Betsy Horn (*Howard and Donna Horn*)

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Teri Fletcher
Michelle Medina
Curtis and Rosalind Pearson
The Ydarra family

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Jerry Wayne Davis III
Hallie (Day) Herrera &
Felix Herrera
M. Todd Kelly
Edinson Kinsey Sr.
Jacob Maldonaldo
Nathan Maldonaldo
Matthew McDougall
Heather McDougall
Branden O'Carroll
Joseph Perez



All Church Notices

Dear Church Family, it's so exciting to see new families join us each week! All children are welcome in Children's Church, which is held in Room 14. For safety reasons, please be sure to check your children in at the Children's Table in the Grand Foyer, and that the same person signs them out after church.



As we continue to explore the ministry of Jesus, we are augmenting our lessons, crafts, and songs with body prayer, using movement to supplement the words. This one is based on the traditional Breastplate of St. Patrick:
Jesus above my head, Jesus below my feet. Jesus to my left, Jesus to my right.
Jesus in front of me, Jesus in back of me. Jesus all around me, Jesus within me.
After Easter, we will replace Jesus with Christ to mirror the original, since we will be learning the significance of Jesus being the Christ — the Messiah.

Here is our April schedule:
April 2 — Palm Sunday: The first Sunday of the month is Family Worship, but on this Sunday, the children will be leading the procession waving palms. Please bring your child to the Grand Foyer before the service, so that we can line them up and give them palms. They will also lead the congregation in a worship song at the end.
April 9 — Easter Sunday: After the Children's Sermon, e will have an Easter egg hunt, special crafts, and activities as we celebrate Jesus's resurrection!
April 16 — Parable of the Farmer and the Seed (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Luke 8:4-15)
April 23 — Jesus describes his true family (Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21)
April 30 — Jesus calms the storm (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25 *)*
— Heather KinKennon, Children's Ministry

FOOT PRINTS
Christian Children's Center

Hello LUMC families!

The preschool will be doing Fun Easter Activities and Earth Day Activities for the month of April.

We will have a special visitor April 5th (The Easter Bunny) we will also have an Easter Egg Hunt and students will be dyeing Easter Eggs.

Teachers are engaged and excited to teach their students new things:) Dream Team is in Action!!



The **church van** is back in business! Call the church office if you need a ride to church. But we are also in need of backup drivers! Men and women who are interested should call the church office. Eligible drivers will be between 25-75 years of age, and must have a clean driving record and carry car insurance on their own vehicle. (Drivers will be scheduled on a rotating basis) For a list of duties, and to apply, please contact the Church Office.

The **Bereavement Committee** is seeking volunteers to help with church member funerals. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bette Jo Valdez at 661-860-8588, or quiltingnana@msn.com.

Caring Ministry is looking for new volunteers who would enjoy meeting new people and serving the Lord in various ways. We welcome you! For more information, please contact Donna Horn at 661 802-1363.