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LUMC Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 10 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.
PLEASE MASK UP BEFORE COMING!
Closed Saturday & Sunday (661) 942-0419

In-Person Streaming Service Sundays — 10:45 a.m. in Sanctuary (*masking required*)

facebook lancasterunited
(no FB membership needed)
YouTube lancasterunitedmc

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

Footprints Pre-School — Open for business, and accepting new students!
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!

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"So Here's the Thing — " for July ***by Pastor Greg***

Re-Opening: In-Person Worship



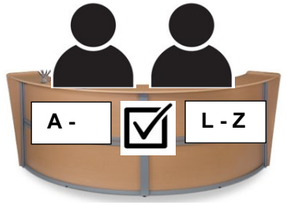
With great joy, the Church Council announced the re-opening of the sanctuary for in-person worship, which took place on Sunday, June 27th at 10:45 a.m. We will continue to have in-person Sunday worship services at 10:45 a.m. through the end of September. (there will be no 9 a.m. service during the summer) Childcare will be provided for infants to three-year olds. **Children's Church** (for four-year olds to sixth graders) will meet in Room 16. We will continue live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. Each service will be recorded and available on those platforms and our website to view anytime. You may also request a CD recording by calling the church office.

Three New Protocol Freedoms:
1. There will be no temperature checks and no medical questions asked.
2. Social Distancing is no longer required, so sit wherever you like.
3. Singing and responsive readings are allowed with masks.



Five Old Protocols Still in Place:
1. Masks will be required for everyone regardless of your vaccination status.
2. No food or drink is permitted in the building, except for medical reasons. Therefore, will be no coffee bar drinks or refreshments before or after the service.
3. An offering box will be located at the sanctuary entrance because we will not pass the offering plate.
4. Dismissal from service will be through the sanctuary front doors or the side doors by the organ.
5. At the end of the service, please do not assemble in the Grand Foyer before or after the service. Please, fellowship outside.

Two New procedures in place:
1. Entrance into the sanctuary will be through the front doors only.
2. Please step over to our new attendance desk when you enter the church. Our volunteers will quickly check off your name for attendance. No signature or personal information necessary. Please state your first and last name, and the volunteers will mark your attendance in a flash.



The **All-Church Conference** will reconvene on September 25, at 10 a.m., to determine the financial and audio/visual feasibility of returning to two worship services. The protocol team will also meet around that time to discern our new safety guidelines. An All-Church Council permits all members and constituents to participate with voice and vote. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 661-942-0419 or lumc@lancasterunited.org.

Have a blessed July. — *Pastor Greg*

All Church Notices

The UMW website has six racial justice movies coming with discussion afterwards starting June 22nd and continuing through July 20th. The links to sign up are available on the UMW website. Our local chapter also has new books available for checkout on the cart in the conference room at the church office. There are five in leadership, six in social action, three in nurturing community, six in spiritual growth, and two in mission education. NO books were taken off our list this year!

At this time, we are postponing both the Ice Cream Social and the Fall Boutique until next year. However, our Miriam Circle is holding a fundraiser all day on **Wednesday, July 21, at Panda Express in Lancaster** (at the intersection of W. Ave. L and 10th Street West, across from Costco).



Footprints Childcare Center
On June 18th, we held our annual Footprints Pre-Kindergarten Graduation, where we celebrated the achievements of 12 of our students as they prepare for the next step of their education journey!

July promises to be a whole lot of summer fun! Among the activities we have planned are a luau, a magic show, live aquarium, anda science fair for the school age children.

Our enrollment remains high and steady, but we always have room for more children! Please call us at 661-942-0812 if you are looking for quality childcare. We provide care for infants through school-aged children.



ONGOING PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS
Cynthia Christensen
Steve & Cindy Farrand
Dorothy Finifrock
Vicki & David Fisher
Bill & Alease Goesch
Sheila Gonzales
Family of Barbara Healy
Wilma Howe
Jennifer Lawrence
Doreen Maynard
Velta Mann
Addie Stokes

PRAYER QUILT RECIPIENTS
Judy Hutton

MEMBERS (2 MONTHS)
Bob Barry
Carmen Lane
Gerry Saul
Claud Seal
Marguerite Shirley
Carlos Valdez
Jane Van Howling
Marilyn Waggoner

FAMILY & FRIENDS (1 MONTH)
Steven Gonzales
Andrea Lovit
Lorena Mackie
Jack Melano
Family of David Robinson
Nancy Shaffer
Trina (niece of Ann Thomas)

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY
Edinson Kinsey Sr.
Hallie (Day) Herrera &
Felix Herrera
Rayden Finifrock
Max Houser
M. Todd Kelly
Matthew McDougall
Heather McDougall
Joseph Perez



LUMC Passages

George Hayes (LUMKitchen Volunteer)
Funeral will be held on Saturday, July 10, 11 a.m. in the LUMC Sanctuary and Zoom.

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The Lancaster United Methodist Youth Group will resume Sunday meetings on August 8th. We welcome all parents both returning and new, to join us for a meeting during the first week of August. Some of the highlights of this past year include a youth-led worship service during Advent and Black History month, and the implementation of confirmation classes, which will continue in the fall throughout the year. Our youth proved to be flexible and resilient during this difficult year.



Our **LUMKitchen** was recently awarded a $400 Hunger Grant by Justice & Compassion Ministries of the California Pacific Annual Conference. In his remarks, David Farley praised the team: "Particularly IN these difficult and challenging times we greatly appreciate the loving care, dignity and respect you give to those who are hungry and Thursday, physically and spiritually. You well know the blessing of seeing the face of Christ in the faces of those who you are in ministry with." Congratulations to the LUMKitchen team, led by Merica Edwards and Glennie Wilburn!

Summer session for our **Grief Group, "Journey to OUR New Normal,"** Zoom meetings will resume for eight Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. through September 2nd. Dey Yusef is the E&E Love Foundation Executive Director specializing in wellness, which includes dealing with loss for seniors, adult foster children, and others. Cyndi Christensen will be co-leading with the Serendipity Bible study series covering the six stages of grief: Denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance, and hope. Please contact the church office to join. For further questions contact Cyndi Christensen at (661) 406-1518 or cdalepaco@aol.com.

Vaccinations: If you would like to get vaccinated and have not been able to find a location or need a ride, please contact the church office or Donna Horn, to see if we might be able to help.

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

Rides to Church Resume Sunday July18th

We will once again be offering rides to the 10:45 a.m. church service starting Sunday, July 18th. If you would like a ride, please contact the church office at lumc@lancasterunited.org or call 661-942-0419.

With your continued support LUMC ended the month of May with a surplus of $3,274.46 and a year-to-date surplus of $9,297.50. This is a very healthy financial position as we head into the summer months in which we have significant increases in our energy and water expenses. The Building Fund had a small surplus of $585.16 but overall for the year has a deficit. If you have any questions or would like copies of the LUMC Financial Statements, please feel free to contact the Treasurer, Dayna Rodriguez at treasurer@lancasterunited.org or call the church office at 661-942-0419.

Lancaster United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time secretary for our church office. To review the job description and apply, visit indeed.com., and search for Lancaster UMC.

We are also seeking two child care workers (infant to 3 years) for two hours during our Sunday service (approx. 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m..) If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact the church office.