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**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*)**

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**LUMC Kitchen (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!**

Audio/Visual Team
Caring and Hospitality
Children's Church
Grief Group
LUMC Kitchen
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Prayer Team
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United Women in Faith (formerly UMW)
Youth Group
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Please contact the church office
for more information, or to speak with the pastor.




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# The Link

**The Church's Official Newsletter**
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## *Need Turkey-Bee Prayer?*



"A young boy called the pastor of a local church to ask the pastor to come by to pray for his mother, who had been very ill with the flu. The pastor knew the family and was aware they had been attending the corner church down the road. So, the pastor asked, 'Shouldn't you be asking Pastor Simon where you have been attending to come and pray with your mom? The young boy replied, 'Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch whatever this is that Mom has.'"

We all need prayer. We are introducing a new way to receive prayer on Sunday mornings after church. Pre-Covid, we had prayer team members positioned in pairs at the front of the church during the postlude. This was a wonderful ministry that Pastor Terry and Joann implemented years ago. However, post-Covid and this flu season make us uneasy asking people to talk and pray so close together. The music and optional masking make it difficult to communicate and maintaining a safe distance. So, we have prepared a 'prayer table' across from the coffee bar for people to share their concern(s) with one or two members of our prayer team.

If you would like someone to pray with you about an upcoming surgery or any medical, relational, or spiritual struggle, then after the worship service, then come sit at the 'prayer table.' Our prayer team has participated in a six-month class on how to pray the Turkey-Bee prayer guide you through the following:



1) What is your prayer request?
2) Has there been any positive developments?
3) Do you have a favorite scripture or Bible story?
4) If not, the prayer team member will prayerfully read Psalm 23, Ecclesiastes 3:1-10, or Ephesians 3:14-21.
5) The prayer leader will offer a brief 'Turkey-Bee' prayer and invite you to join in praying The Lord's Prayer.

This Thanksgiving season we are grateful to our prayer team for preparing the 'prayer table' as our latest step towards our 2023 vision of becoming a 'prayer saturated church' where we experience God's divine presence when we gather.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Greg

# All-Church Notices

Our community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 24th, from 12-1 p.m. This year's feast will be a sit-down affair (subject to COVID restrictions). Although our donation needs are largely the same (mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, rolls, green beans, and pies), we *prefer* that **all donated turkeys be pre-cooked.** (but we will accept raw turkeys) We are also accepting cash donations. If you have any questions, please contact Merica Edwards (942-0130), Austine Perry ( 942-3208) or Glennie Wilburn (718-2765)




Our "Hanging of the Greens" celebration is BACK! Join us on Saturday morning, **November 26th**, as we decorate the church campus for Christmas! Our teams will not only decorate the sanctuary, but the office and John Wesley Hall! Also, orders for sanctuary poinsettias must be placed by **November 15th,** with a suggested minimum donation of $10. (please write account #4147 in the memo space) Watch for the flyer in the Sunday bulletin, or call Sam in the office to place your order.

**Homosexuality and the United Methodist Church**

Our visioning leadership team recommends one or two books to better inform every sincere Christian's struggle over ordination and marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. Both authors maintain a high view of scripture. We acknowledge we all bring assumptions and presupposition as we read the Bible. Therefore, we ask everyone to read a book expressing another viewpoint. If you are progressive-leaning, we encourage you to read the conservative-leaning book ***A People to be Loved*** by Preston Sprinkle. If you are conservative-leaning, we hope you will read the progressive view of what it means to be a faithful gay Christian in ***God and the Gay Christian*** by Matthew Vines. Our goal is not to change beliefs but to soften hearts towards others. Thank you for your humble and prayerful participation in this controversial subject that defies simple answers in our church and society. — Pastor Greg

FOOT PRINTS
Christian Children's Center

***We are accepting children, infants through TK! Please call us at 661-942-0812.***

November at Footprints focuses on fall! The first week will focus on how animals prepare for winter. In honor of National Children's Book week, the second week will revisit some of the classic fairy tales. Weeks three and four look at other fall traditions such as scarecrows, cornucopias, and cornbread, which will lead to our Thanksgiving traditions and our Thanksgiving Feast on November 23rd. (***we will be closed November 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday***) We will close out November with all things about Teddy Bears!

We always have room for more children, infants through pre-K; contact us at 661-942-0812.

## PRAYERS LIST

**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
Carmen Lane
Ruth Marr
Doreen Maynard
Gerry Saul
Marguarite Shirley
Phillip Trujillo
Augustina Waller

**ONGOING PRAYERS**
**Family/Friends**
Barry Bender
Christa Arthur
Andrea Lackvoic
Jennifer Lawrence
Jack Melano
Sharon Millen
Gaylin Schmitz
Janet Talbert
Ray Wolleman

**MEMBERS (2 MONTHS)**
family of Lois Martin
Suzanne Dearborn
Phillip Portugal
Phillip Robert
family of Lenora Timm

**FAMILY & FRIENDS (1 MONTH)**
Chiujung Hsing
Michelle Medina

**PRAYER QUILT RECIPIENTS (sponsors in parentheses)**
Christa Arthur (*Marguarite Shirley*)
Mike Peterson (*Marguarite Shirley*)
Renee Scharine (*Barb Urmanski)*
Christina Zambrana (*Steve&Connie McDougall*)
Al Zimmerman (*Keith&Cathy Swords*)
Tina Boswell (*Connie McDougall*)

**PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY**
Jerry Wayne Davis III
Rayden Finifrock
Hallie (Day) Herrera &
Felix Herrera
M. Todd Kelly
Edinson Kinsey Sr.
Nathan Maldonaldo
Matthew McDougall
Heather McDougall
Branden O'Carroll
Joseph Perez



# All Church Notices

## LUMC Passages

| Bill Lewis | Lenora Timm & Cathy Lynn Dennis |
|---|---|
| **(October 3, 2022)** | **(October 23, 2022) & (October 30, 2022)** |
| *Service information was unavailable at publication.* | Their joined services were held on November 4th, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. |



**Memorial Bricks 2023**

LUMC's Memorial Brick Garden is accepting requests to add bricks to the garden. If you wish to order a personalized memorial brick, applications are in the church office and are due Monday, January 23, 2023.



**All-Church Christmas Party and Talent Show**

Let's gather as a church family to share a meal, be entertained and sing Christmas Carols. Mark your calendars for the Sunday, December 4th right after church. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee or in the Talent Show, please contact the church office at 661-942-0419. If you have any further questions or suggestions, call Donna Horn at 661-802-1363.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church new curriculum, DigIn, is in full swing! For the 2nd, 3rd, 4th (and 5th, if applicable) Sundays, we'll meet in Room 14. (our alternate location is the dining room, if needed) 1st Sunday of the month is Family Sunday, and the children will stay in the sanctuary and help lead worship.

Also, if your child will be in 3rd grade or over, and has not been given a Bible, please be sure to speak to one of our Children's Church volunteers, so we can include them in a ceremonial distribution of Bibles this fall. — *Elaine Stanley, Children's Ministry*




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.

The **Caring Ministry** is needing a little help. Would you be willing to donate a book of "Forever Stamps," so we can continue sending cards to those in need? Cash is also appreciated. All donations may be marked "Caring Ministry" and put in the offering box, or in the church office. Our next gathering will be **Friday, October 28th,10am** in the grand foyer. All are welcome. Please let Donna Horn know if your interested, so she can put you on the email list. Donna 661 802-1363.




The CFA announced at the annual conference that apportionment giving at the 75% level will be given 100% credit. We have estimated that we will need an additional $3,888.67 of apportionment funding by December 31st in order to receive the 100% credit. If you are looking for areas to give in addition to your regular generous donations, please consider the apportionments. Thank you for your continued generous support of LUMC .
— *Dayna Rodriguez, Treasurer*