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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!

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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!!!



Vacation Bible School's theme is "Lava Lava Island." It calls you to let Jesus' love flow to your friends by inviting them to VBS. This year's VBS leader will be Tammy Damon. We all know how Tammy "blings" things for big fun around Bible stories.

June 27th-30th — Grades K-6
Registration begins each day at 8:30 a.m.,
with sessions from 9-11:30 a.m.
Cost $5

Pre-registration needed, as we need a minimum of 25 children. In order to make this a "go," please register your children or grandchildren by Monday, May 23rd
Need volunteers and donations.

For the next few weeks, ask God who you should invite, then ask the friend(s) God brings to your mind. Any youth (7th - college) and adults interested in helping lead or prepare for VBS, please contact the church office 661-942-419.

WRIGHTWOOD SUMMER CAMP

Wrightwood Summer Camp encourages spiritual growth through a Bible-centered environment, allowing kids to focus on their relationship with God and fellow Christians. The summer camp community is unlike any other traditional setting tailored for students.



Grand & Me Camp July 1-3, reg. $255 (K - 3rd grade)

Elementary Camp July 5-9, reg. $345 (3rd - 6th grade)

Jr High Camp July 10-16, reg. $475 (6th - 9th grade)

Sr High Camp July 17-23, reg. $475 (9th - 12th grade)

Deadline for registration and scholarships is Monday, June 6.
You will self-register online at campwrightwood.org. You pay the $25 registration fee and click 'bill church.'

The best way for our kids to come back from two years of COVID protocols is VBS and Summer Camps. Thank you for supporting these special events by your prayers, presence, and gifts. These summer ministry events set the foundation for our young families' spiritual journey in reconnecting with God and our church.

~ Pastor Greg

All-Church Notices

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.

If you only want to read one book, we suggest you read ***A People to be Loved*** by Preston Sprinkle because it challenges all sides to what the Bible says and models how we should approach this topic in love. 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

LUMC Passages

David Eslick (March 7, 2022)
Services will be held in the LUMC Sanctuary on May 21st at 2 p.m.

LUMC Prayer List

ONGOING PRAYERS
Andrea Lackvoic
Augustina Waller
Bill & Alease Goesch
Bob Barry
Carmen Lane
Cynthia Christensen
Doreen Maynard
Jack Melano
Gaylin Schmitz
Gerry Saul
Jennifer Lawrence
Marguarite Shirley
Phillip Trijillo
Ramona Beck
Randy Beckett
Ray Wolleman
Ruth Marr
Sheila Gonzales
Steve & Cindy Farrand
Vicki & David Fisher

MEMBERS (2 MONTHS)
Barb & Dick Urmanski
Bobby Hendricks
David Eslick & Family
Fae Currado
Frank Massey
Jane Van Howling
Jean Youngquist & Family
Melinda Hunter & Family
Philip Portugal
Robert Banghart
Roger Finifrock
Suzanne Dearborn
Sylvia Hacker



FAMILY & FRIENDS (1 MONTH)
Barry Bender
Bill & Margaret
Pastor Bill Jenkins
Cherrie deVoogolt & Family
Christa Arthur
Jana Stanton
Jesus Salcedo
LaNiece Cannon
Rachel Cash
Trina McCombs Perry

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

All Church Notices



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The LUMC office is looking for regular volunteers to help. The duties include opening and closing the office, helping answer the phones, taking messages, greeting visitors, doing some light filing as needed, and generally helping to keep the office pleasant and welcoming.

The days that the office is currently searching for volunteers are: Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please call the office at 661-942-0419 or email lumc@lancasterunited.org to let us know if you are interested in this volunteer position. Thank you.



Children begin their Sunday's in the Sanctuary, then are invited to join Children's Church in the Dining Room after the Children's Sermon. All children are welcome! Our youth are assisting as part of their Confirmation studies, helping with crafts, singing, audio-visual, puppetry, and Bible navigation. Starting this month, the children will be presenting prayers and songs during worship on the third Sunday of the month . Exciting things are happening — please join us!



At Footprints, May is full of exciting events! During week one, we will prepare for Mother's Day and celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Week two will be spent exploring the rainforest, and weeks three and four will focus on animals and plants found in the jungle.

Footprints will be closed on May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.



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 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

Duties:
Must pick up the van from the LUMC parking lot in time for the first pick up, at 9 a.m.
Must inspect the van for damage before pickups begin and after drop-offs have concluded
After service concludes, drop off takes about an hour.
Wipe down the van when returned to LUMC parking lot.
Log miles on the sheet in the van.

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.

Sunday Worship Flowers are once again available to purchase for $65 per arrangement. Flowers may be purchased to honor or memorialize, as well as to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special dedications.

The 2022 Flower Notebook is on the Book table in Grand Foyer to sign up. Contact the church office with questions at 661-942-0419.





The counting team is always looking for volunteers. If you like counting money, are available on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and would like to join the counting team, please contact the church office.
— Dayna Rodriguez, Treasurer