

WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY

YMCA of the Rockies Spiritual Women's Retreat April 21-23

A wonderful weekend in a beautiful place with new and good friends. Who could ask for more?

Theme: *Using Holy Imagination to Make God's Difference*

Registration information: There will be a table in Grant Fellowship Hall between services or you could also contact *Patricia Graham at 303-734-0942 or patriciagraham130@comcast.net.*

LENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

Coffee Corner Conversation

Every Sunday during Lent in Grant Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:45 am, Rev. Trudy invites you for coffee. Have you ever wanted to ask a question and didn't know how or when? This is your opportunity. This is a time to talk about faith, wonder about life, ask about the sermon or the church. Rev. Trudy will make herself available for your questions.

Opportunities for Prayer

As we enter this special season of Lent, the "People For Prayer" small group will be offering some opportunities for deeper reflection. The Chapel will be open for your use on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during lent. There you will find some scripture passages to take home and use to increase your awareness during this time of preparation for our Lord's great sacrifice. Please join us as we open our hearts and spirits to God's great gift.

Opportunity for Children

A Palm Sunday Pageant

The children will be preparing a Palm Sunday Pageant to lead us into Holy Week during Lent on Wednesdays and Sundays. Rehearsals for the production will be on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm for children 4 years old-5th grade. Child care provided for children under 4. The music rehearsals will be Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 am for all ages. The final performance will be between services on Palm Sunday. Contact Lisa Perkins for more information.

LUMC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:30 AM	Worship Service	S
9:45 AM	Confirmation Class in WS	WS
9:45 AM	More Than Coffee	GFH
9:45 AM	UMW Women's Retreat Table	GFH
11:00 AM	Worship Service	S
12:00 PM	Encore Players Meeting	116
3:00 PM	Requiem for the Living	S, GFH
4:30 PM	CrossFire Rehearsal	015
5:30 PM	Youth Ringers Rehearsal	012
6:00 PM	Littleton Town Hall Rehearsal	104

Monday, March 20, 2017

9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	103
2:15 PM	Prayer Team	101
3:00 PM	Care Team	103
5:00 PM	Great Escape Board of Directors	103
6:30 PM	Safety & Security Committee Mtg.	104
7:00 PM	Break Bread Board Mtg.	116
7:00 PM	LSO Rehearsal	GFH
7:00 PM	Voices West Rehearsal	015

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

9:30 AM	Worship Meeting	103
12:00 PM	Terrific Tuesday	GFH
12:30 PM	American Sewing Guild	104
3:30 PM	Great Escape Staff Meeting	104
5:00 PM	Diversion Program Session	GFH
7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting	103
7:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	GFH
7:00 PM	Grief Support	113
7:00 PM	Transportation Committee Mtg.	105

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

10:00 AM	Jubilation Adult Choir	116
1:00 PM	UMW Board Meeting	104
3:45 PM	Puppet Praise	010
4:40 PM	Rainbow Express Rehearsal	015
5:15 PM	Lenten Meal	GFH
6:00 PM	Lenten Speaker	S
6:15 PM	Girls Bible Study	WS
6:15 PM	Guys Bible Study	WS
7:00 PM	Chancel Ringers	012
7:00 PM	FastBreak	GFH

Thursday, March 23, 2017

1:00 PM	Classical Brass Rehearsal	S
4:30 PM	Building Committee Meeting	104
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	015, S
7:00 PM	Scout Troop 114 Meeting	WSL

Friday, March 24, 2017

No Events Schedule

Saturday, March 25, 2017

No Events Schedule

LUMC WEEKLY

CONNECTION

The Week of March 19, 2016

Requiem for the Living - Today!

Today at 3:00 pm

Plan now to hear our Chancel Choir and orchestra performing this moving new choral work by composer Dan Forrest during the Lenten season. Forrest set traditional prayers for mercy using gentle plaintive melodies and rich harmonies, and cries for help in driving rhythmic sections. He found inspiration in such things as photos of the cosmos by the Hubble telescope for his other-worldly expression of praise, before setting the comforting words of Christ. The Chancel Choir and organist Kathy Forsberg will be joined by the Colorado Chamber Orchestra for this Littleton premiere. Free concert. Bring your friends and enjoy this free concert.

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, March 22nd Presentation

Wednesday Presentation: Let's Break Bread

The evening activities begin with a community meal at 5:15 pm. in Grant Fellowship Hall, moving to the sanctuary at 6 pm for a program. Cole Chandler offers his reflections on the reality of hunger and the transformative power of community.

Cole is an ordained Mennonite Minister, the co-pastor of Beloved Community Mennonite Church in Englewood, and the Community Connector for Hunger Free Colorado. Cole has spent the last decade forming transformative relationships with people experiencing hunger and poverty and has dedicated his working life to their cause. Cole's presentation will focus on the reality of hunger in Colorado, and in Littleton in particular, and the ways in which love and service of one's neighbors leads to the transformation of our own lives and values. Child care provided for children under 4.



ALL CHURCH NEWS

One Great Hour of Sharing –Now Called UMCOR

Sunday - March 26, 2017

This name change was approved by the church's legislating General Conference. UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief, a major Protestant humanitarian agency that is part of the General Board of Global Ministries. It was founded more than 75 years ago.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established, the goal was to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II. We've continued to respond to those in desperate need – today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response to UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do. UMCOR has no source of revenue for administration except from One Great Hour of Sharing (now UMCOR Sunday).

Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover their cost of doing business. Donations make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. If you wish to contribute on March 26, please use the special offering envelope and make your check out to LUMC designated for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your generosity is appreciated in keeping UMCOR in operation.

LUMC Optimist Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th at 8:30am in the Parlor

Our speaker will be an adult from Libya who has been attending Spring International with Connie Shoemaker. Come and listen to this engaging speaker. Please join us, everyone is welcome!

ALL CHURCH NEWS

Senior Adult Activities, don't miss out!

March 21st at 12:00pm - Terrific Tuesday

After a free lunch at 12:00pm, our program will be, "Successful Aging, Where do I Get Some of That," with speaker Beth Corn. All are welcome to this free lunch to learn more about successful aging. Please call the church office to make a reservation so we can prepare accordingly.

March 28th at 4pm - Movie Day

The movie for March will be "The Secret Life of Pets"-3D. This is a computer animated adventure comedy film. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Any questions regarding any of the Adult Senior Activities please contact the church office at 303-794-6379.

Seekers Sunday School Class

If you are seeking additional opportunities to learn and grow spiritually, in an environment that encourages fun and fellowship, come and join the Seekers Class. Although we are largely senior adults, we are young in spirit so age is not important. We meet in the Reception Hall every Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. During the year, we study a range of topics including religion and theology, social issues and ways to grow personally. We use videos, book studies, guest speakers and a variety of other strategies to facilitate our learning. Various class members volunteer to lead the class discussions. During the next five sessions, Glenn Gravelle will lead us in the discussion of (DVD) Half Truths, Christian Cliches by Adam Hamilton. This will be followed by a book study of The Christian World of the Hobbit, led by Rev. Lew Root.

GET INVOLVED

Reaching Out To Hungry Children in Littleton

As part of our Loving Littleton mission outreach at LUMC we have been working with East and Field Elementary schools. Both of these schools have a food pantry program that sends food home with children each week. The goal is to help families provide much needed food for their children. In order to help keep high demand foods available at the school LUMC is going to begin collecting 1 item per month to donate to the school. Each month you can check for this notice in the newsletter to see what we are collecting.

For March the Elementary Food Item of the month is Peanut Butter.

Please consider donating peanut butter (8 to 16 oz. plastic containers and does not require stirring) Donated items can be placed in the wooden box marked "Food" found in the Breezeway. The donations will be divided between the schools. Church & Society committee is pleased to offer this initiative to further our Loving Littleton Mission. *If you have any questions contact Pat Morrison at pmorrison9755@yahoo.com.*

Loving Littleton

Please take a moment to read the Thank You notes (located on the Youth bulletin board across from the church office) the youth received from the students at Field Elementary for their food drive this past fall. Your generosity and connection with our neighbors is appreciated! Keep on Loving Littleton!!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

A Cup of Dust: A Novel of the Dust Bowl

by Susie Finkbeiner

Pearl Spence, daughter of the town sheriff, is always generous and ready to help in a crisis, even when the dust storms plague her Oklahoma town. This book was given in memory of Virginia Hearn.