

## A Note of Thanks!

The beautiful fresh Christmas greens, at the courtyard and office entrance, have been donated by Troop #114 Boy Scouts. Please thank a scout and their leaders!

### Thank Christmas Eve Musicians & Ministers with FOOD, Glorious FOOD

Want to show your appreciation for our musicians and for the clergy who spend Christmas Eve leading our worship services? Consider providing some food to the choir room hallway by 6:00pm on Christmas Eve. If you're interested, please contact David Kates at 303-794-6379, ext 247 or davidkates@littletonumc.org for details.

### Note about Serendipity Sunday School Class

Please be aware that the serendipity class will not be meeting today, 24<sup>th</sup> or the 31<sup>st</sup>. If you'd like to join the class for 2018 they will resume meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> in the classroom located in the southwest corner of Grant Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### "Summer Choir"

All are welcome to join the choir for the service on Sunday, December 31. Students home from college, Summer Choir participants – everyone who wants to make a joyful noise on this special last Sunday of the year. Come early to rehearse. For more info contact David Kates.

### "Skipping Christmas"

by John Grisham

This well-known mystery author offers an hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that have become part of our holiday tradition.

### Join Us Online

If you haven't already, take time to find LUMC on Facebook. It's a good way to learn what's happening at LUMC and a great way to share what you love about LUMC with friends and neighbors.

**FB: / LITTLETONUNITEDMETHODISTCHURCH**

### Email Blasts

Want to receive news updates and our weekly email newsletter? Look for the **SIGN UP FOR EMAIL LIST** buttons on our website to sign up for our email list, update your email contact info, or choose what kind of email you want to receive.

**WEBSITE: LITTLETONUMC.CHURCH**

**OFFICE NUMBER: (303) 794-6379**

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:30 AM	Worship Service	S
9:45 AM	Children's Christmas Pageant	S
9:45 AM	Confirmation	WS
9:45 AM	More Than Coffee	GFH
10:30 AM	Carol Choir Rehearsal	015
11:00 AM	Worship Service	S
12:15 PM	Church & Society Meeting	104
1:00 PM	Alex Raab Student Recital	S
3:00 PM	UMYF	WS
4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Movie Night	104
4:30 PM	CrossFire Choir Rehearsal	015
5:30 PM	North Littleton Promise Christmas Party	GFH

### Monday, December 18, 2017

12:30 PM	People for Prayer	103
2:15 PM	Prayer Team	101
3:00 PM	Care Team	103
5:00 PM	Great Escape Board Meeting	103
5:45 PM	Voices West Rehearsal	015
7:00 PM	Littleton Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	GFH
7:00 PM	Safety & Security Committee Meeting	104
7:00 PM	Town Hall Rehearsal	116

### Tuesday, December 19, 2017

7:00 AM	Off the Cuff	104
8:45 AM	Worship Meeting	103
9:00 AM	Rocky Mt Stroke Center Christmas Party	GFH
9:45 AM	Staff Meeting	103
12:30 PM	American Sewing Guild - Offsite	
1:00 PM	Game Day	116
7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting	103
7:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 114 Den Meeting	WSL
7:00 PM	Grief Support	WS
7:00 PM	Town Hall Rehearsal	116
7:00 PM	Transportation Committee Meeting	105

### Wednesday, December 20, 2017

10:00 AM	Jubilation Adult Choir	104
1:30 PM	Literate Laity	105
7:00 PM	Chancel Ringers	012
7:00 PM	FastBreak	GFH, WS
7:00 PM	Town Hall Rehearsal	116

### Thursday, December 21, 2017

11:00 AM	Member Nurture Committee Meeting	103
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	015, S
7:00 PM	Scout Troop 114 Meeting	WSL
7:00 PM	Town Hall Rehearsal	116

### Friday, December 22, 2017

8:00 AM	Break Bread Meal Prep	GFH-116K
8:30 AM	Bulletin/Mailing Group	103
12:00 PM	Youth Girls Ministry	WS

### Saturday, December 23, 2017

12:00 PM	Break Bread Meal Prep	GFH-116K
1:00 PM	Classical Brass Rehearsal	S
4:00 PM	Break Bread Community Meal	GFH-116

Sunday, December 17, 2017

## THE WEEKLY

# CONNECTION

### Children's Christmas Pageant is Today!

Be sure to join us today in the Sanctuary at 9:45am to hear the Christmas Story told by the children of LUMC! Cookie Reception to follow in Grant Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about Children's Ministries please contact Lisa Perkins at lperkins@littletonumc.org

### Christmas Eve Worship Services

This year, December 24<sup>th</sup> is both the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Our services for the day will be as follows: Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Services: 8:30am and 11am and then Christmas Eve Worship Services: 5:30, 7:30 and 11pm.

Advent this year focuses on "The Unexpected Nature of Christmas." The lighting of the Advent Candles will focus on God's promise of light against the darkness, hope in the silence, joy amid the uncertainty, and love in the face of hatred.

The 5:30 and 7:30pm Christmas Eve Services will be identical, both offering child care and featuring special music, brass, carol singing, scripture reading, a message by Rev. Trudy entitled "When the Story Becomes Real", and the traditional candle lighting during the singing of "Silent Night." The 11pm service, a more reflective and prayerful time, will feature lessons, carols, special harp music, and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our regular 8:30 and 11:00am Sunday morning services will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with a message by Rev. Jeff Richards.

## **Youth Activites**

### **Mission Expedition**

*Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-3:00pm*

Youth will volunteer at the Life Center in the morning and then spend the afternoon in fellowship together. Bring \$5 for food and afternoon activities.

### **New Year's Eve Celebration**

*Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Murder Mystery Dinner*

Middle School youth will meet from 3:00pm – 6:00pm, and High School youth will meet from 5:30-9:00pm. All youth will enjoy dinner together from 5:30-6:00pm. The cost is \$5/youth, and friends are welcome to join us! We will meet offsite – look for more details in December's Prophet youth newsletter, or contact Nathan or Becky @ (303) 794-6379 for more information.

### **Calling all Tweens!**

Check out your new space on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 for pizza, meeting some of the Tween Team Leader and some teambuilding games. Meet in the Theater room to check out this new focus in Children's Ministry providing relationship and a bridge to youth. For more information speak with Becky Lichlyter or Lisa Perkins.

### **Save the Date for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>! Registration forms and commercial spot applications available in early January. Deadline January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Tween Talent Show Act Rehearsal:** January 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:30-2:00 - lunch provided to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders in this act.

**WWNPT Talent Show Act Rehearsals:** Jan 3, 10, 17 and 24<sup>th</sup>  
with a 4pm arrival on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

**Emcee Talent Show Rehearsal:** Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:40-9:55 in the Fellowship Hall to review Mic usage and more! Must attend to be on the Emcee list! Open to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Children's Number for Talent Show Rehearsals:** from 9:15-9:45 in the children's area on Jan 7, 14, 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for signing up to be in the Children's Number is Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> by 9:15am! Open to Kinder - 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Seniors on the Town**

On January 18, 2018 we will be traveling to Steuben's Restaurant in Olde Town Arvada. They have amazing food with a very interesting mid-century vintage motif. A \$2.00 charge per person will be due at the time of making your reservation for the van. You will receive individual checks for your lunch selection. The van will leave the church parking lot at 11am for a lunch you will surely enjoy. Come in and sign up soon!

### **Children's Minsitry Notes**

No Wesley's Wednesday Night Puppet Team on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Happy Birthday Jesus!**

The children will have Children's Worship at both services and celebrate the Birth of Christ during the Sunday school hour on December 24<sup>th</sup>! Child care available for 5:30 & 7:30pm Christmas Eve services.

### **Ring in the New Year**

Get ready to ring in a New Year by joining us on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> with Pastries and Parents during the Sunday school hour. We'll nosh on delicious breakfast treats, play games, make our Epiphany Sunday crowns and share our resolutions for the New Year.

### **Holy Ground Conversation**

*with Bishop Karen Oliveto*

Join Bishop Karen Oliveto, the Mountain Sky Area Cabinet, and members and friends of Littleton UMC and other neighboring United Methodist churches for a time of conversation around call and spiritual journeys through personal story-telling.

Bishop Karen says, "Our Holy Ground conversations are a chance to learn more of one another. Through bible study, prayer and conversation, we offer one another a glimpse of how God is moving in our individual lives as well as our life together as United Methodists. It is a rich evening of fellowship as we listen to the ways the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst!"

**Details:** January 15, 2018 6pm. Child care will be provided. Dinner will be served. The evening will conclude with Holy Communion. R.S.V.P. 303-794-6379.

## **Break Bread Welcomes Neighbors**

*Every Saturday Evening*

*Meal service from 4 - 5pm - Doors Open until 6pm*

There's a place for everyone to serve at Break Bread. Simply come with a willingness to embrace and embody Break Bread's core values: Unconditional love, Abundant grace, Hospitality to All, Meaningful Relationships, Willingness to be Transformed. Invite your friends, come and enjoy a meal. Also, if you'd like to volunteer at a meal contact Break Bread Program Director, Jen Engquist at [jengquist@break-bread.org](mailto:jengquist@break-bread.org). For more information visit the Break Bread website at <https://www.break-bread.org>

### **LUMC Child Care Opportunity**

Wanted: Caring, Interactive, Faith Filled adults to join child care team at LUMC. Lead our littlest in the first steps of their life-long faith walk! Opportunities on Sunday mornings, Thursday evenings and occasional Monday/Tuesday evenings. For more information on requirements and hourly rate contact Lisa Perkins by e-mailing her at [LPerkins@LittletonUMC.org](mailto:LPerkins@LittletonUMC.org) or (303)794-6379.

### **Reaching Out to Hungry Children**

As part of Our Loving Littleton mission outreach we continue working with the food pantry program at both East and Field. The need alone at Field has risen from 70 to 130 children per week coming to the pantry. For December the Food Item for the month is 1 pound bags of dried white rice (no Minute Rice). Larger bags are welcomed.

Donation items can be placed in the wooden box in the back of Grant Fellowship Hall or in the plastic box by the Church office. Any questions contact Pat Morrison at [pmorrison9755@yahoo.com](mailto:pmorrison9755@yahoo.com). Church & Society Loving Littleton Mission project.

### **Ushers Needed**

There is currently a need for 3 ushers at the 8:30am Worship service and 2 more for the 11:00am service. If you are interested in volunteering as an usher please contact Steve Eaton at [celticeaton@mac.com](mailto:celticeaton@mac.com).