

LUMC CONNECTION

Rev. Trudy D Robinson

Pastor's Pen



JULY 2018

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE:

Average attendance
for the 8:30am Service - 132

Average attendance
for the 11:00am Service - 191

Average Total attendance - 323

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Please keep the friends and family of Chris Baynes, husband of Samantha Baynes; Barb Arnold, mother of Gerald Arnold; and Leonard Longstaff, father of Leslie Foster, in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.



Hello September!!

There's just something about fall: the chill in the morning air and the need for a sweater at night; the blur of excitement as students meet new teachers and schedules for extra-curricular activities firm up. There's a comfort in the routine that comes with fall.

I do realize that it's easy for me to say as I've finished raising my kids. No more school supply lists, or dropping kids off at college dorms. I imagine for many people, this time in life can be both freeing and unsettling. I remember. "No more college bills! Yay!!!" And, "My kids don't need me so much anymore. Ouch."

Let me suggest something to you: The church can help. The church can provide a routine that offers the comfort of being in the presence of a loving God and a caring community of faith. And yes, I do realize that, of course, I would say that! That is where I experience the excitement of fall. I get excited when I see the people of LUMC work hard to recruit Sunday school teachers, and to schedule youth events, and to sign up new choir members, and enroll preschool students, and select curriculum for adult Sunday school, and plan for senior adult activities. It's the joy of seeing a new year take shape. It's the joy of seeing people connect. It's the joy of watching the church grow, move, come together, and make a difference.

So, yes. The church can help. And not just for those who are feeling free and unsettled after kids grow up, but for those who are in the middle of the chaos of juggling the schedules and homework of your kids. It's also for those who watch grandkids grow up, or who watch the neighborhood kids lug backpacks to school. The church is here for all of you.

I know it's easy to forget about the church, or to put attendance on the back burner, or to simply feel good that it is there when you really need it. But here's the thing. The church is only here because of you. The church is better when you come. The church needs you, as much, if not more than you need the church.

Let me be clear. I am not giving you one more thing to do, like dropping kids off at ballet class and sitting through another soccer tournament. That's not what this is. Because church is not like dropping kids off at ballet class or sitting through another soccer tournament. Church is giving you a foundation for knowing what is most important in your busy schedules. Church is giving you a community of faith full of people who are right where you are in your life, as well as others who have already survived that stage of life. Church is giving you a comfortable place to sit and be still for a while. Church is giving you a place to be loved and covered by grace. Oh yea, and church is giving your children something that will last much longer than those ballet slippers or soccer skills. That is the economy of God. You may think you're being asked to do one more thing....BUT!....that one thing, if it is church, will bless you more than you know.

So bring on the fall! Bring on the new routines! Bring on a commitment to being in worship every week! Bring on all that the church can give you! Bring it on, church! Bring it on!

~Rev. Trudy

Reaching Out to Hungry Children in Littleton

Boxed Instant Oatmeal Containing Individual Packets

The donation item for the month is Instant Oatmeal. Boxes containing individual packets, flavored or variety of flavors are appreciated. It provides a hot breakfast in the morning or an easy after school snack. As part of Our Loving Mission Outreach we will continue this

school year to work with the food pantry program at both East and Field Elementary Schools. Food gathered during the summer has been taken over to the pantries to begin the new school year. Please continue placing your donations into the wooden box normally found at the back of Grant Fellowship Hall. Any questions contact Pat Morrison at pmorrison9755@yahoo.com.

Music Notes

Make a Joyful Noise

September is a great month to join a choir or bell group. Everyone is welcome—from pre-school age to seniors! Contact David Kates 303-794-6379, ext. 247. for more info.

REHEARSAL TIMES:

Chancel Choir (adults) – Thursdays 7:00–9:00 beginning 8/30

CrossFire (grd 6-12) – Sundays 4:30–5:30 beginning 8/26

Jubilation Adult Choir – Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. beginning 9/5

Rainbow Express (grd 2-5) – Wednesdays 4:40–5:35 beginning 9/12

Carol Choir (4 to grd 1) – Sundays after Sunday School beginning 9/16

Youth Ringers (grd 6-12) – Sundays 5:30 beginning 9/16

Chancel Ringers (adults) – Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 9/5

Hymn for the Season

For the second consecutive month, our featured hymn is Gather Us In. This rousing song has become a favorite of many, and will begin each of our worship services in September. Together, the four stanzas frame a complete worship service – Call to worship, corporate confession, communion and transformation, and closing.

1. *Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

2. *We are the young our lives are a myst'ry
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

3. *Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

4. *Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Fine Arts News

Thanks to all who have made donations to the Fine Arts Series over the summer. The new season brochure should reach mailboxes later this month.

The first concert of the 26th season will feature **The Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra** on 7:30pm, Friday, Oct. 5. This free concert will be jointly sponsored by the FAS and the Littleton Jazz Festival.

UMW Corner

The purpose of the United Methodist Women is four-fold: to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

LUMC has four circles which meet monthly September through May and visitors and prospective members are encouraged to attend one of these upcoming meetings:

Faith Circle meets on the second Tuesday morning of the month and will be in the Parlor at 9:30 am on September 11th. Donna Haas is the contact person and can be reached at donnabob51@q.com

Lamplighters meets on the second Tuesday evening and will be in the Parlor at 7:00 pm, also on September 11th. Susan Medley (smedley131@comcast.net) is the contact person. The group has been studying economic inequality and will continue that discussion for the coming year.

New Sunshine Circle will meet on the second Thursday morning, which is September 13th, at 9:30 in the Parlor. Verena Rogge is the contact person and can be reached at varogge@gmail.com She will be doing a program on descriptions of local charities and will include information on the quilts that have been made by members and donated this year.

Loving Hands meets on the second Thursday in the early afternoon, which will be September 13th in the Parlor at 12:30. They will be collecting school supplies and items for Health kits which will be taken to UMCOR in Salt Lake City, Utah by the group traveling in September. A new project for the circle is collecting empty prescription bottles (which will be cleaned and sent to African hospitals) and all are welcome to donate. Judy Jeffries is the contact person at jeffriesjl@comcast.net.

A fundraiser for the whole group is called Mugged for Mission, with an anticipated donation by participating members to the district UMW of \$.50 per mug found in your household.

The UMW thanks of all those who contributed to the Ubuntu food drive in August which benefitted IFCS (Integrated Family Community services) and who attended the Western Welcome Week Saturday breakfast. Your support of our projects is greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There are two Bible study opportunities for women of all ages this year that will be starting in September. Both are video and discussion based, and will meet once a month. Women will receive a workbook at the first meeting that will provide them the opportunity to do some study on their own between the group sessions.

“Believing Jesus” by Lisa Harper

Monday, September 10th at 5:30pm in the Library

What does it mean to not just believe in Jesus, but actually believe what He said? How do we shape or lives around that truth? This study will look at the lives of the believers in the book of Acts and how Jesus' command to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth shaped their lives. This study will be led by Beth Corn and will meet typically the second Monday evening of each month at 5:30pm. The fee for the workbook for this study is \$16.00. Contact Beth Corn at bbcorn@hotmail.com for more information.

“Invitation to the Old Testament” (A short-term DISCIPLE Bible study)

Tuesday, September 11th at 9:30am in the Reception Hall

In this study, women will explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many “voices” of the biblical text. Women will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Bible, as well as a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things. This group will typically meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Reception Hall. The fee for the workbook for this study is \$16.00. Contact Becky Lichlyter at blichlyter@littletonumc.org for more information.

Senior Ministries News

Terrific Tuesday

Tuesday, September 18th at 12pm

We will enjoy lunch and then participate in a discussion on "Homelessness and Hospitality." Jen Engquist, program director for Break Bread, will facilitate the discussion. Call the church office to make your reservation by Monday, September 17th so we can prepare enough lunch for all.

Afternoon at the Movies

Tuesday, September 25th 1pm - "A Dog's Purpose"

Based on a bestselling novel of the same name we share the journey of one devoted dog who finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love. A genuine heart, humor and a real message of love. Popcorn and beverage provided. You bring yourself and a friend and of course a snack to share if you would like.

Card Making with Barb & Beth

Fall card making season resumes with Barbara Lee and Beth Newton teaching us how to make three different cards on Monday, October 1st at 1pm in the Sunday Scripture classroom located at the back end of Grant Fellowship Hall. All supplies are furnished at no cost. We only ask you come with the idea of having fun. Barb and Beth will do the rest. It is not necessary to pre-register.

For additional information on any senior activities or trips contact Rev. Jeff at 303-794-6379.

Shoo The Flu - Flu Shot Clinic

September 23, 2018

It is time for preventive medicine as we welcome the Flu Shot Clinic September 23, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:00am in the church library. This is a convenient time to prepare yourself for a healthier winter. Please sign up in the church office.

Sign up now, remembering no other medicine can take the place of the flu vaccine. Medicare pays for the Flu Shot for those with that insurance. This may be a convenience for many of you and it takes only a few minutes.

Please bring your insurance card with you Sept. 23rd.

The Health Ministry

Verena Rogge

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Children's Ministry News

Mark Your Calendars

- **Sept. 7th:** Children's Council Chairperson Jenn Herrera hosts a Family Kickoff for all Children's Ministries families. 6-8 pm.
- **Sept. 9th:** Mini-Mission trip to Cherrlyn Manor for our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders to deliver the Birthday Boxes
- **Sept. 9th:** return to Children's Worship at both services for children 3 years - 5th grade
- **Sept. 11th:** 7-8 pm Children's Council meeting at Jake's Downtown
- **Sept. 16th:** 3rd Grade Bible Sunday
- **Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7th:** Bible Boot Camp for all 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. Dinner, Fellowship and Bible Study with Becky Lichlyter, Rev. Trudy, Rev. Jeff & Lisa Perkins.

3rd Grade Bible Sunday

Mark your calendar and plan to bring your Bible to church on Sunday, September 16. We want to celebrate and encourage our 3rd graders in this special LUMC tradition.

Spotlight on Scouting

Summer meant Scout camps for both the Pack and the Troop. Scouts worked on rank advancement, merit badges, swimming, hiking and overall good summer fun. And we hope you saw us and waved in the Western Welcome Week Grand Parade on Aug 18th!

A new school year is here and our fall Scouting activities are underway. Learning and earning merit badges,

camping, and various community service projects are on the calendar for the Troop. Regular den meetings for the Cub Scouts will start on Sept. 4. Fall also brings our popcorn fundraiser - if you can support a Scout, please do! And watch for more information in the Weekly Connection about the Troop's annual fundraiser at Romano's in September.

Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls in grades K-5. Scouts BSA is

Literate Laity Book Schedule

Literate Laity is LUMC's book club that meets on the third Wednesdays of each month, September through June at 1:30 pm in the church library. In June the group decided on the new books for 2018-2019. Newcomers who love to read are cordially invited to attend the group and engage in some lively discussions about books. For more information please call Sue Luxa at 720-594-0306. The following are the books to read:

September: *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan

October: *Hero of the Empire* by Candice Millard

November: *The Hello Girls* by Elizabeth Cobb

December: *American Heiress* by Darcy Goodwin

January: *The Quartet* by Joseph Ellis

February: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Gann

March: Varina: *Mrs. Jefferson Davis* by Charles Frazier

April: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

May: *Soldier Girls* by Helen Thorpe

Library Chatter

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

The Lusitania, a premier ocean liner, was attacked in the North Atlantic during World War I and added to the mounting events that led the United States into the war. This is a good read for those who like suspense and history.

Great Escape News

Great Escape is so excited to be getting ready for the 2018-2019 School Year! We still have limited spots available so please contact Jennelle at 303-794-0707 for more information. We are also looking for a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher that has experience with this age group and is familiar with the Colorado Guidelines. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Jennelle. Happy Back To School!

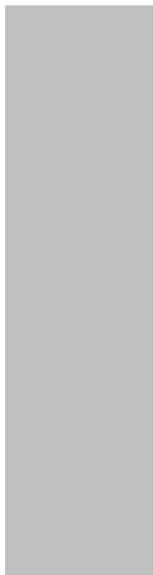
open to boys ages 11-17. We are excited that girls will be able to join our new Troop just for them starting in February. If you are interested in more information about participating, please contact Rick Barber, Charter Organization Representative at barber_rick@hotmail.com.

Follow us on our Facebook pages for the Pack "Littleton Pack 114" and the Troop "Troop 114 - Littleton".

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Youth News

Youth & Family Celebration

Sunday, September 9th from 5:30-7:00pm

All youth and their families are invited to join us for an evening of family fun! We will eat together, play together, and take a look at all of the exciting plans for LUMC's Youth Ministry for the 2018-19 school year! Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. are asked to join your youth. We will meet in Grant Fellowship Hall—the main course will be provided, but please bring a side or dessert to share with everyone.

Confirmation Orientation

Sunday, September 16th

LUMC's Confirmation experience is open to youth 8th grade and older. The 2018-19 Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16th with an orientation for both students and parents in the Way Station at 9:45am. Please contact Becky Lichlyter at blichlyter@littletonumc.org for more information and registration.

Middle School Lock-In

Friday, Sept. 21 – Saturday, Sept. 22

All youth grades 6th-8th are invited to join us from 7pm -7am for a night of fun, food, and fellowship! The cost is \$20—the evening includes laser tag, movies, games, pizza, and fun with friends! Contact Becky for more information.

HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KIT ITEMS FOR UMCOR (UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF)

The Missions Work Team will be leaving for Salt Lake in a few weeks to work at the UMCOR West Disaster Relief Depot. During September we will be collecting items to be used in assembling hygiene and school kits. All assembled kits now stay within the United States and its territories.

After prayerful reflection, UMCOR leadership recognized that shipping relief supplies abroad can do more harm than good. Though shipped with good intent, materials bought and packaged in the U.S. displace potential local or regional purchases that can support local economies.

By awarding disaster response grants to UMCOR partners abroad, UMCOR can provide more support to local economies in need through awarded grants. This allows communities to use grant money to buy local supplies and use local workers, as they respond to disasters in their area. Amy Fuselier, director for UMCOR Sager Brown and Depot West states, "It's our way

to provide them with a hand up instead of a hand down."

Please place the NEW items in the box at the back of Grant Fellowship Hall.

For hygiene kits:

- bath-size bar of soap in original packaging (No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content and 3 oz. or larger).
- hand towel – 15" x 25" to 17" x 27" (no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels please)
- washcloth
- toenail or fingernail clippers
- adult toothbrush
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)

For School kits:

Blunt scissors, box of 24 crayons, hand-held pencil sharpeners, rulers, unsharpened pencils, erasers that are 2 inches or larger, packets of loose-leaf paper.

If you wish to donate money rather than items for the kits, please write your check to LUMC and mark it for "Health Kits for UMCOR."

The Missions Committee appreciates your generosity in supplying these much needed items for UMCOR.

READY SET SCHOOL a great success once again

Our LUMC congregation is the absolute best. You have again come through in tight financial times and exceeded our expectations for the designated needs of Field and East elementary schools. Field will be receiving \$3000 to be applied toward field trips for children that otherwise could not attend. And East will be receiving \$3000 for the purchase of ten technology kits for their new lab facility.

Thank you one and all from the grateful members of Church and Society. God bless.

Calling all Tutors!

It is time to sign up for tutoring students from North Littleton Promise and East Elementary School. Find details of days and hours at the LUMC website, littletonumc.church. From the Home Page go to "Giving Back" and "Adult Ministries" where you will find a volunteer form to fill out online. Members who have tutored in the past have found working with children quite rewarding.