



Spire

November 2020

Dear Friends,

As we enter November, I suspect that all of us could benefit from taking some nice, long, deep breaths, calming down our parasympathetic nervous systems. One of my favorite stories in the bible is of a post-resurrection Jesus appearing to the disciples in the Upper Room where they are huddled in fear. Jesus begins by saying “Peace be with you.” He then proceeds to breathe on them (I know, we need to get past reading this through a COVID lens) – saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” As we breathe in and out, may we indeed receive the Holy Spirit, God’s breath of peace.

I want to highlight several important events here at LGUMC during this month. First of all, an opportunity to make a pledge to support the mission and ministry of LGUMC in 2021 (see Estimate of Giving card on page 9). You all have been so faithful, in the midst of a pandemic no less, to continue your financial support for our congregation. Thank you so much! To assist you in making a decision for 2021, you will be receiving a very thoughtful letter from Cindy Jackson, a member of our Finance Committee, about why she gives to LGUMC. There will also be a sermon from a dear friend of mine, Cesie Delve Scheuermann on November 1. Cesie is a native Californian, an extremely active member of First United Methodist Church in Salem, Oregon, and passionate about the power of generosity, among other things. May Cindy and Cesie give you inspiration as you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give.

Secondly, you will be receiving a survey from the Staff Parish Relations Committee this month that will enable you to give invaluable input into what you see as the needed qualities and priorities of your next pastor, as we look to the appointment of your next pastor July 1, 2021. Obviously, everyone’s voice is essential to get as accurate a result as possible.

Lastly, in the life of the Church, the new year begins with Advent, which is November 29. It will be so different this year, of course. No chance to gather together for fellowship, the singing of carols, the lighting of candles. May we still plan to gather virtually as we walk through the Sundays of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace together.

I continue to be so blessed by being in ministry with you!

Kate

Happy Thanksgiving

November

Worship

Living God's love in the world.

All Welcome!

Our worship this month begins with a stewardship sermon by my dear friend, Cesie Delve Scheuermann. She is a consultant in stewardship, development, and grant writing. Cesie is getting filmed at her home church, First United Methodist Church, in downtown Salem. I cannot think of anyone I would rather have give our stewardship sermon this year. As an added bonus, Cesie's daughter will be singing, via video, for us as well. Rachel has a beautiful voice and spirit!

We will then have a three-part mini-series on the church in the 21st century. Why, you may ask? Because you will be receiving a survey this month about what you are looking for in your next pastor. I hope that perhaps this little mini-series can provide some food for thought.

Lastly, November 29 is the beginning of Advent – we start with Hope.

November 1
“God is the Owner, I am the Ower”
Luke 20:45-47; 21:1-4



November 8
“From Fear to Freedom”
Acts 2:1-13

November 15
“From Settled Camp to Shalom on the Move”
Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

November 22
“Head Trip to Heart Warmed”
Phil. 2:9-16

November 29
“Receiving Hope”
Isaiah 9:2; Luke 1:46-55





Children's Ministry

Messy Church – Say Thank You

A new kind of non-traditional church for families

We miss all our kids and are so excited to have Messy Church in person. Of course, we will be a safe distance from each other, and participants and volunteers are required to wear a face covering at all times.

We will have some pre-packaged snacks for all kiddos.

You are invited to next Messy Church,
scheduled for **Sunday, November 8, 11AM – 12:15PM**
Please RSVP @ kids@lgumc.org



Weekly Worship

We are bringing Children's Worship to your home while we are all sheltered in. Until further notice, weekly Sunday School videos, which are fun, safe and biblically grounded, along with worksheets, are emailed out so that kids can have worship experience at home. We love you and miss you.
Let us know how we can support you; please contact Shelley at kids@lgumc.org

During the month of November

It's a real celebration when everyone's invited to the party! With God's help, we can show friendship by using our words and actions to show others we care.

GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GRATITUDE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Gratitude sometimes feels like a lost art, yet gratitude is an idea close to God's heart. Think about all of the Bible stories where people give thanks to each other, celebrate God with feasts and festivals—not to mention the Psalms filled songs of praise. Just take a moment to consider everything God has done for you: the world He made, the promises He's kept, the new life He offers through Jesus. When we remember all of that, we can always be thankful.

Memory Verse

Give thanks to the LORD, because He is good. His faithful love continues forever.
Psalm 136:1

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Grow in Christ
Serve with Love*

HEALTH & VISITATION MINISTRY

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Healthy Mind, Healthy Body

Facilitated by licensed psychologist Dr. Wei-Chien Lee

Part I: Managing Personal Stress

SUNDAY
NOV 8
2 – 4 p.m.

- ✓ Recognize your tell-tale signs of stress
- ✓ Learn how to immediately manage stressful emotions
- ✓ Create a plan to manage your stress in the long term

Part II: Managing Inter-personal Conflicts

SUNDAY
NOV 15
2 – 4 p.m.

- ✓ Recognize your triggers
- ✓ Develop new ways of reacting to strong emotions
- ✓ Generate principles for the long-term well-being of the relationship

Workshops will be held live on Zoom. To register and receive a Zoom link, scan code here, [visit this link](#), email seminars@lgumc.org, or call 408-600-2684



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ONLINE SUNDAYS

Greg and Cindy Cook and I have been working tirelessly behind the scenes on our Sunday live-stream worship services since March. We've been working weekly to improve the viewers experience and to bring our church community into your homes while keeping the LGUMC spirit alive. We hope you have been enlightened not just on Sundays but throughout the week while we try to bring a little bit of normalcy into your home.

We're excited to announce that starting Sunday, November 1 at 10am, we'll be adding an additional live-stream option to our very own website. Click on lgumc.org/online-worship-information/ to see weekly 10am Sunday worship services. They will also be recorded so if you miss a Sunday, you can go back and watch it on our Online Worship page.

The services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings and you'll continue to be able to comment, say hi, or check in with your fellow congregants.

This additional live-stream service will help those that are not on Facebook or just wish to experience our worship services on the LGUMC website. And feel free to pass along the link to family and friends. Now more than ever, we can spread God's love and his teachings even further than our own community.

And a big Thank you to Pastor Jenn Murdock and Pastor Kate Conolly for supporting and pushing our live-stream efforts along the way. And thank you also to all those that reach out weekly to let us know our efforts are appreciated! It definitely takes a village, and we are glad to be a part of it.

- Pam Parisi

Kindred Spirits

In lieu of our annual November potluck and book exchange meeting, Kindred Spirits will meet via Zoom to plan and select our books for next year. We hope you can join us on November 11, 5PM, with your recommendations. Sharon Armstrong will email the link a few days before the scheduled meeting.

"Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable"



Catch Up Wednesdays

Let our ministry teams catch you up on what's been happening behind the scenes over the past several months.

Our ministries have continued God's work even when the world and our country shut down!

Videos can be viewed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page every Wednesday.

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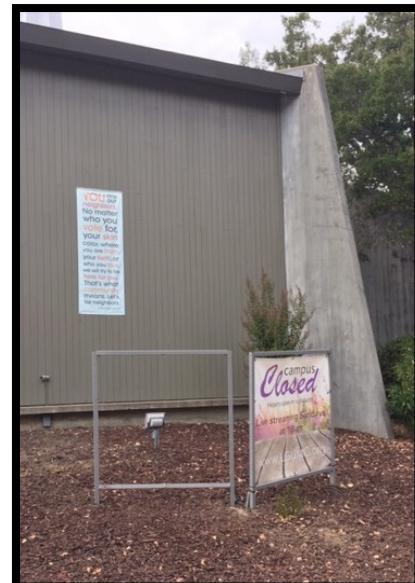
CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIRE GOES VIRTUAL!

Our annual gift faire will be a virtual event this year. We will offer online donations to various nonprofit groups -- in some cases we will provide a link so that donations can be made directly to the organization, and in other cases, you can fill out an order blank with a check and send it to the church office. You may print your gift cards and program descriptions at home, or come to the office to pick them up. We hope to begin the Virtual Faire around November 20 and continue through December 14. Watch for more details in the weekly blast, or our next *Spire*.



From the Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir's annual fundraiser sale of Premium Nuts will not be held this November. We miss you and pray that we will see you all soon.



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In Memory of Elaine Bondono

Please visit elainetheartist.org. It is about Elaine the artist, the art she created, and the transformations she brought about with the Art and Spirit Jail Ministry. Visit the site and see the beautiful space that Franklin has had created to showcase the art and spirit of Elaine.



Online Worship

Sundays 10AM

LGUMC Facebook page

See worship page at LGUMC.org for online worship live stream information.

~ Please keep the following persons and their families in your prayers for continued recovery, care and support ~

Kern Hamilton, Doug McNeil, Art & Aki Okuno,
Celia Palm, Charley Ann Cobb,
Kay Thoresen, Pat Salem, Anne-Marie Wiggers,
Eleanor Blumenthal, Becky Schmitt,
Peggy Rose, Debbie Kroh,
Ed & Shelley Ahn-Wong, Ian Webb,
Bill Burr, The Waldrop Family,
The Thoresen Family, The Armann Family,
The Homeless, Our First Responders,
Prayers of Peace for all people
and all countries

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~ In Memoriam ~

Harriet Armann

Carl Thoresen



Creator's Corner

There are many of you creating things that the rest of the congregation and community would like to see. With most of our ministries on 'hold' until we are released from this pandemic, it was suggested that we ask our congregation to submit something that they have created while under the "stay-at-home" order, and what inspired you to create. Your inspired creations can be anything such as poems, paintings, baked items, song lyrics, scribbles, photos, flower arrangements, quilts, gardening, etc. that you would like to share.

Please take a photo and write a few lines as to what inspired your creation, and submit to marylou.abrahamson@lgumc.org.

Now, for our next creation...

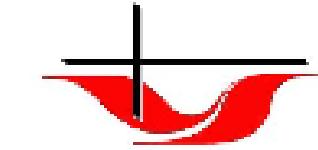
In Lieu of a Lily

I always receive an Easter Lily each year. But sheltering in place changed that tradition. So I created a substitute with flowers from the garden: white coral bells, lavender wisteria, & a green goddess Cala lily. The wisteria had an Easter lily like fragrance.

by Sue Salutric



WISHING YOU & YOURS
A
HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING!



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JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

With gratitude to God for the wonder of life and the vision of this church,
I/we will give a portion of my/our income to Los Gatos UMC:

\$ _____ week month quarter year

**to the general fund. I would like to continue / increase my
e-giving (circle one).**

Name _____



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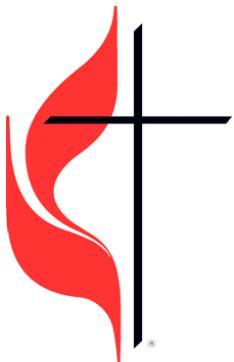
In observance of the holiday, the Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

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Growing as followers of Jesus Christ
who live God's love in the world.



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**"Serving Christ in this Community
since 1866"**

Sr. Pastor
Pastor Katherine Conolly

Until further notice,
please follow us on
lgumc.org
and join us for
Sunday Worship
10AM
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All Welcome!
We are a Reconciling Congregation

No one will be excluded from participating in the body of the church because of age, race, ethnicity, culture, religious origins, sexual orientation or challenging conditions.