



# Spire

*April 2022*

from Pastor Jeffrey

Dear Friends,

These are challenging times in the CA-NV Annual Conference, our beloved denomination, and world. Most of you are no doubt aware of the communication that went out from the Conference Office informing clergy and laity Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the San Francisco Episcopal Area has been placed on leave, not to exceed 60 days, from episcopal responsibilities following two complaints which were received by the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops. It's important to remember the suspension is not a punishment for wrongdoing, but rather it's in place to allow the special committee to investigate the allegations as part of the process to come to a just resolution. The Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops has asked Bishop Sally Dyck, Retired, to serve as interim Bishop.

Additionally, General Conference has been postponed again to 2024 when exceptionally weighty matters with tremendous denominational consequences will be legislated.

And, of course, Russia and Ukraine continue to dominate the headlines, while inflation, and an unstable economy have many people feeling particularly vulnerable, if not fearful.

Amid these turbulent times, however, there are some beautiful things happening at LGUMC. I am heartened by the work of Live Oak, Grace Preschool, Shower Ministry, our upcoming Colonel / Lighting for Literacy Mission Trip, our faithful Prayer Team Ministry, our Sunday School Program, and our upcoming Confirmation Classes in May. We continue to offer quality worship experiences every Sunday, with gratitude for the music, beauty, technical support, and all those people who make Sunday morning at LGUMC memorable and meaningful.

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One of the most meaningful things I have enjoyed lately at LGUMC are the Meet and Greet the Pastor gatherings. I continue to offer "Thank You" prayers for these opportunities to connect with all of you beautiful people. We had six Meet and Greets for the month of March (as of my writing, two more to go), with another one scheduled after Easter. Importantly, Jennifer and I do these sorts of gatherings every year, and we will likely schedule more of them in the late summer / early fall 2022

I believe LGUMC has a bright future. The next couple of years are going to be exciting! I believe attendance, both in-person and online, will continue to increase through 2022. I believe our children and youth ministry will grow, slowly, perhaps, but surely. I also think there is an opportunity to connect with the "empty-nester" population in Los Gatos and surrounding community as we look to 2023.

During this time when we are finding our feet, so to speak, coming out of strict COVID Protocols, it will be critical for us to strengthen our volunteer base to grow the church. If we cannot or do not do this, we will not grow and flourish. It's also important to continue to attend to our budget, ensuring we have the resources to do the ministry, but relying primarily on the firm foundation of volunteers.

Let us continue to be faithful in our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

I give thanks the Bishop appointed me to LGUMC, and I look forward to loving and serving among you as we strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Grace and Peace,  
*Jeffrey*

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

Doug McNeil, Aki Okuno, Celia Palm, Charley Ann Cobb, Pat Salem, Anne-Marie Wiggers,  
Eleanor Blumenthal, Becky Schmitt, Peggy Rose, Kay Thoresen, Joy Palmer,  
Norm & Adrienne Zimmerman, Eric Muller, Marcia Block, The Oveland Family,  
The Homeless, Our First Responders,  
Prayers of Peace for all people and all countries.

*~ In Memoriam ~*

Charley Oveland  
Memorial Service TBD

Rev. Robert (Bob) Schwartz  
LGUMC Associate Pastor, 1965-68  
Memorial Service, May 22  
(please check obituary for location)

# April Worship

LGUMC is a reconciling church, which welcomes all persons as Christ did regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, cultural background, physical or mental health, family status, or financial circumstances. We welcome all persons into full participation into the life of the congregation.

**Sunday, April 3, 10AM**  
Traditional Worship Service  
with Holy Communion  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Joyce Rhodes, Organ

Scriptures  
Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

Sermon  
*To Love Wastefully*  
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



**Sunday, April 10, 10AM**  
Contemporary Worship Service  
Palm Sunday  
Open House Praise Band

Scriptures  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40

Sermon  
*Two Roads*  
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



**Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7PM**  
Traditional Worship Service  
with Holy Communion

Scriptures  
Exodus 12:1-14, John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon  
*It Is Good to Remember*  
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



**Sunday, April 17, 10AM**  
Traditional Worship Service  
Easter Sunday  
Joyce Rhodes, Organ

Scriptures  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

Sermon  
*Christ Is Risen!*  
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



**Sunday, April 24, 10AM**  
Contemporary Worship Service  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Open House Praise Band

Scriptures  
Psalm 150; John 20:19-31

Sermon  
*A Week Later*  
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



# Children's Ministry



Saturday April 16, 2022  
10:00am Sharp!  
Meet in the court yard at 9:45am  
Preschoolers will hunt  
in preschool yard  
Kindergarten-4th grade will hunt in  
the front yard/garden of church  
Bring your basket to collect your eggs!

## Join Us for Sunday School

After children are dismissed from service, parents are invited to accompany their children to Sunday School, sign them in, and return to the sanctuary for worship. After the worship service, parents are asked to return to the classroom and sign their children out.

Sunday School Coordinator: Jonnye Cartmill,  
[jonnye.cartmill@gmail.com](mailto:jonnye.cartmill@gmail.com)



## Confirmation

Confirmation is traditionally the time in the life of our youth when they look closely at what it means to be a Christian, in general; to be a United Methodist, in particular, and to be a member of Los Gatos UMC specially. It is a great time to explore their faith, grapple with some of the tough questions facing them and their generation (and facing all people of faith), and to get to know themselves and their church a bit better. The word "confirmation" is used because for students who were baptized as infants or children, this class invites them to decide whether to "confirm" the vows made on their behalf at their baptism.

Students do not have to decide about church membership prior to joining the confirmation class. In fact, we would prefer that they come with an open mind - ready to explore the issues and learn more, but waiting to make their final decision about membership until they have taken part in the class.

Confirmation classes will be held on Sunday evenings, May 1, 8, 15, 22 from 6:00-7:30PM. We will have a snack supper and fellowship during this time. After these classes, students are invited, but not pressured, to make their personal decisions about membership. The Confirmation Service is on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Pastor Jeffery Hall and Jonnye Cartmill will be leading these classes. They are open to all middle-high school students.

Contact [Jonnye.cartmill@gmail.com](mailto:Jonnye.cartmill@gmail.com)

*belong*

*grow*

*serve*

## Kindred Spirits

We hope you can join us for our April “mini-review” meeting on April 13, 7PM, in the Art Gallery. Sharon Armstrong will review *Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage*, by Alfred Lansing—a tale of British explorer Ernest Shackleton’s 1914 attempt to reach the South Pole. In addition, Judy Schwarz will review *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict—a story of J. P. Morgan’s librarian. You do not have to read either book before our meeting.



### Shower Ministry – Spring for Gift Cards!

During March and April, we will be collecting Subway and Pizza My Heart gift cards in the amount of \$15/each.

Easy - just purchase online or when you are in town.  
Either drop them in the Sunday offering plate, or in the church office.

*Thank you for thinking of our  
un-housed neighbors*



**Gift Stitchers** have resumed meeting! We are a group of crafters who meet while making gifts of support. Examples of past gifts are afghans and caps for newborns. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome. We can help with supplies, patterns, and even teaching. We meet the first and third Tuesday each month at the church from 12:30 to 2PM. Anyone with questions can call Judy Petrokas, 408.930.2162.

Our upcoming meetings: April 5 & 19



# Outreach

Thank you all so much for the financial donations and the socks, diapers and underwear. I delivered 666 diapers in various sizes, 63 pairs of socks and 123 pieces of underwear to the Family Shelter this morning. Your donations and monetary gifts were greatly appreciated.

~ Ursula and the Outreach Team

### SEE a Healthy Spring!



Spring has sprung, and with that, more opportunities to get outside and improve your health while doing so! **SEE** a healthy spring with these three tips: **S**leep – Our sleep needs change as we age. Aim for 7 – 9 hours of sleep a night. It could help improve physical and mental sharpness, and also ward off immune diseases like a cold.

**E**xercise – At least 30 minutes of moderate activity 5 days a week, and 2 days of muscle strengthening activities could improve your overall health and fitness and ward of chronic diseases

**E**at – Swap out refined grains for whole grains, poultry and seafood for red meat, and deserts for fresh fruit. Consider making half your plate vegetables and the rest a lean protein.

If you need ideas on how to get started with any of these goals, please feel free to contact marcelle.dougan@lgumc.org or telephone 908.347.4687.

*Brought to you by the Health and Visitation Ministry*



**SPRING CLEANING FUNDRAISER**

**::We Are Collecting::**

**\*\*LAST DAY TO DONATE IS MAY 10**

**Clothes:**  
men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

**Household Textiles:**  
bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc



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Students seeking financial assistance for college expenses are invited to apply for the Hunter/Frye/UMW scholarship. The fund is from endowments for Ruth Dick Hunter and Florence Frye, two women who were interested in youth education and who were active in the life of our church. Additional money is also donated by our United Methodist Women. The fund was established to acknowledge the academic achievement of applicants as well as active participation and service to our church, their school, or community.

Application forms for the Hunter/Frye/UMW Scholarship are available in the narthex and in the church office. The deadline for all documents is Thursday, May 19, 2022, by 3PM. Students may also call the office, 408.354.4730, for an emailed form. Questions? Call Jean Mundell, 408.358.2069.



**UMCOR**

Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

UMCOR is the best way for United Methodists to support Ukraine right now. Advance #982450.

As you know, all of the funds received by UMCOR go directly to aid and relief.

Go to: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/> to give support through UMCOR.

Ready to resume in-person meetings?  
Reserve your rooms now!

Contact  
[marylou.abrahamson@lgumc](mailto:marylou.abrahamson@lgumc) to reserve rooms, or on-line at our website, [lgumc.org](http://lgumc.org).



# Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with Easter flowers. The Sanctuary will again be decorated with potted flowers on Easter Sunday. Each potted plant can be purchased for a donation of \$15 either in memory or in honor of an individual. Send the information and payment to the office by Sunday, April 10. You can make arrangements with the Church Office to pick up your flowers and those flowers left will be sent to a shut-in or the senior program at the church.

## **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS APRIL 10.**

*Print the name(s) as you wish them to appear in the Easter Bulletin. Please print legibly:*

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF PLANTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to LGUMC and indicate "flowers" in subject line).

You may place this form in the offering plate or mail to the church office, 111 Church St., Los Gatos, CA 95030. Or email [marylou.abrahamson@lgumc.org](mailto:marylou.abrahamson@lgumc.org) with your request.





## Office Hours:

10AM—3PM

Friday - Closed

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In observance of the holiday, the Church  
Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 15.

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## Our Mission

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

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



**Sr. Pastor**  
Pastor Jeffrey D. Hall

Please join us for in-person  
Sunday Worship  
10AM  
or online at  
[lgumc.org](http://lgumc.org), Facebook or YouTube



Find out more about our Ministries!  
Go to [www.LGUMC.org](http://www.LGUMC.org)



*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.