



from Pastor Jeffrey

Dear Friends,

This is the time of year when we think of graduation. We think of our sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, nieces and nephews graduating high school or college. Perhaps we know of parents or even grandparents graduating from college later in life. No matter the age, the air on graduation day is thick with hope and possibility.

I think of our son's graduation from Cal-Poly Pomona only a handful of years ago. We were told if we wanted a seat, we would have to arrive at least two hours early.

"Two hours!" I exclaimed.

"Yep, two hours."

"Well, does that at least include time to find a parking spot?" I groused.

"Nope," my great conversationalist replied.

My mind started going through worst case scenarios. Maybe your mind works like this too sometimes? Mark Twain was right, you know, when he said: "My life was made up of terrible misfortune, most of which never happened."

I imagined driving around in circles looking for said coveted parking spot. Then, once parked, having to walk three blistering miles with a shred of hope of finding just the right place to meet some family who were also there for the event. Thank God for text messaging – at least on that day. My mind went on to the ordeal of "saving seats." Most everyone knows about this firsthand, that is spreading random articles of clothing out across several seats to save them for arriving family and friends.

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“Are those seats taken?”

“Yes,” I would say, “they’re going to be here any minute.” (All the while thinking, “Where the hell are they!”)

By the way, you don’t make many friends being a “seat saver.” If you doubt me, try it the next time you are at the movie theater, concert, or other event.

Of course, the chairs are not all that comfortable, at least not for sitting in the heat of the midday sun in Southern California. They were those white folding “event chairs,” much like you would sit in at a wedding or in Church Fellowship Halls across the country. The kind of plastic chair that gets so hot in the sun it’s sure to sear any exposed skin.

The event was to begin at 3:00 p.m. We arrived shortly after 1 o’clock, parked illegally in the furthest possible parking structure, and eventually found and saved the necessary seats. Family members arrived. I examined the Program closely, straining my eyes to see the exceptionally small font. Because I was told each name in the Program was going to be read, I decided to count the names – there was over one thousand listed!

“O God,” I sighed, “this is going to take forever.”

At a certain point, I realized my wife was right. I *should have* put sunscreen on my head. I promised myself to listen to her next time. And I do listen to her – most of the time.

So, I sat there as name, after name, after name was read.

With a charitable heart, I thought to myself: “This person is somebody’s son; another, somebody’s daughter; another, somebody’s grandson or granddaughter.” Of course, I was listening for one name – one name among a thousand – as was every other person in the audience suffering sunburn that day.

As each name was read, I heard lots of applause and watched faces beam with pride.

As each name was read, the air grew thicker and thicker with hope and possibility.

Finally, I heard the name I was listening for: Zachary Michael Hall (aka: Ned). It’s hard to put into words what it feels like seeing someone you love like no other person on the planet reach their goal and graduate from college, but I want you to know it was worth every bead of sweat.

Congratulations to all graduates, as well as their families and friends whose love and support, no doubt, make possible such accomplishments. May the air on your graduation day be thick with hope and possibility.

Grace and Peace,
Jeffrey

June 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, June 5, 10AM
Traditional Worship Service
with Holy Communion
Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation
Joyce Rhodes, Organ

Scriptures
Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sermon
The Spirit Sends Us
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



Sunday, June 12, 10AM
Traditional Worship Service
Trinity Sunday
Joyce Rhodes, Organ

Guest Speaker
Julie Ankenbrandt

Liturgist
Toni Kent

Sunday, June 19, 10AM
Contemporary Worship Service
2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day
Open House Praise Band

Scriptures
Psalm 42, Luke 8:26-39

Sermon
Our Help, and Our Hope
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching



Sunday, June 26, 10AM
Traditional Worship Service
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Joyce Rhodes, Organ

Scriptures
Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Sermon
Guided By the Spirit
Rev. Jeffrey D. Hall, Preaching

**In-person Service
10AM, every Sunday
or on-line at lgumc.org, LGUMC Facebook
page, or Los Gatos UMC YouTube**



Confirmation

Students completed four Sunday evenings, enjoying snack suppers/fellowship, lessons about what it means to make a public commitment to live out their baptismal covenant.

We have eight confirmands to be confirmed on two Sunday's:

Sunday, May 29

Grace Calfee

Parents or Guardians:
Beth & Gary Calfee
Sponsor: Rev. Dave Wolf

Marcella Calfee

Parents or Guardians:
Beth & Gary Calfee
Sponsor: Jonnye Cartmill

Alexis Ramirez-Bennet

Parents or Guardians:
Kasey Rice
Sponsor: Kim Dallas

Josiah Rice

Parents or Guardians:
Kasey Rice
Sponsor: Erik Eastland

Sunday, June 5

Kaelen Dougan

Parents or Guardians:
Gary & Marcelle Dougan
Sponsor: Adam Dallas

Keiren Dougan

Parents or Guardians:
Gary & Marcelle Dougan
Sponsor: Adam Dallas

Lucas Saucedo

Parents or Guardians:
Kimberly & Carlos Saucedo
Sponsor: Pete Taylor

Elias Winston Garcia-Weber

Parents or Guardians:
Jeananne Weber & Oscar Garcia
Sponsor: Phyllis Weber

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,
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OUR GRADUATES

LEIGH EVANS, daughter of Doug & Mary Beth Evans, will be graduating from Leigh High School in June and going to Long Beach State University.

GRANT JONES, son of Laurie Jones, graduated Cum Laude from the University of Miami, Miami Florida, with a Bachelors of Science, Finance and Accounting. He will be moving to NYC in July to begin a career with Citi Corporation as a Private Banking Analyst.

ZACHARY PARSONS, grandson of Mary Lou Abrahamson, will be graduating from Eagle High School and attending Boise State University.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES
AND OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!**

HUNTER/FRYE/UMW* SCHOLARSHIP

Two students have qualified for grants this year -- Kelly and Leigh Evans, children of Doug and Mary Beth Evans. Both have done well academically, and have been active in service to school and church.

KELLY EVANS graduated from Leigh High School in 2020, but his plan to attend Boise State was sidelined by the pandemic and resulting lockdown, so he chose to attend San Jose City College last year and this year. He hopes to transfer eventually to a four-year college, majoring in business.

LEIGH EVANS is a 2022 graduate of Leigh High School, and plans to attend Long Beach State University as a major in Digital Communications -- an area that is so influential in this era of electronic communication and data storage.

Both Kelly and Leigh have been active in sports and campus beautification at their respective schools, and took part in church attendance and Sierra Service Projects. Their GPAs were 3.796 and 3.92.

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Kindred Spirits

Please join us June 8, 7PM, in the *Fireside Room* as we discuss *The Island of Sea Women*, by Lisa See. This historical novel is the story of the friendship between two girls who reside on the Korean island of Jeju, where female divers have created a society as breadwinners of the family. The story alternates in time from 2008 back to 1938 and the Japanese occupation of Korea. Over time when their lives change with both marriage and the harshness of the occupation, the friends become parted. Told with the backdrop of both World War II and the Korean War, the story explores the themes of female friendship, betrayal and forgiveness.



TECHNICIANS NEEDED!

We are in need of people willing to learn and join our team of Sunday technicians. We will train you!

Contact Pam Parisi, parisipamela@yahoo.com



Join the Flower Committee

If you would like to learn more about being part of the LGUMC Flower Committee, please come to an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We will do a small floral design activity, have light refreshments, and discuss how you could help with altar flowers. The meeting will be on Thursday, June 16, 2-4PM, at Patty Kasper's home.

If you can join us, please contact Patty by email, pkasperassoc@batnet.com, or 408.623.2372.

CHANCEL FLOOR REFINISHING

We are planning to refinish the chancel floor this summer. A bid has been accepted from a flooring contractor and work has been scheduled for June 27-July 9. If you would like to donate to this project, then please write a check with the "Building Fund-Chancel Floor" in the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Glenn Stansbury.

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Food Production and its Impacts on Public Health and the Environment

Join Dr. Jennifer Hartle

Sunday, June 12 11:30AM - 1:30PM

**Los Gatos United Methodist Church
Fireside Room
111 Church Street, Los Gatos**



Impact of Agriculture, including meat production

- Land, water, soil contamination
- Pesticide drift
- Desertification, dead zones, groundwater overdraft

Impact of Food Waste

- Food production requires a lot of energy and water
- Over a third of food produced is wasted
- Third largest greenhouse gas emitter
- SB 1000 legislation



Impact of Food Packaging

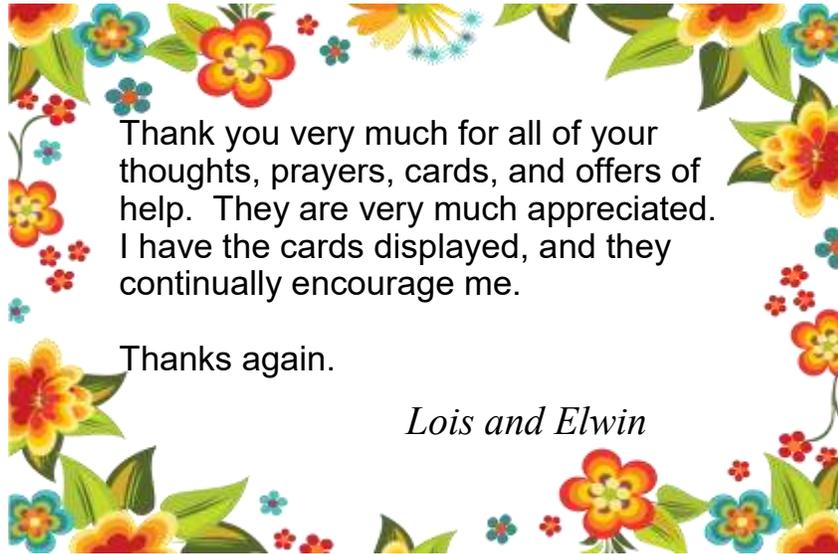
- Single use
- Plastic pollution
- California legislation November 2022

To sign up, email: seminars@lgumc.org

Or Call 669-250-2195

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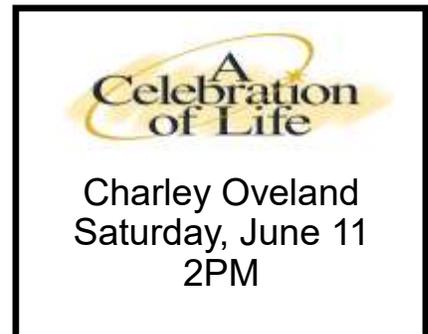
IN OUR PRAYERS

~ 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, Lois Stocking,
The Homeless, Our First Responders,
Families of victims of Robb Elementary School,
Prayers of Peace for all people and all countries.

~ In Memoriam ~

Lloyd Grant



Tuesday, June 21



Sunday, June 19



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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."*



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Pastor Jeffrey D. Hall

Please join us for in-person
Sunday Worship
10AM
or online at
lgumc.org, Facebook or YouTube



Find out more about our Ministries!
Go to 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.