

The Lexington United Methodist Church

an inclusive and reconciling United Methodist Congregation

Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Study...

Hello Good-bye ... Hello

The time has come for the "passing of the mantle." Has it really been ten years since we said **Hello!** to each other? I have new appreciation for the saying "*Time flies when you're having fun!*" During these last few weeks, as I have been packing books and file folders and three ring binders, I have relived much of our ten years of mutual ministry. How I give thanks for the ministries and mission that we have realized during this past decade. We have laughed together; wept in joy and in sorrow; taken Gospel risks; agreed to disagree; sung and prayed and kept silence; read and interpreted the Word; struggled and acted upon significant social justice issues; wrestled with theology; and experienced the awe of Jesus' grace and God's love and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Now, it is time to say **Good-bye**. I am reminded of Elijah and Elisha and how, as Elijah prepared to leave, Elisha took the mantle that Elijah left during departure. (Trust me, I will not leave in a chariot of fire!!) But I would like to leave my Lexington UMC "mantle" or rainbow stole on the altar for Rev. Hope Luckie so that when she arrives, she may wear the stole and inherit "a double share" of the spirit that I have known here at LUMC. I hope that you will be in worship on Sunday, June 19th when I leave my mantle on the altar as well as on Sunday, July 3rd when Hope will receive the mantle as part of her welcome to her new church home.

You and I must both ready ourselves to say **Hello!** I know that you will greet Hope with generous hospitality. And I am looking forward to the welcome that awaits me at Holy Trinity UMC in Danvers, MA. There, the Staff Parish Committee is cleaning the Pastor's Study, shampooing the carpet and putting out the welcome mat for Jay and me.

Joyce Rupp has helped me name a metaphor for this whole process of leave-taking and anticipated-arrival. In her book *Praying Our Good-byes*, she writes about homesick cranes as a symbol of that place within us that is our "pilgrim heart."

It is that part of us that is never home, that is always stretching and yearning to be home but knows that we have not yet arrived. Ultimately, our home is when we are one with God. We travel on the journey throughout this life and the road markers along the way keep saying **Hello and Good-bye**. And each time we recognize the groaning and the yearning of our spirits and realize that we are homeward bound.

Homesick as I am, I take your love and strong spirit with me on the next leg of the journey. May you continue to be inspired by the Spirit, molded by God's love and gifted with Christ's grace. And thank you! Thank you for the decade of ministry and memories that I will always treasure.

Always in Christ,

Rev. Susan

Rev. Susan J. Morrison

Like a flock of homesick cranes
flying night and day back to
their mountain nest, let all my
life take its voyage to its eternal
home in one salutation to thee.

- Rabindranath Tagore



June Worship 2005

June 5

(* See additional notes on this page)

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Word and Table

9:15 Praise Music; 9:30 Worship

Since Rev. Susan will be in Findlay, Ohio this weekend, officiating at Ben Beckwith and Andrea Laux's wedding, Rev. Cynthia Good will be the guest preacher and will preside at Holy Communion. Her Gospel text is Matthew 9: 9 - 13, 18 - 26, the lectionary reading for this third Sunday after Pentecost.

June 12

Children/Youth/Senior Sunday

9:15 Praise Music; 9:30 Worship

On this fourth Sunday after Pentecost, we will honor the children and youth from Lexington UMC who will also lead the worship service. The scripture lessons will be from Genesis 18:1 - 15, Psalm 116, Romans 5:1 - 8 and Matthew 9:35 - 10:8. All those who contribute to our Christian Education ministry will be honored during the service.

The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.

Following worship, we will celebrate Dan Roihl's music ministry! Although he will not be departing until July 10, we want to thank him for his many gifts as Choir Director and Organist and Children's Choir Director before people leave for summer vacations.

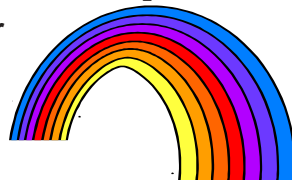
June 19

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Susan's Farewell Worship Service at LUMC

9:15 Praise Music; 9:30 Worship

You are encouraged to wear your LUMC rainbow stole!



Using scripture texts from Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 9; Philippians 3: 12 - 16, 4: 4 - 9 and John 13: 34 - 35, Rev. Susan's sermon topic is a paraphrase of a line taken from *A History of Quinzani's Bakery* - "Hard Work (and Prayer) are the Yeast that Raises the Dough."

Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service. A Liturgy of Farewell will include Rev. Susan placing her LUMC stole on the altar in anticipation of the arrival of Rev. Hope Luckie in July.

June 26

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 Praise Music; 9:30 Worship

Rev. Christine Elliott, friend and colleague of Rev. Susan, will be the guest preacher. Her scripture readings will be from Psalm 46: Hebrews 13:6 - 8; and Matthew 9:14 - 17. Her sermon topic is *Cross Roads*.

Christine is currently employed as a Protective Services worker at Minuteman Senior Services in Burlington.

* June 5 Additional Notes: LUMC will be Picketed

On Sunday, June 5, Fred Phelps and family members of the Westboro Baptist Church from Topeka, Kansas will picket Lexington UMC from 9:00 - 9:30 am. We are one of five houses of worship that this extremist group will picket on Sunday morning. They are known for their hateful messages which are anti semitic, anti gay, anti Catholic and racist. They carry offensive, graphic signs and shout obscenities. There will be police protection as well as a silent demonstration from a "shield of loving kindness" comprised of members from all of the interfaith communities in town. Rev. Cynthia Good and Keith Herndon, our lay leader, will greet congregants as they arrive at the parking lot door. There will be no disruption of our worship service. **Everyone is encouraged to make an extra effort to come to worship on this Sunday as a witness to our inclusive and reconciling status.**

Baptism to be celebrated June 12

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, June 12. Please speak to Rev. Susan if you are interested in baptism.

Non Violent Witness planned for June 4-5th Weekend

Fred Phelps and family members of the Westboro Baptist Church from Topeka, Kansas are planning to picket a number of Lexington sites the weekend of June 4. This relatively small group of a dozen or so adults and children, carry a message of hate wherever they go. Their anti semitic, anti gay, anti Catholic, and racist signs and vocal taunts draw media attention. Because they will picket at St. Brigid's on Saturday at 4:30 pm and on Sunday at Lexington UMC (9:00 am), Hancock UCC and Redeemer Episcopal (9:30 am), First Baptist (10:00 am) and St. Brigid's (11:00 am), the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association has met and planned a silent witness at each of these houses of worship. Each temple or church or faith community is asked to have at least five members participate in this peaceful witness of unity. Would you like to represent Lexington UMC?

If you would like to be part of the non violent, silent demonstration, joining other members of faith communities in town, it is required that you attend one of the Non Violent Trainings. Only those who have attended the trainings will be able to be part of the "shield of loving kindness" that will stand together at the various churches where the picketers will be. The trainings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm at Pilgrim UCC and Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 pm at Temple Isaiah.

Those who have received the non violent, non engagement training, will gather at our church in Martin Hall on Sunday, June 5 at 8:30 am for prayer and a time of centering before beginning the 9:00 am witness at Lexington UMC. The silent demonstrators will then move on to the other houses of worship where Fred Phelps' group will be picketing.

The Westboro Baptist Church group also plans to picket the Lexington High School graduation at Tsongas Arena on Sunday afternoon, June 5 and the Estabrook Elementary School on Monday morning, June 6. The Lexington police have asked that there be no demonstrations at these two events. There will be a police presence for the safety and protection of everyone.

If you have concerns or questions, please call Rev. Susan at the church. As we live out our Gospel message of inclusive love, let us pray for those who are unable to tolerate differences and who espouse hate instead of acceptance and love.

Save the Date to Celebrate!

June 19 - Rev. Susan Morrison's Farewell Worship and Dinner

Please join us on Sunday, June 19 for a special day of celebration. After 10 years of faithful service, Rev. Susan and Jay Morrison will be leaving LUMC as Rev. Susan's new appointment at Holy Trinity UMC in Danvers, MA will begin on July 1. A special worship service is being planned for her final sermon from our pulpit, and will be held at our regular time (9:15 am Praise Music, 9:30 am Worship).

At 5:30 pm that evening, we will have a celebration dinner in Martin Hall. Please bring your family and your memories as we share a meal together and reminisce with Susan and Jay about our journey over the past 10 years. Signup sheets will be available at the church over the next two weeks, or you may call Allyson in the office to let her know you will be coming.

Come and celebrate – for we have truly been blessed to have Rev. Susan with us these past 10 years!



Annual Church Planning Event

June 8, 7:00 pm

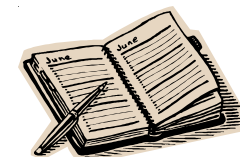
Every year in June we gather together and plan for the upcoming church year. Everyone's input is welcome as we think about where we want to focus our energy and resources. This past year we decided we would focus on committee excellence, creating LUMC's future, and spiritual renewal.

Have we been faithful to our understanding of the gospel? Should we continue what we are doing? Are we doing enough or too much? What social justice issues do we need to work on? Which direction do we want to travel with our new pastor? Will the spirit lead us in new and different directions? These questions are too important for just a few people to decide.

Please consider donating a few hours of your time with your church family during this month's Administrative Council meeting to plan for next year. Our new pastor, Rev. Hope Luckie will be there.

Come one come all!

- Julie Barnette



Rev. Sang Yean Cho Comes to St. John's Korean United Methodist Church

As of July 1, St. John's will welcome Rev. Sang Yean Cho as pastor. Rev. Cho is the editor of the *United Methodist Korean Program Journal* at UMCOM, a general agency of The United Methodist Church. He was ordained as elder in the Tennessee Annual Conference in 1993 and holds a D. Min. from Vanderbilt University (1987).

Rev. Cho currently lives in Nashville where his wife, Geumhee Kang Cho, works as a bilingual assistant at the General Board of Discipleship and his son, Joseph, attends seventh grade.

Rev. Rha Retirement Celebration

St. John's Korean UMC invites friends and members of Lexington UMC to a retirement party to celebrate Rev. Rha's 45 years of faithful service to the United Methodist Church. The celebration will be held at the church on Sunday, June 12 at 5:00 pm.

Rev. Hope Luckie on Wanakee Staff in August

Rev. Hope Luckie will be participating in Harry Potter Camp at Wanakee this summer. Wanakee describes the camp as:

Wizards, Magic, and Christ???? Harry Potter and his friends act in Christ-like ways. Find out what we can learn about Jesus Christ from the Harry Potter series. We will watch a Harry Potter movie(s) and discuss the books to deepen your faith. Enjoy the typical Wanakee activities, but with a twist of Harry Potter thrown in.

The dates are August 7 - 13, 2005 for children who have completed grades 4 through 6. The cost is \$265. For more information, contact Wanakee at 603-279-7950 or www.wanakee.org. Wanakee is located in Meredith, NH.



Revised 2005 Budget included in this Newsletter

At the May 11 Administrative Council meeting, a revised 2005 budget was passed. It is included on pages 7 and 8 in this newsletter. If you have questions, contact Keith Herndon, chairperson of Finance Committee at Keith.Herndon@fmr.com.

Lay Leadership Report attached to the Newsletter

Church leaders, committee chairpersons and committee members were elected for the 2005 - 06 program year at the recent Administrative Council meeting. The report is attached. If you would like to serve on one of the church committees, contact the chairperson of that committee. New hands and hearts are always welcome!

This year's Lay Leadership Committee included: Bob Rings, Keith Herndon, Louise Kreutziger, Helen Einstein (vice chairperson) and Rev. Susan Morrison (chairperson).

Finance Corner

Total 2005 receipts to LUMC through 4/30/05:

\$ 95,369

Total 2005 expenditures by LUMC through 4/30/05:

\$ 85,903

Total 2005 expenditures budgeted through 4/30/05:

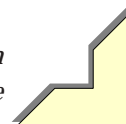
\$ 86,064

Revenues are still running ahead of expenses for the year.

The revised 2005 budget was passed by Administrative Council on May 11. It is included in this newsletter for your review. You should know that there are many people that reviewed this new budget in careful detail and made sure that nothing was being spent in a casual manner. We try to be very conscientious in our stewardship of church assets.

Thanks again for everything.

-Keith Herndon
Chair, Finance Committee



REACHING OUT. . .

OUTREACH AWARD GRANTS

Your Outreach Committee continues to judiciously award grants to deserving organizations evaluating each organization using Charity Navigator, American Institute of Philanthropy, etc. At our last meeting, we made \$75 grants to the following organizations.

- America's Second Harvest
- Bread for the World
- Children's Defense Fund
- Christian Peacemaking Teams
- Corporate Accountability International
- Foundation for International Credit Assistance

Word from Equal Exchange that arrived this month was "2004 was another strong year for Equal Exchange with sales climbing 28% to 16.6 million. While all sectors grew substantially, the Interfaith Program continued its remarkable trajectory growing by 68% and accounting for over a quarter of all Equal Exchange sales." No church has had a greater impact on this issue than little LUMC.

Did you know that of each \$1 spent at a supermarket, 9 cents goes to the people producing the food? At farmers markets, 80-90 cents stays with the farmer. Please shop farmers markets.

By Bob and Linda Miner,
Outreach co-chairpersons

OTHER LOCAL OUTREACH

Allyson Printz comments, "In reading the outreach article about local outreach, it occurred to me to mention that the church building is host to an AA group that meets weekly (they contribute \$5 – 10 per week to the church), several local scout troops that meet regularly (no charge) and an English language tutor and her pupil that come on Fridays (no charge)."

NICARAGUAN FIESTA ROUSING SUCCESS

There was delicious food, colorful decor, Latin music and a great Piñata full of yummy candy.

However, our Nicaraguan Fiesta on Saturday evening, May 21, was a rousing success thanks to the devotion and hard work of Bill Santelmann and Don Walker. Don took six hours of video in Nicaragua and he and Bill edited it down to a 35-minute presentation shown in the Sanctuary after

supper. It portrayed all the beautiful people of La Borgoña and what your money is spent on when you contribute to this outreach project. The smiling, proud faces of those who attend school and those who graduated are full of hope and thanks - to you! Bill will make a free DVD available for you if you did not get to see it, or if you would just like to have one to keep.

Our fund-raising goal for La Borgoña this year is \$16,000. This will provide scholarships for our college students and high school students, and fund the sewing program, doctor visits and give \$.75 a month per child to the preschool and elementary school. Over the next few weeks we will have a graphic illustration of how we are doing with this fund-raising for you to see.

Please consider an annual pledge, or if you would rather, a one time contribution. Remember, \$10 per month pays for a student's high school fee, \$70 a month supports a college student, \$65 a month pays the sewing teacher, \$225 a month pays for visits from two doctors and \$3.00 a month helps provide for four elementary students.

It would be amazing and a true blessing to have every member of this congregation support this mission in some way - no matter how large or small. Every penny counts! (There is a pledge form on page 6).

Linda Rings,
Chairperson, Nicaragua Covenant Committee

Editor's note:

Although I have never visited La Borgoña, I have edited video taken on three separate visits by LUMC members, beginning with that taken by our Rev. David Myers about 12 years ago. I have observed during all three video visits something about the nature of these Nicaraguans that I find quite remarkable.

By our north-American standards, they have nothing! Look at their homes, their kitchens, their possessions! All they have is each other. And yet they seem happy, even exuberant! How can that be without possessions? Do they know something that we don't?

For the Outreach Committee by Bill Santelmann

If you have not made your pledge for 2005-06 and wish to do so, please complete this form and send it to: Lexington UMC, Attn: Nicaragua Fund Drive, 2600 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA, 02421-6718.

LA BORGOÑA GIFT / PLEDGE FORM

Yes! I want to support our work with our brothers and sisters in La Borgoña, Nicaragua!

Enclosed is my special gift of \$_____

I will give \$_____ every month

every quarter

over the Nicaragua pledge year, 7/1/2005 ~ 6/30/2006

LUMC



La Borgoña

Please write your checks to LUMC and indicate "Nicaragua 2005-6" in the memo space to avoid confusion with pledges you may still be paying for a previous year.

Your name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail (optional): _____

Comments or questions: _____

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FOR YOUR RECORDS

Please mail it to the Church office, and keep the copy below for your records as a reminder:

Yes! I want to support our work with our brothers and sisters in La Borgoña, Nicaragua!

Enclosed is my special gift of \$_____

I will give \$_____ every month

every quarter

over the Nicaragua pledge year, 7/1/2005 ~ 6/30/2006

Please write your checks to LUMC and indicate "Nicaragua 2005-6" in the memo space to avoid confusion with pledges you may still be paying for a previous year.

Thank you!

Your Nicaragua Committee

Lexington UMC Budget 2005 - Revised

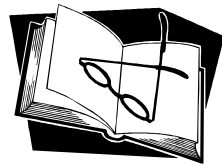
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	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2005 Revised
PASTOR'S SALARY				
Salary	55,270	55,788	55,270	49,395
TOTAL	55,270	55,788	55,270	49,395
STAFF & SUPPORT				
Music Director	9,667	11,804		
Organist/Accompanist	9,667	7,696	2,844	2,844
Organist/Music Director Total	19,334	19,500	16,500	16,500
Office Administrator	15,915	17,663	17,170	17,170
Pulpit Supply	150	250	150	150
Christian Ed Director	8,946	8,931	9,200	9,200
Youth Coordinator	0	0	0	0
Intern	1,000	500	1,000	1,000
Children/Youth Choir Dir.	1,633	1,123	1,700	1,700
Social Security	3,648	4,118	3,800	3,800
Worker's Compensation	312	513	500	500
Health Insurance	12,663	11,703	12,900	12,900
Pastor Health Ins. Copay	480	480	480	480
TOTAL	64,081	64,782	63,400	63,400
MISSION SHARES (CONFERENCE)				
World Service / Benevolence	13,886	13,886	10,752	10,752
General Conf Benevolence	826	826	977	977
Ministerial Support	29,893	29,893	30,300	30,300
Administration	6,652	6,652	6,842	6,842
TOTAL	51,257	51,257	48,871	48,871
LUMC MISSIONS				
Safe Havens	250	250	250	250
Reconciling Ministries	250	500	300	300
Respecting Differences	100	100	100	100
TOTAL	600	850	650	650
PARSONAGE EXPENSES				
Water	800	533	600	600
Electricity	0	0	0	0
Fuel Oil	0	0	0	0
Propane	0	176	150	150
Telephone	0	143	0	0
Maintenance	1,000	922	1,000	1,000
Insurance	750	636	900	900
Contributions to Cap. Fund	3,000	3,000	10,000	1,000
Refurbish Parsonage	0	0	0	0
Moving & Storage Expense	0	0	0	3,000
Pastor Luckie Housing				12,600
TOTAL	5,550	5,409	12,650	19,250
CHURCH EXPENSES				
Lexington UMC Corp	40,810	49,555	55,000	55,000
Roof Repair				2,000
Office Expense & Postage	3,800	3,912	3,800	3,800
New Computer & Office Furniture				1,500
Telephone	1,700	1,881	1,700	1,700
TOTAL	46,310	55,348	60,500	64,000

Lexington UMC Budget 2005 - Revised (continued)

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2005 Revised
WORK AREAS, PROGRAMS				
Youth Group	150	0	150	150
Christian Education	3,500	1,878	2,500	2,500
Worship	550	158	500	500
Music	3,800	4,112	2,150	2,150
Children's Choir	250	91	200	200
Fellowship/Hospitality	100	0	100	100
Outreach	750	500	1,000	1,000
Stewardship	750	500	750	750
Adult Education	50	0	100	100
Financial Secretary	300	129	300	300
Treasurer	300	223	300	300
Membership Cultivation	50	113	100	100
Communications Ministry	1,500	1,016	1,500	1,500
Administrative Council	0	35	0	0
TOTAL	12,050	8,755	9,650	9,650
TOTAL	235,118	242,190	250,991	255,216
Direct Missions/Special Off		40,739		
Designated Funds/Reimbursement		12,193		
GRAND TOTALS		295,122		
NOTE: TOTAL MISSIONS SPENDING		41,589		
BUDGET INCOME				
Gross Pledges	165,609		186,208	186,208
Pledges Received in Prior Yr	<u>(12,692)</u>		<u>(13,400)</u>	<u>(13,400)</u>
Pledges	152,917	144,238	172,808	172,808
Prev Year Pledges	5,500	3,397	3,400	3,400
Next Year Pledges	13,000	13,400	13,000	13,000
Loose Plate & Gifts	3,000	3,968	2,000	2,000
Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas	5,500	4,511	4,000	4,000
Methodist Weekday School	35,358	41,376	36,041	36,041
Fund Raising	3,000	3,280	3,000	3,000
Parsonage Rental Net	16,350	21,546	17,400	21,000
Special One-Time Gift	0	0	0	0
Expend. from Operating Bal.				
TOTAL	234,625	235,717	251,649	255,249
Direct Missions/Special Off		36,997		
Designated Funds/Reimbursement		33,331		
GRAND TOTALS		306,045		
(Shortfall)/Surplus	(493)	(6,473)	658	33
(Shortfall)/Surplus		10,923		
- Inc. Direct Mission/Desig. Funds				
Operating Balance (01 Jan.)				
PARSONAGE RENTAL EXPENSES				
Property Tax	5,600	0	0	
Realtor's Service Fee	900	900	900	900
Pastor's Gift	7,200	7,200	7,200	3,600
Yard Care	1,150	1,554	1,500	1,500
Gift to Lexington UMC Corp			3,000	3,000
TOTAL	14,850	9,654	12,600	9,000
PARSONAGE RENTAL INCOME				
Rent	31,200	31,200	30,000	30,000
Net to LUMC BUDGET	16,350	21,546	17,400	21,000
Note: Security Deposit		8		

Adult Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning 11th Hour

This year's concluding 11th Hour Adult Study will take place on Sunday, June 5 when members of the congregation will have the opportunity to debrief and talk about the protest events of the morning. Those who experienced the picketing by Fred Phelps and the silent, non-violent witness of the Interfaith Lexington community are invited to share feelings and thoughts from 11:00 am - noon in the library. Rev. Cynthia Good and Keith Herndon will facilitate the conversation.

May 22 Baptism

Rev. Susan Morrison baptized Quinlan Breton Brunelle on May 22, 2005. His parents are Kristina Brown Brunelle and Dale Brunelle.



(l-r): Lawrence and Charlotte Wojcik (Godparents), Quinlan Brunelle, Rev. Susan Morrison, Kristina and Dale Brunelle

Summer Concert Series

12 Noon on Fridays First Parish in Lexington

June 3 Esprit de Cor, multiple French horns (Mahler, Wiggins, Gabrieli, Wagner, Marshal)

June 10 Carolyn Kingston, soprano, Diana Cole, mezzo-soprano, Thomas Stumpf, piano, *Puttin' On The Ritz* (Cole Porter, George Gershwin)

June 17 Lexington Sinfonietta Chamber Players (Ravel - Introduction and Allegro, Debussy - Sonate, Mozart - Clarinet Quintet)

June 24 Duo Con Anima: Fern Abrams, Joan Garniss, duo-piano. *Russian Images: Music of Arensky, Prokofieff, and Shostakovich*



LUMC Book Club Summer Read

Summertime is a great time to read a good book! *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon is the Book Group's choice for its September 12 meeting. The book is the interesting tale of an autistic 15 year old who solves a murder mystery of sorts. The following is a review from Amazon.com (Jack Illingworth).



"Mark Haddon's bitterly funny debut novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, is a murder mystery of sorts—one told by an autistic version of Adrian Mole. Fifteen-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone is mathematically gifted and socially hopeless, raised in a working-class home by parents who can barely cope with their child's quirks. He takes everything that he sees (or is told) at face value, and is unable to sort out the strange behavior of his elders and peers.

Late one night, Christopher comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork. Wellington's owner finds him cradling her dead dog in his arms, and has him arrested. After spending a night in jail, Christopher resolves—against the objection of his father and neighbors—to discover just who has murdered Wellington. He is encouraged by Siobhan, a social worker at his school, to write a book about his investigations, and the result—quirkily illustrated, with each chapter given its own prime number—is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

Haddon's novel is a startling performance. This is the sort of book that could turn condescending, or exploitative, or overly sentimental, or grossly tasteless very easily, but Haddon navigates those dangers with a sureness of touch that is extremely rare among first-time novelists. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is original, clever, and genuinely moving: this one is a must-read."

July/August Newsletter
Articles due
Monday, June 20, 2005

Christian Education News

June Godly Play

- June 5 Preparation for Children/ Youth/Senior Sunday
- June 12 Children/Youth/Senior Sunday
- June 19 NO GODLY PLAY CLASS (Rev. Susan's last Sunday)
- June 26 Summer Sunday School Begins

This June, our children will be busy writing prayers and practicing songs in preparation for Children/Youth/Senior Sunday on June 12, 2005! Make sure your children are a part of this great learning experience of faith and fun in Jesus Christ! Give your child the gift of *Godly Play*!

Summer Sunday School



Summer Sunday School begins June 26, 2005 and the Christian Education Committee is currently recruiting teachers. Our Summer Sunday School class is scheduled during the 9:30 am service and consists of ages K – 6. Please contact Andrea (lauxaj@yahoo.com) or sign up with Lara Anthony or Becky Linton during Sunday's Fellowship Time if you are available to teach our children for a Sunday this summer!

Thank you in advance for your continued commitment and dedication to the education of our children here at LUMC!

Youth News

There will be NO Youth Sunday School in June.

Children/Youth/Senior Sunday is June 12, 2005!

Youth should be at the church at **8:30 am** for practice before the service. Come join us for our special Sunday of Faith and Fun!

Letters, Notes, Emails



Friends at LUMC:

We would like to thank the congregation for their overwhelming generosity in wishing us well on our wedding. We were very touched by the people, the words, and the gifts. We were so surprised! Thank you!! We look forward to spending time and thanking each of you personally when we return to Boston. We feel so blessed to be part of the family at Lexington United Methodist Church!

- Andrea Laux and Ben Beckwith

Dear Susan and members of Lexington UMC,

We are deeply indebted to you for the generous donation of \$200.00 to the New England Deaconess Association. We were happy to accommodate your FutureSearch weekend and are pleased that everything worked out so well.

Your contribution enables New England Deaconess Association to fulfill its charitable mission in meeting our residents' needs and comfort. Hundreds of older adults in need are helped throughout the year because of the commitment of people like you.

Your donation is so important to the services we provide and the fulfillment of our mission. Again, thank you for your thoughtful generosity -- such kindness greatly assists us in rendering quality care and services that are our heritage here at New England Deaconess. Sincerely,

- Rev. Herbert B. Taylor,
Chief Executive Officer




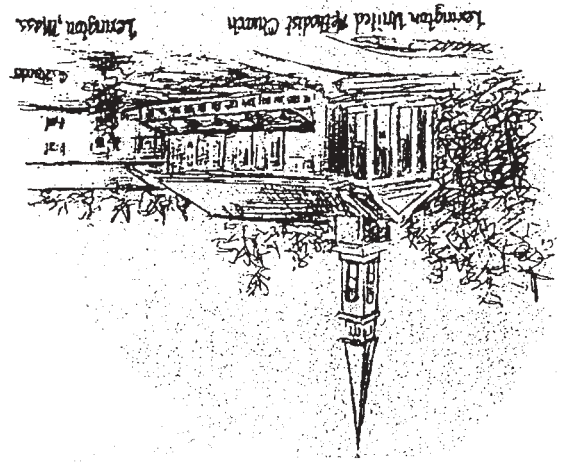
Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

We would like to sincerely thank all the members of the congregation who were so generous in making our Walk for Hunger so successful. All along the 20 miles are signs to remind the walkers that there are many hungry people in Massachusetts and how much our walking helps support programs for these people. Together we sent in over \$1000 because of YOU!

Love, Brian Johnston, Bob Miner and Linda Rings

June 2005 - Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
calendar			1	2	3  Andrea Laux and Ben Beckwith wedding (Ohio)	4
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday after Pentecost Service of Word and Table</p> <p>8:15 am Briefing for Lexington Interfaith Community 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>6:00 pm Ad. Council Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm Membership Cultivation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>10:00 am Metro Boston District Committee on Ministry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>7:00 pm All Church Planning Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal</p>
<p>New England Annual Conference (Gordon College campus)</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children/Youth/Senior Sunday</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am Children/Youth Service Practice 9:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 10:30 am Fellowship and farewell for Dan Roihl 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries 5:00 pm St. John's Retirement Party for Rev. Rha</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> <p>Farewell for Dan Roihl</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>7:00 pm Social Justice Endowment Committee Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>7:30 pm 2010 Finance Taskforce</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Fathers' Day</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Communion in the library 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries 5:30 pm Farewell Celebration for Rev. Susan</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> <p>Rev. Susan Morrison's last Sunday</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July/August Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>7:30 pm SPRC Mtg.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>12:30 pm Newsletter Collation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>9:00 – 11:00 Lexington Food Pantry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries</p> <div style="background-color: magenta; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> <p>Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>6:00 pm Outreach Meeting (Santelmanns')</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>7:30 pm Corporation Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>July 3rd is Rev. Hope Luckie's first Sunday at LUMC. Plan to come and welcome her!</p> </div>	



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