

Ten Talents Summer Fun (d) Raiser is Underway

The Ten Talents Summer Fun (d) raiser is underway and heading into the first month. This is where you get \$10 from LUMC and use that money all summer long to raise even more money to give back to the church.



We've had more than 20 industrious, imaginative and entrepreneurial LUMC investors sign up already to put their talents to work.

By the way - do you have any idea how much a talent is? A talent is about 90 pounds; so one talent of gold in the parable was worth about \$575,000. The first servant received a whopping ten of these. And yet, your own talents are even greater!

And here are some great ideas to put those talents to use!

- ✓ Take travelers to the airport (spend the \$10 on gas)
- ✓ Have a bake sale (spend the \$10 on flour and eggs - or Betty Crocker)
- ✓ Have a yard sale (buy advertising)
- ✓ Shave your head and make people pay to watch (spend the \$10 on Gillette)
- ✓ Arrange flowers (dried or fresh) and sell them after worship
- ✓ Make Christmas decorations and sell after worship
- ✓ Sponsor a Hat party (everyone must wear a hat with a story behind it)
- ✓ Buy chips and dip and charge admission
- ✓ Knit mittens
- ✓ Catsit kittens
- ✓ Walk puppies
- ✓ Raise guppies
- ✓ Have a dance
- ✓ Paint a fence

So get your \$10 and join in the fun. We will be returning the proceeds of our efforts on Homecoming Sunday, September 12 so you have oodles of time.

If you would like to join up or get ideas, give me a call at home (781-863-9998) or at work (617-563-7886)



-Keith Herndon

The Web Watch



Type these "URL" addresses into your Internet Explorer to see information pertaining to our LUMC theme "Peace With Justice" that you may not see elsewhere. Your comments, suggestions, and web contributions are welcome and solicited. Please leave them in the Outreach box near the church office or send to Bill Santelmann at: n1au@rcn.com. Thank you!

- <http://www.fordfound.org/about/mission.cfm>

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. Our goals are to:

- Strengthen democratic values,
- Reduce poverty and injustice,
- Promote international cooperation and
- Advance human achievement.

This has been our purpose for more than half a century. Created with gifts and bequests by Henry and Edsel Ford, the Foundation is an independent organization, with its own board, and is entirely separate from the Ford Motor Company.

- <http://www.projectbread.org/>

Project Bread's mission is to alleviate, prevent, and ultimately end hunger in Massachusetts. Therefore, we will:

- make emergency food accessible to those who would otherwise go hungry;
- educate, mobilize, and empower people through The Walk for Hunger and other avenues of action;
- research and develop innovative solutions to end hunger;
- advocate, in partnership with others, freedom from hunger across the Commonwealth.

- <http://poetry.about.com/library/weekly/aa030403a.htm>

Poets all over the planet are making poems for peace, and we're choosing a few to add to our collection. Now that the diplomats have been sidestepped, the inspectors withdrawn, the ultimatums issued and defied, the war looms over all our heads. We hope this anthology can be a small light in the gathering darkness, an online vigil made of poems.

Prepared by Janis Roihl and Bill Santelmann

May Book Club

LUMC's Book Club will meet on Monday, May 17 at 7:30 pm at Ione Garing's home. The group will discuss *The Dive From Clausen's Pier: A Novel* by Ann Packer. Everyone is welcomed!

The following book review from *Publisher's Weekly* describes the book.

Packer's engrossing debut novel begins without ostentation. On Memorial Day, Carrie Bell and her fiancé, Mike Mayer, drive out to Clausen's Pier for their annual ritual, a picnic with their friends, a trip they make the way a middle-aged couple might, in grudging silence. Before their resentments can be aired, Mike dives into too shallow water, suffering injuries that change their lives. If Mike survives, he will survive as a quadriplegic, and Carrie faces unexpected responsibilities.

Ultimately, Carrie does what is both understandable and unthinkable. She leaves her hometown of Madison, Wis., and shows up on the doorstep of a friend in New York City. There she discovers a different world, different friends and a different self.

The hovering question what will Carrie do? Abandon Mike or return to him? generates genuine suspense.

Packer portrays her characters both New Yorkers and Madisonites deftly, and her scenes unfold with uncommon clarity. But if Packer has a keen eye, she has an even keener ear. The dialogue is usually witty; more important, it is always surprising, as if the characters were actually thinking - one of the reasons they become as familiar to the reader as childhood friends.

The recipient of several awards, Packer is also the author of *Mendocino and Other Stories*. Clearly, she has honed her skills writing short fiction. What is unexpected is the assurance she brings to a larger canvas. In quiet but beautiful prose, Packer tells a complex and subtly constructed story of friendship, love and the hold the past has on the present. This is the sort of book one reads dying to know what happens to the characters, but loves for its wisdom: it sees the world with more clarity than you do.

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• June Newsletter Articles due •
• Monday, May 24, 2004 •
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Call for Pictures!

Our website **needs** those pictures you took of LUMC events or trips this year! Did you post your pictures on a bulletin board, or bring a photo album to coffee hour? That's great! But those pictures need to find their way to our web site, so they can be shared with members and friends who missed them, and so they can communicate the LUMC story to prospective new members who do their church shopping on the web.

Submitting your pictures is painless and easy. Just bring your prints, negatives, CDs, and/or DVDs to church, and lend them to Rainer von Saleski for a few days. He will scan them or copy them, and return them to you. You can hand them to him, or you can place them in the his mailbox (second row center). If you have hundreds of photos, and you're feeling especially helpful, you can take them to a local camera store and have them transferred to Photo CD. We'll even pick up the tab for the scanning (just give the bill to Rainer along with the CD). Or ask for a Photo CD when you have your film developed.

Beautify our web site with those great pictures you have sitting in your desk drawer!



Updated Form ST-2

If you make purchases on behalf of LUMC, please note that the present Massachusetts tax exemption ST-2 has expired. Contact Allyson in the church office for an current form.

Needed: A facelift for the library furniture!

A new slipcover is needed for a wing chair in the church library and arm covers for the sofas and other chairs. Is anyone able and willing to help? If so, please call the church office.



REACHING OUT. . .

OUTREACH NEWS

As you know, your Outreach Committee decided to make **Affordable Housing** one of our priorities this year because of the unique opportunities that are now presenting themselves. Paul Linton and Ken Kreutziger are participating in the discussions regarding area affordable housing as active members of the Lexington Housing Partnership Board.

I was surprised to find two of the Billerica Selectman candidates running against affordable housing. I guess if you oppose affordable housing you must favor un-affordable housing (very curious). Did you know that the average age of a homeless person in Massachusetts is 8 years old, and the federal budget cuts subsidies from HUD for low cost housing?

We are doing splendidly with our **Roxbury Food Cupboard** collection. In the first 3 months, we've collected 329 items. Please keep the hungry in your mind (and your heart) when you food shop and bring your donations on the last Sunday of each month. (However, this month, the collection will be on May 23.)

The **Maquilla Solidarity Network**, an international fair trade workers organization, has granted its 4th annual "**Sweatshop Retailer of the Year**" award to **Wal-Mart** for its anti-union activity, exploitation of immigrant workers, and discrimination against women. Seems there may be more to Wal-Mart than "always low prices."

The LUMC Outreach Committee wishes to thank all those who chose to fill out three postcards urging Governor Romney, and our appropriate state senator and representative, to pass legislation that will help feed all of the hungry people in Massachusetts. All postcards were mailed from the Billerica post office the following Monday. Thank you for continuing to make a difference!

By Bob Miner, Outreach Chairperson

For the Outreach Committee, Bill Santelmann

PROPOSED LA BORGOÑA BUDGET

FY2005 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005)

	Monthly	Yearly
Secondary School:		
9 students @ \$10	\$90	\$1,080
College:		
11 students	\$630	\$7,560
Clinic:	\$225	\$2,700
Mana School:		
150 students @ \$0.75	\$112.50	\$1,350
Sewing:		
13 students @ \$60		\$780
Travel to La Borgoña:		
6 plane ticket subsidies @ \$200		\$1,200
Truck rental, driver, and translator		\$800
Graduation grants:		\$1,000
TOTAL:		\$16,470

Come to the Nicaragua Culto on May 15 and see the DVD that Marnie Bonner has edited from her videotapes of our February, 2004 visit to La Borgoña. You will see what we have achieved over the years with our support of our sisters and brothers in this community. We hope you will be inspired to join in our coming year's efforts by pledging your financial support for the upcoming year.

Peace Prayer, by Richard Donald Burley

I see no point just now, in dreams.
Or vow the sun may shine tomorrow.
Who's to thank for why it beams?
Who now fills the moon with sorrow?

I cannot see beyond that day's
sacrifice, our dreams dismay.
Lives we thought we'd never lose,
forever lost...in sky so blue.

The river of terror now overflows.
Jobes' levy nearly breached.
God's cold wind of change now blows.
What ancient lesson will He re-teach?

So ask me not of dreams and plans.
They matter not, somehow.
Along with peace, in other lands,
pray for an end, to all wars now.

Concerns and Celebrations

Condolences to Rae Lavalla and her family on the death of her mother, Geraldine DeVerna. Funeral services were held in Wantagh, NY. Notes can be sent to the Lavalla family at 143 Pickering St., Needham, MA, 02492-3125.

Pastor George Walters-Sleyon invites LUMC to BU School of Theology Graduation Exercises on Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 pm when he will be awarded the degree of Master of Divinity with a specialization in Social Ethics. Please join George afterward at his home for dinner. RSVP directly to George (617-566-8413).

Letters



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your very generous support of the hungry families we serve through the Roxbury Food Cupboard. I thank you in their name for your liberal donation of \$681.92, dated 3/9/04.

The need for emergency, nourishing food continues to grow in our presently discouraging job market. It challenges us all to do what we can to meet it. You have - and we are grateful.

May God bless you specially this Easter season.

Sincerely,

Anne Hawkins, Treasurer
Irene Egan, Founder



In response to a gift made in David's memory to the Morse School, Gerry and Dottie McLeod received this lovely note from the school principal.

April 12, 2004

Dear Gerald and Dorothy McLeod,

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the Morse School in memory of your son, David. In conferring with Linda Rings and our school librarian we have decided that the funds will be used to purchase library books focused on African American history. Each book will include a book plate indicating that the books were purchased in memory of David McLeod.

Thank you for thinking of the Morse School students. Sincerely,

Bridget Rodríguez
Morse School Principal

Letters

April 1, 2004

Dear Susan,

Recently, I had the op-



portunity to review all of the Mission Share payments from churches for fiscal year 2003. That review indicated your congregation contributed 100% of the requested apportionment for the year. Your generosity and support of our connectational life together is deeply appreciated.

The work that is done on your behalf and in cooperation with other United Methodists in New England and around the world has been strengthened by this generosity. Mission shares provide for pensions and health benefits for retired pastor, as well as resources and training for current leadership. Through your mission shares you support camping and outdoor ministry, where people of all ages are invited to new depths of relationship with God in Christ. The reach of your dollars extends to all parts of the globe, where the United Methodist Church responds to emergency needs as well as provides ongoing ministries of evangelism and outreach. Together we are involved in both acts of mercy and acts of justice in the name of Christ. These are only a few of the ways in which our cooperative work extends the church, the Body of Christ. You have also demonstrated Christian compassion by giving on behalf of some congregations that have struggled financially in this past year.

In the past week, I was re-reading the Gospel of Mark. In Chapter 6, Mark recalls Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. In chapter 8, the gospel writer describes the feeding of the 4000. Even with all of that touching of human need, the disciples did not understand God's generosity. It is so easy for us to be with the disciples in not comprehending God's abundance.

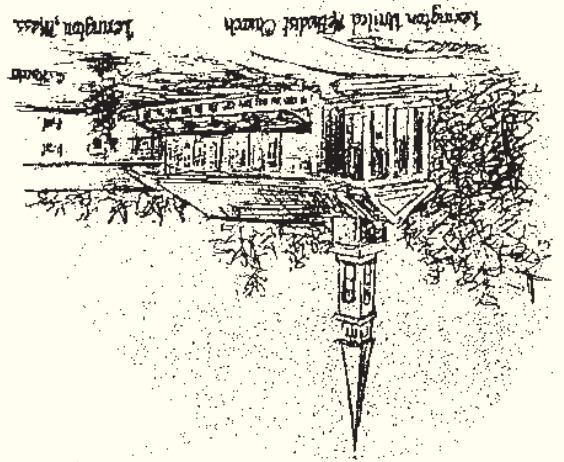
Through your generous giving this past year, your congregation has demonstrated your belief - and your living into - that abundance. On behalf of all those who have benefited, and will continue to benefit, I say thanks.

Peace and hope,

Bishop Susan W. Hassinger

May 2004 - Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 - noon LUMC/St. John's Spring Clean Up
2 Fourth Sunday of Easter Service of Word and Table Golden Cross Sunday 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5); Youth Sunday School (6-12) 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 CWM Worship	3 10:00 am Bible and Bagels: <i>Da Vinci Code</i>	4 6:00 pm Outreach Meetings (Santelmanns') 7:30 pm NQMA	5 7:30 pm Membership Cultivation	6	7	8
Rev. Susan in attendance at UM General Conference Pittsburgh, PA						
9 Festival of the Christian Home Mothers' Day 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5); Youth Sunday School (6-12) 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 CWM Worship <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Farewell to Geoge Walters Sleyon </div>	10 10:00 am Bible and Bagels: <i>Da Vinci Code</i>	11 Noon Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association 7:30 pm Christian Ed. Cte. Mtg.	12 7:00 pm Finance Mtg. 8:00 pm Ad. Council and Charge Conference	13	14	15 5:30 pm Nicaragua Culto Night <div style="background-color: #90ee90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> NQMA Retreat May 14-16 Biddeford, ME </div>
16 Sixth Sunday of Easter Nicaragua Sunday 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Communion served in the library 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5); Youth Sunday School (6-12) 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 CWM Worship	17 10:00 am Bible and Bagels: <i>Da Vinci Code</i> 7:30 pm Book Club: <i>Dive from Clausen's Pier</i> (lone Garing's)	18 10:00 am Metro Boston DCOM 7:30 pm NQMA 7:30 pm Social Justice Endowment Committee	19	20	21	22 9:00 am Lexington Food Pantry
23 Ascension Sunday Honoring our Seniors Sunday 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5); Youth Sunday School (6-12) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 1:30 pm Youth leave for NE Aquarium 5:00 pm CWM Worship <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection </div>	24 <div style="background-color: #e0e0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> June Newsletter Deadline </div>	25 7:30 pm Corporation Meeting	26 6:30 pm We Are Family Potluck Supper (Pilgrim Church) 7:30 pm SPRC	27	28 1:00 pm Newsletter Collation	29
30 Pentecost 10:30 am Combined Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Combined Worship with St. John's Korean UMC 11:00 am Combined Sunday School 12:30 pm Lunch with St. John's Korean UMC 5:00 pm CWM Worship	31 Memorial Day Office Closed	Important Dates to Save in Your Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Church Potluck and Annual Planning Meeting; Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 pm 				

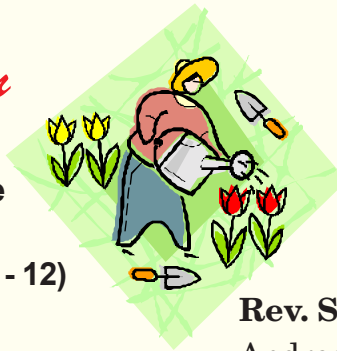


RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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LEXINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Sunday Program

- 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care
- 9:30 am Worship; *Godly Play* (N - 5)
Youth Sunday School (Gr. 6 - 12)
- 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Adult Study
- 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal



May 2004 Newsletter

Rev. Susan J. Morrison, Pastor
Andrea Laux, Christian Education Director
George Walters-Sleyon, Intern/Pastoral Assistant
Daniel Roihl, Music Director
John Kramer, Organist
Nikki Katulak, Children's Choir Director
David Babbidge, Sexton
Allyson Printz, Office Administrator

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Nicaragua Culto
Saturday, May
15
5:30 - 8:00 pm

