

# The Lexington United Methodist Church

an inclusive and reconciling United Methodist Congregation

## Newsletter

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Writes Joan Chittister:

When life changes under our feet, despite our resistance, without our permission, it is an invitation to growth.



The spirituality of struggle begins with the decision to grow or to retreat, to live a little more or to die a little bit.



Fear cripples us more than any disease ever could.



Struggle wounds us and makes us vulnerable.



Struggle is a process not an event.



Struggle is always an invitation to new life.

## From the Pastor's Study...

Please accept my invitation to join a Covenant Group this month. It is an opportunity to gather in small groups and ground ourselves in a theology of hope as we move forward *Shaping LUMC's Future*.

Joan Chittister's well written book, *Scarred by Struggle: Transformed by Hope* will be our resource for conversation and sharing. Building on the biblical story of Jacob wrestling with God and on the story of her own battle with life-changing disappointment, Joan Chittister explores the landscape of suffering and hope. It is a topic that is familiar to each of us in our individual lives and it is a topic that is relevant to this moment in time for Lexington UMC. A thoughtful Study Guide has been prepared for our use and will encourage us to reflect on our personal experiences of struggle as well as our timely struggle as a congregation with the future of Lexington UMC and how such struggle leads to transformation and new life for people of faith.

Covenant Group times are announced on page 5. Find a time that fits your schedule and join with others in this beloved community to read and share and pray about these real issues of struggle and hope.

It is our faith in the One who knew both struggle and resurrection hope that we believe that "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and *hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*"

(Romans 5: 3 – 5)

Rev. Susan J. Morrison

# October Worship 2004

## October 3 - World Communion Sunday Service of Word and Table

11:00 am Combined Worship with  
St. John's Korean UMC

Our Children's Choir will sing with the children from St. John's and there will be a combined Senior choir. The two churches will combine their Sunday Schools and lunch will be served following worship in Martin Hall. Rev. Young Bok Rha and Rev. Susan Morrison will share in a dialogue sermon using Romans 5:1 - 5 as their text. *Have Hope* is the sermon topic.

## October 10 - Laity Sunday 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care  
9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study

Andrea Laux will be the preacher. She will reflect on the gospel lesson for this 19th Sunday after Pentecost - the story of the ten lepers and the one who returned to give thanks - which is found in Luke 17: 11 - 19. Members of the congregation will participate as liturgists on this Laity Sunday.

## October 17 - November 14

### Creating LUMC's Future

### A Sermon Series on

### *Being the Household of God*

Symbols for the Journey: The Table;  
Money Purse; Oil; Water, Basin and  
Towel; Bread and Wine

## October 17

## 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Home is where there is always a place for  
you at the table.

Symbol: The Table

9:00 am Holy Communion served in the library  
9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care  
9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study  
*Household Law is the Torah and the Gospel*  
Exodus 12:1-10; 14-17 The Passover Table  
Luke 15:11- 32 The feast table for the prodigal son

## October 24

## 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Home is where there is enough for everyone.

Symbol: Our Weekly Offering

9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care

9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study

*Household Law is the Torah and the Gospel*

Deuteronomy 14: 28 - 29

The tithe

Luke 19: 1- 10

Zacchaeus

## October 31

## 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Home is where you love and are loved.

Symbols: Water, basins and towels (stoles)

9:15 am Praise Music, Nursery Care

9:30 am Worship, *Godly Play*, Youth Study

*Three stations: three scripture lessons*

Pilate's basin

Matthew 27: 24 - 26

Baptismal basin

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Servants' basin

John 13: 4-5, 12 - 15

At the heart of each week  
is a Taizé Prayer Service of  
prayer, singing and medi-  
tation on the Word.

Join us on  
Wednesdays  
7:00 to  
7:30 pm

Rev. Troy G. Plummer, Execu-  
tive Director of Reconciling Min-  
istries Network will be our guest  
preacher on October 31. His mes-  
sage will be one of hope and in-  
spiration.

A lifelong United Methodist, Plummer has ministered for more than ten years to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons through Bering Memorial UMC in Houston and its affiliated Bering Support Network, an outreach ministry to persons affected by HIV/AIDS. A licensed professional counselor, Plummer was most recently Bering's director of program ministries. He graduated from Houston Graduate School of Theology (MDiv) and the University of Houston (MS and BBA), and in 1991 was ordained in the Orthodox Catholic Church.



Rev. Troy G. Plummer,  
Executive Director of  
Reconciling Ministries Network

# Shaping Lexington UMC'S Future

Each month this page will provide updates on the process and progress of *Creating LUMC's Future* ~ Watch for announcements of important all church gatherings!

## October Events

- October 4: Coordinating Team meets with consultants at 7:30 pm to evaluate the September 26 All Church gathering and make plans for the next All Church gathering on November 21.

## September 26 Church Wide Meeting on Shaping the Future of LUMC

On Sunday evening, September 26, LUMC held its first church wide get-together to discuss planning for the future of the church and if you weren't there, you were missed! It is the intention that ALL who consider LUMC their church have a voice in this process. It does not matter how often you attend. IF this is YOUR church, we need your voice.

As you may have already heard, the church has begun the process of exploring our future as a church community due to current membership and financial trends. At Sunday's meeting we looked at a few of those trends.

Most importantly, we heard about how the whole church will be asked to contribute to this decision in the coming year. That is why you were missed.

At this meeting we were introduced to the:

- ▼ Reasoning behind starting this project
- ▼ People who are on the Coordinating Team
- ▼ Schedule for the coming year.

The meeting opened with Jane Hogan leading us in song and prayer. Then Rev. Susan made the



September 26 meeting in Martin Hall

case for action and summarized how St. John's Korean UMC's spring and summer crisis and ultimate schism made the planning for our own future an urgent matter. Keith Herndon presented an overview of how increasing costs and a constant non-increasing membership was making it harder and harder for LUMC to balance its budget from year to year.

Keith introduced the members of the **Coordinating Team** who were chosen by the Lay Leadership Committee and endorsed by the Administrative Council with the hope of having representatives of the interests of all members. The team comprises: Julie Barnette, Smoki Fraser, Keith Herndon, Jane Hogan, Andrea Laux, Kathy Parks, Janis Roihl, Bill Santelmann, Rev. Susan Morrison, and Derek Kotze and Rick Lent, consultants.

**The Coordinating Team is not a decision-making group** but rather those who will meet with the consultants and plan the various events for member input, help digest that input and in light of it plan the next sessions.

Derek Kotze and Rick Lent were introduced. Both are professional consultants and members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Acton. They each have wide experience helping churches and institutions navigate change in a way that considers respectfully the needs of all.

Brian Lavalla led an exercise by tables which began the identification of trends that are affecting and will affect the future of Lexington UMC.

Rick Lent explained the proposed timeline for the process which will be finalized by the Coordinating Team when it meets on October 4.

## All Church Meeting November 21

There will be another all church meeting on November 21. At this time, there will be more thorough discussion of our situation and the need for LUMC to create and shape its future.

**January Gatherings - Future Search**  
*continued on page 4*

**Are we being faithful to our understanding of the Gospel?**

*continued from page 3*

Following that meeting, there will be several gatherings in January 2005 to discuss topics that are on people's minds. These meetings point toward a major event called *Future Search*. *Future Search* is a 16 hour gathering which begins on Friday evening, continues on Saturday and concludes on Sunday afternoon. It will involve 50 – 60 members of the congregation, representing the interests of all members of our church. The goal of *Future Search* is to find COMMON GROUND on which we will then create the future of LUMC. This weekend is not a problem solving event, but rather a process that invites participants to focus on areas of agreement rather than those of disagreement. The weekend will be held in early March.

Out of this weekend will come a number of specific statements. Action teams are formed around these ideas for LUMC's future.

Following the *Future Search* weekend, there would be another opportunity later in March for people to gather and learn about the ideas that had been generated. People decide which action is of interest to them and join that action team.

Finally the floor was opened for additional comments which included:

"This process is reminiscent of the Visioning Process that we did 7 years ago. How will the results be different?" A response suggested that we were not facing a financial crisis 7 years ago. Now we are looking at our survival in the next few years.

Others wanted to know how bad off financially we are right now and shouldn't we address short-term issues as we also address the long-term issues? Eric Shank, LUMC's treasurer, responded

by saying that with the current pledges, we will be able to pay our bills through the end of 2004. The financial crisis will be upon us with the sharp increase of expenses and potential loss of income in the next few years.

The importance of prayer being part of the process was mentioned. All were encouraged to come on Wednesday evenings (7:00 – 7:30 pm) for the Taizé service of singing, meditation and prayer for our community.

Many left on a note of hope recognizing that change is inevitable. What that change will look like is up to us! Watch for more information on the next ALL Church Meeting and PLEASE plan to be with us.

Faithfully,

The Coordinating Team

*Julie Barnette, Smoki Fraser, Keith Herndon,  
Jane Hogan, Andrea Laux, Kathy Parks,  
Janis Roihl, Bill Santelmann, Rev. Susan Morrison,  
and Derek Kotze and Rick Lent, consultants*



*Rev. Susan Morrison and Derek Kotze*



*Bishop Peter Weaver and Rev. Susan Morrison*

Photograph taken at Bishop Weaver's Installation Celebration in Portland, Maine on Saturday, September 25. Rev. Susan is wearing her reconciling stole from General Conference.

*The Massachusetts Bible Society presents  
2004 Harrell F. Beck Lectureship:*

**Dr. Walter Brueggemann,**

William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia

***Maintaining Thick Narrative Against Thin Ideology***

October 17, 7:30 pm, Weston, MA

October 18, 7:30 pm, Northhampton, MA

October 19, 7:30 pm, Shrewsbury, MA

Free admission.

For information: [massbible@earthlink.net](mailto:massbible@earthlink.net) or 617-542-2230.

# Join a Covenant Group this October ...

and share your thoughts, concerns, and hopes for LUMC's future!!

As part of Christian Education's program this year, Covenant Groups will be meeting throughout the month of October. Groups will meet during the day and at night; on the weekends and during the week in an attempt to find convenient times for everyone who would like to be a part of a Covenant Group.

Since *Shaping LUMC's Future* is our major goal for the church year, this fall's Covenant Group experience is being planned to give group members a chance to think and share about Lexington UMC's past, present and future. Joan Chittister's book *Scarred by Struggle: Transformed by Hope* will be our common text. (See page 1 for an overview of this book.) A study guide has been prepared by Janis Roihl and Rev. Susan to guide the questions and conversation that Chittister's chapters evoke for us as a church community.

**Sign up for a Covenant Group during Fellowship Time on Sunday or call the church office with your choice of time.**

**Covenant groups are scheduled to begin at different times throughout October.**

Sessions will be held on:

- Sundays, during the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Adult Study from 11:00 am – noon. Childcare available. (Session begins Sunday, October 10.)
- Monday mornings during Bible and Bagels from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the church library. (Session begins Monday, October 18.)
- Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the church library. (Session begins Tuesday, October 19)
- Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the church library. (Session begins Thursday, October 21)

Copies of chapters from *Scarred by Struggle: Transformed by Hope* as well as the *Study Guide* are available at church. Covenant Group members are asked to read Chapters 1 – 5 (pp. 1 – 27) for the first Covenant Group meeting.

Your contributions are needed in this ongoing conversation about LUMC's future so DON'T DELAY in signing up for a group!!

## Prayer Practices - Wrapped In Prayer

Lectio Divina is the topic of the next monthly prayer workshop. Lectio Divina is a latin expression which means *sacred reading*. The reading is meant to be a slow, contemplative praying of the scripture - a technique which enables the reader to hear God's word.

There are several stages of Lectio Divina:

In the first stage, in order to listen to the voice of God, we need to quiet ourselves so that we may hear what God is saying. We ready ourselves to listen in the spirit of silence and in awe. As the words of scripture are read, you allow them to reach into your consciousness.

The next stage is to meditate, to hopefully find a word or passage that speaks to you in a personal

way. Repeat that word or phrase or even memorize it. Allow the word or phrase to interact with your thoughts.

The next step of Lectio Divina is prayer. This is prayer as speaking to God and surrendering - allowing ourselves to be touched and changed by the word of God.

Wednesday, October 20

7:30 pm, Library

Prayer Workshop: Lectio Divina

Next month's topic is *Praying with the Body*.

- Julie Barnette

## REACHING OUT...

### NICARAGUA MATERIAL AID

It is never too early to start collecting items for the Nicaragua material aid Sundays which will be in December. As you know, there are certain items we collect every year. These include school materials such as pens, notebooks, crayons and backpacks; health items such as vitamins, band aids, aspirin, antibiotic cream and anti-diarrheal medicines; sewing supplies such as thread, needles, scissors, buttons, zippers, pins and lightweight material; new underwear in all sizes; and all sizes of soaps and shampoos. When you see a 'deal' at the store, don't be shy - buy, buy, buy!

The thank-you notes have gone out to those who were gracious enough to pledge part of what they have to help our brothers and sisters in La Borgoña. If you forgot to do this or are new and would like to contribute to this great work, please see Keith Herndon, treasurer of the Nicaragua committee. We are still a bit short of our goal and would really like to go over the top. LUMC supports La Borgoña in a most generous way. They are more than appreciative of the opportunities for education and better health that we provide. Be a part of it!

By Linda Rings, Chairperson

### EXCERPTS FROM MARNIE BONNER'S LETTER FROM SCHOOL IN NICARAGUA

"...I have been making friends. My roommate Sandra is very nice - a little quiet and a little pompous - but nice. Jessica is still a mystery. She has a little bit of that punk thing going on, but she is too shy to really go full out. There are about 7 "true" Americans in my class which are fun to relate to but I have also tried to avoid them a little because I would like to meet new types of people and emerge myself in the culture.

I joined the basketball team. We are still in tryouts so I have not met the rest of the team. I think we will be practicing in Managua because most of the team lives there anyway. ...To satisfy my musical interests, I started playing piano in church. ...I signed up to play on Tuesday afternoons along with a guitar player and some singers. I am really glad I joined because now I have free access to the guitar and the piano in the chapel.

My classes are doing well. My favorite is Philosophy. The teacher is great and the class is interesting.

Currently we are talking about truth and reading some dialogues by Plato. My Intro to Catholicism class is also really good. I am glad I am getting a chance to hear what Catholics believe in instead of just seeing the headlines in the newspapers about their priests."

### ATTENTION:

#### ALL CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

On **December 5** we will have another Alternative Christmas Market. This is your chance to buy a unique gift from Nicaragua or Fair Trade Coffee for the coffee lovers on your list - or perhaps your loved one would like a water buffalo from the Heifer Project International!

All the various gift possibilities will be listed in the next Newsletter. Please mark **DECEMBER 5** on your calendar.

Janet Melcher  
Chair - Alternative Christmas Market

#### OUTREACH CONTRIBUTES

The Outreach committee continues to manage its small budget, judiciously sending three \$50.00 contributions in September; the most notable going to alleviate the suffering in Darfur where genocide is being practiced with only token interference by either the national government or the international community.

You continue to show incredible generosity to the Roxbury Food Cupboard. It doesn't matter if you are on vacation or have company that prevents you from attending church; your contribution makes it there anyway. 2004 is already our most generous year in this decade and I expect we will surpass the last 4 years of contributions to Roxbury before this year is out. This congregation continues not to "circle its wagons" in the face of difficult economic times but to continue its long tradition of reaching out to those in greater need.

By Bob Miner, Chairperson

#### JOIN THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE!

If you want to work for Justice and Peace in our community and the world, please consider becoming a member of the LUMC Outreach Committee. See Bob Miner for details!

For the Outreach Committee by Bill Santelmann

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

## GODLY PLAY IN OCTOBER

Join us in *Godly Play* this October as we discover the foundations of our faith in the Old Testament stories of Genesis and Exodus.

October 3, 2004	World Communion Sunday with St. John's Korean UMC
October 10, 2004	Abraham and Sarah
October 17, 2004	Exodus
October 24, 2004	The Ten Best Ways
October 31, 2004	The Ark and the Tent

## WHAT IS GODLY PLAY?

*Godly Play* is a Christian Education program which grew out of the Montessori method of education. *Godly Play* is designed to honor each child as a spiritual person with his or her own spiritual journey and to teach children about worship and scripture experientially through the worshipful atmosphere of the classroom and the carefully told lessons.

## HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD IS LEARNING?

The most important part of *Godly Play* is the experience of the worshipful environment and the respect for each child as having a spiritual journey. You may find that your child retells the lesson of the day or that he or she wonders during the week about the story. Feel free to engage your child about the week's lesson by being open to your child's point of understanding in the lesson.

## WILL MY CHILD ENJOY GODLY PLAY?

One of the goals of *Godly Play* is to create a safe and welcoming space for children. Because everything is designed for them, most children like *Godly Play* and look forward to coming.

## 2004 Godly Play Registration

In order to keep our records current, the Godly Play team asks parents of Godly Play children (pre-school through fifth grade) to register them each year. *Because food is served in Godly Play, it is especially important that you inform us of any food allergies your child has.* Please return this form to the Christian Ed. Director's mailbox at LUMC.

### Parents' Information

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' e-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Children's Information

Child 1 Name _____	Child 2 Name _____
Child 1 Birthday _____	Child 2 Birthday _____
Child 1 Allergies _____	Child 2 Allergies _____
_____	_____
Child 3 Name _____	Child 4 Name _____
Child 3 Birthday _____	Child 4 Birthday _____
Child 3 Allergies _____	Child 4 Allergies _____

# NQMA News

## What on earth is NQMA?

NQMA stands for the Not-Quite-Middle-Aged Young Adults. We represent LUMC members and friends from their early-twenties to their forties.

**Who are we?** We are younger adults who seek fellowship and spiritual growth, who are curious and open, who laugh a lot and who aren't afraid to ask hard questions, questions that may not have an answer. We support and encourage one another in our faith and in our lives.

**Why does NQMA exist?** We gather for fun, fellowship, and bible study at least twice a month. We provide a safe place for spiritual support, experimentation, and growth in a small group setting of peers.

**What does the NQMA do?** Our primary activity is our every first and third Tuesday Bible study. We also do fun things like go to Shakespeare on the Common, the Earth Day Festival, the Corn Maze, and Six Flags over New England. We hold periodic game-nights in group members' homes. In the spring, we go on a "Run-Away" or retreat which is a time to make new friends and renew our faith.

**How do I become a part of NQMA?** NQMA is open to anyone. We are a friendly and accepting group and love to have new members. You can come to group events whether or not you have come before. You can come to our Bible Study whether or not you have read the selection for the week or been to the Bible Study previously.

**When is the next meeting?** Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 7:30 pm in LUMC's Library. This is a great time to join!

*See you there!*

# Youth News

## Attention all 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth!

Get ready to join us for another year of exciting, interesting, and relevant Sunday School topics focused completely on YOU!!! This year we will be engaging in a curriculum titled *Seasons of the Spirit*. The Youth Sunday School Class meets each Sunday Morning at 9:30 am in the Library. Come join us for learning and living the Gospel!



*"Let your light shine" (Mt. 5: 16)  
so that Lexington UMC's light will  
keep shining!*

### Watch for a letter from a LUMC member and friend.

That's the advice that this year's Stewardship committee offers to everyone during the month of October! Like Paul, who wrote to the Thessalonians:

*I, Paul, write this greeting  
With my own hand. This is the  
mark in every letter of mine;  
it is the way I write. (2 Thess 3: 17)*

Members of our community will be writing personal letters, witnessing their support and love for Lexington UMC and asking you for yours.

How will this work? A member of the Lexington UMC community will be sending you a personal letter, asking you to join him/her in making a pledge to LUMC for 2005. Your letter will be arriving toward the end of October. In it you will also find your pledge card and a return envelope with instructions on how to return your pledge card in time for our dedication of pledges on November 14.

This is an important year for us to "let our light shine" as we share our resources joyfully and generously with our beloved church. So...watch for your letter in the mail!

*- Clint Fawcett  
Chairperson, Stewardship*

*See page 10 For info on  
the Youth Pumpkin  
Carving Party!!!*



# LUMC Yard and Bake Sale Extravaganza

Saturday, October 23  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hurry Hurry Hurry! Our very own LUMC Yard Sale café and emporium is coming soon in one month and you won't want to miss out.

Be sure to save all your treasures, your keepsakes, your valuables and bring them to the yard sale. Set up a table of your own and get your best price for LUMC.

But, best of all, you can still help out in advance by filling one of the following high-ranking positions that will enhance any resume. We need:

**Chief of Staff:** Make sure the sale tables get organized. Set up items on Friday before the yard sale.

**Director of Communications:** Make sure the publicity and the announcements go out on time and get the signs posted outside the church.

**Deputy Under-Secretary to the Chief Cook and Bottle Washer:** Bob and Linda Miner have already taken on the task of Kitchen operations but they will need lots of help. Let them know you care!

**Food Guru:** Direct and organize bake sale operations.

**Clothing Monitor:** Set up the clothing racks outside Martin Hall.

**Chairperson of the Furniture Division:** Organize, receive and liquidate furniture holdings.

**Chief Specialist in Gemological and Metallurgical Sciences:** Help Smoki Fraser and Liz Kleiman prepare jewelry.

Please call Keith Herndon any time day (617-563-7886) or night (781-863-9998) or via email (keith.herndon@fmr.com) for more information.

*Bake Sale* 

 *Jewelry and Furniture*

*Breakfast and Lunch*

*Toys for Kids of all ages*

*Books and Clothing* 

## The Web Watch



In preparing for the recent two-part adult 11<sup>th</sup> Hour study entitled “*Is There Life After Oil?*”, I found that the concept of limited oil supply unable to meet the needs of the world’s expanding economies has hardly been mentioned in our popular media. However, the Internet has an immense amount of material! Just do a Google search on “peak oil” or “alternate energy” or “global energy study” and you will find hundreds of web sites on this topic. Among those I used in our program are the following:

<http://www.energycrisis.org/>

“As humanity comes to terms with the inevitability of a world beyond oil, the remaining oil supply will be exploited in three ways:

- ❖ To maintain the global economy;
- ❖ To create a new solar economy which will not depend upon oil;
- ❖ To fight over the oil that remains.

Oil will become more expensive and less available. This will be painful in the industrialized countries which have become totally dependent upon oil, and in the less developed countries where oil use is extremely sensitive to price escalation.”

<http://www.peakoil.net/>

The Association for the Study of Peak Oil&Gas. “We are on the road to peak oil and ASPO is trying to draw the roadmap. We are approaching the stoplight for peak oil and the light has turned over to yellow.” (This website is the source of most of the material on the Outreach Bulletin Board in Martin Hall.)

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Dec02/Alt-energy.hrs.html>

“Renewable energy systems would replace only half U.S. fossil-fuel use, while occupying vast tracts of land, Cornell study says.”

Ben Ball, the first speaker in our program, feels that “Pollution will get us before we run out of oil. We’ll probably suffocate, choke, radiate, dehydrate, freeze, or roast long before the oil runs out.”

Nobody paints a cheerful picture of our future!

*Prepared by Bill Santelmann*

## Concerns and Celebrations

Condolences to Jean Roth on the death of her grandmother, E. Winifred Roth.

## Youth Pumpkin Carving Party!!

The Youth Group will be having a Pumpkin Carving Party on Sunday, October 24, 2004, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will be meeting and ending in Martin Hall. The outing will include a trip to the pumpkin patch, lunch, and the actual carving



party!! Bring money for your pumpkin and lunch, plus LOTS OF FRIENDS!! Questions? Contact Andrea at [lauxaj@yahoo.com](mailto:lauxaj@yahoo.com). Come join us for fellowship and FUN!!!

## November Book Club

LUMC's Book Club will meet on Monday, November 15 at 7:30 pm. The group will discuss *The Ladies #1 Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. The group will meet at the church and Julie Barnette will host the evening.

## The Minuteman Walk to Fight Child Poverty

The Minuteman Walk to Fight Child Poverty is a fundraising event, created and sponsored by Ipswich, to benefit a select group of Poverty-fighting nonprofit organizations. It will be held Sunday, October 17 at 1:00 pm at the Hasting Park at the gazebo. Families will stop at LUMC as the half-way point on the walk. After the walk, there will be food and music and lots of family activities. To register, go to <http://icare.ipswich.com>. See info on church bulletin board.

November Newsletter Articles due  
Monday, October 25, 2004

## Ten Talents Summer Fun (d) Raiser Final Report

Here's a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part in the LUMC Ten Talents Summer Fun (d) raiser! With your help making, and doing, and buying all sorts of stuff, LUMC has raised over \$1000!

Janis Roihl's CD of Dan's compositions was a big hit. And we all got a big kick from wearing Rev. Susan's LUMC Vision T-Shirts to Homecoming Sunday. And during a power outage one night in August, my own family had great fun as we played Scrabble by the light of Betty Lehr's old fashioned oil lamp. We bought it at her Ten Talents moving sale in May.

And there were also teddy bears and paintings and tomatoes and cookies and greeting cards.

So again, a big **THANK YOU** to all you kind, industrious, generous and above all, *talented* folks who worked so hard to make our Ten Talents a One Hundred percent unqualified success!

-Keith Herndon  
Finance Committee Chair



## An Invitation to Visit Betty Lehr's New Home

I am inviting the LUMC church family to visit me in my new apartment at Brooksby Village in Peabody on Sunday, October 24, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 pm.

Hope you can make it. I look forward to seeing you.  
- Betty Lehr

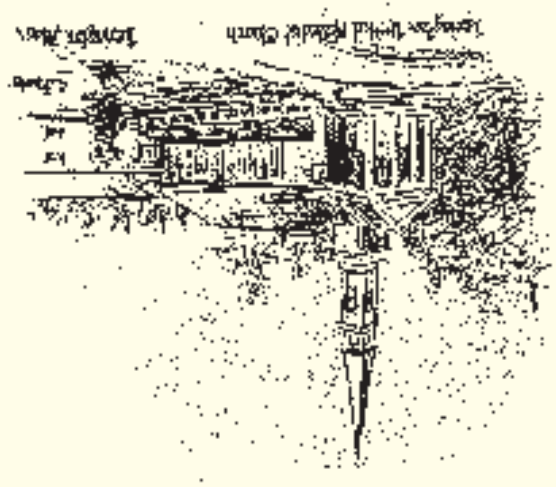
### Directions to Betty Lehr's home (978-535-7351)

301 Brooksby Village Drive, #208; Peabody, MA 01960

Travel on 128 north to Interstate 95 north. Take Exit 47A (Route 114 east towards Peabody) Take a right onto 114. Brooksby is a half mile from the end of the ramp. Make a right turn onto Brooksby Village Drive. Proceed to the Gate House. Tell them that you are visiting me at 208 Liberty Place. Bear to the right and cross small stone bridge over the water which takes you right into parking spaces for Macintosh Clubhouse. Enter Clubhouse and they will give you directions to my apartment. If Macintosh parking is full, recross bridge and park in large lot near the Gazebo.

# October 2004 - Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:30 pm Newsletter Collation	2 10:00 am – 4:00 pm LexFest (Lexington Center)
<b>Worship at 11:00!</b>						
<b>3</b> <b style="color: red;">World Communion Sunday</b> <b style="color: red;">Service of Word and Table</b> 9:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Combined Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:45 am Nursery Care 11:00 am Worship Sunday School with St. John's 12:30 am Lunch in Martin Hall 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Bible and Bagels  7:30 pm Coordinating Team Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm Not Quite Middle Agers	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <b style="color: red;">7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service</b> </div> 7:30 pm Worship Committee	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>10</b> <b style="color: red;">Laity Sunday</b> <b style="color: red;">19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study: Covenant Group 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b style="color: blue;">Columbus Day Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Christian Ed. Meeting	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <b style="color: red;">7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service</b> </div> 7:00 pm Finance Mtg. 8:00 pm Ad. Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>17</b> <b style="color: red;">20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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 - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study: Covenant Group 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Bible and Bagels: Covenant Group	<b>19</b> 1:00 pm Covenant Group  6:30 pm Reconciling Ministries Task Force (Eliot, ME)  7:30 pm Not Quite Middle Agers	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <b style="color: red;">7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service</b> </div> 7:30 pm Prayer Workshop	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>24</b> <b style="color: red;">21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study: Covenant Group 11:00 am Youth Pumpkin Carving Party 12:00 pm Stewardship Letter Writing 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries	<b style="color: blue;">October Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00 am Covenant Group  7:00 pm Respecting Differences	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm Covenant Group  7:30 pm Corporation Meeting	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <b style="color: red;">7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service</b> </div> 7:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Comm.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>31</b> <b style="color: green;">Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection</b> <b style="color: red;">22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am Worship; <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 4); Youth Study (5-8) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 11:00 am Adult Study: Covenant Group 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Metro Boston District Pre Budget Conference Briefing (LUMC/St. John's hosting) 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #FFFACD;"> <b style="color: red;">Important Dates to Save in Your Calendar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yard and Bake Sale: October 23, 9:00 – 2:00</b></li> <li><b>Book Club: November 15, 7:30 pm</b></li> <li><b>All Church Meeting: November 21</b></li> </ul> </div>						
<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends- Fall Back!</b>						



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- 8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Praise Music; Nursery Care
- 9:30 am Worship; *Godly Play* (N - Gr. 4)  
Youth Study (Gr. 5 - 8)
- 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- 11:00 am Adult Study
- 12:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal



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