

The Lexington United Methodist Church

an inclusive and reconciling United Methodist Congregation

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From the Pastor's Study...

As most of you know, I have recently spent time packing and unpacking, moving from one household to another. For me, the summer months were spent sorting and tossing, boxing and labeling. This is probably a familiar experience for some of you. In today's world, moving is very common. But, I must confess, that no matter how often I relocate, I always find moving difficult. Quite frankly, I'm not very good at it. You see, I have a hard time letting go. I have a hard time throwing out all that I've collected along with all the memories certain "things" hold for me.

The other evening at Administrative Council, we listened to a lesson on "thinning," which means making room in our lives for growth with deep roots. The selection that was read spoke about letting go and cleaning out as a spiritual act, a sacramental act, of making room for the Spirit of Life to grow our lives. As with thinning, we have to be intentional about discerning what needs to be thrown away, cleaned out, and sorted through so that we can make room to welcome God into our hearts and lives.

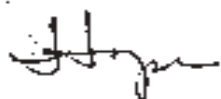
As a church community, we are called to this kind of thinning, especially while we find ourselves in transition. Together we are changing — moving forward in transition — toward a yard sale of faith and out-growth of fellowship. Now, this may not feel sacramental to you, but it is. As we sort and bag, as we decide what to let go of and what to hang on to, we are making room for other things — room for the Holy Spirit to draw us deeper into life-giving relationship with one another and with God. As we make room, we assess those things in our lives that sustain and nourish us and those things in our lives that are merely collecting dust and taking up room.

You know the three year rule? If you haven't used something in three years, then throw it away? Well, what have we been hanging on to in our lives of faith that needs to be cleaned out and thrown away? And while we are cleaning out — while we are discerning what to save and what to let go of — we may discover unused treasure, hidden gifts and graces that we tucked away somewhere and had forgotten about and that we can resurrect and use in new and transforming ways.

As we join together and participate in the sacrament of thinning — of cleaning out — of collecting "stuff" for our Yard Sale of Faith, let us be intentional about looking at our lives and claiming with joy the people we have been created to be and let's let go of those things, ideas, and assumptions that keep us from being who we are called to be as individuals in this great community of faith rooted in God's love. Let's make room for each other and make room for God.

Can't wait to see what you bring to the Yard Sale!

Peace,



- P.S. We are literally having a yard sale (no joke) — see the article on page 10 of the newsletter.
- P.S.S. Hey MYFers, We are having a lock-in the night before the yard sale and are hoping you will stay awake (although you may be really sleepy) and help your church family with the sale!
- P.S.S.S. Turn to page 6 for reflection questions related to this topic.



October 2005 Worship Schedule

Daylight Savings Time
Ends October 30

October 2: 20th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday**

Service of Taizé Song, Word and Table

9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music
Nursery Care

This service will be a unique ecumenical service of song, scripture and sacrament. Using the music of Taizé, anthems that express our connection with our brothers and sisters around the world, scripture readings in various languages, and common sacrament, Holy Communion, we will join with our world-wide family of faith for worship, prayer and praise. Rev. Luckie will preach a sermon called *A World of Justice* based on the lectionary lessons Exodus 20:1-17 and Matthew 21: 33-46. Everyone is welcome!

October 9: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music
Nursery Care
9:30 am *Godly Play*

Being Chosen will be Rev. Luckie's sermon title as we join together and explore our loving relationship with God. Scripture lessons are from Exodus 32: 1-14, Psalm 106, Philippians 4: 1-9, and Matthew 22: 1-14.

October 16: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Holy Communion in the library
9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music
Nursery Care
9:30 am *Godly Play*

Lectionary Lessons, I Thessalonians 1: 1-10 and Matthew 22: 15-22, will be the foundation for our conversation called *A World of Investments*.

October 23: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music
Nursery Care
9:30 am *Godly Play*

The Gospel lesson that teaches us about the Greatest Commandment is the root of a sermon called *Love is the Answer*. Reflecting on the lectionary lessons (Deuteronomy 34: 1-12, Psalm 90, I Thessalonians 2: 1-8, and Matthew 22: 34-46), we will journey together in the place where our faith and the world meet.

October 30: Reformation Sunday

Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection

9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music
Nursery Care
9:30 am *Godly Play*

We will delve into a unique space between remembering the reformation tradition out of which our denomination was born and the Feast of All Saints, with a sermon called *Times They Are A-Changin'*. The lessons are: Joshua 3: 7-17, Psalm 107, I Thessalonians 2: 9-13, and Matthew 23: 1-12. We will collect food items for the Roxbury Food Cupboard.

** *As you know and have experienced, this is a year of change and transition. Honoring this common time of transition, we will not be worshipping with St. John's Korean United Methodist Church for World Communion Sunday this year. It is our goal to join together for common worship for Pentecost Sunday 2006. Let's be intentional about being in prayer for one another as we change, struggle and grow together.*

Evangelism District Day Saturday, October 8 1:00 - 9:00 pm

From the New England Conference Office:

"On Saturday, October 8, Bishop Weaver will lead us in a CREATIVE 21ST CENTURY OUTREACH EVANGELISM DISTRICT DAY.

Each Church in the Metro Boston District is asked to bring the pastor and 5 lay persons. As we are serving dinner, we ask that you RSVP to the host Pastor Martin McLee at 617-536-0872.

The event will be held at Union United Methodist Church, 485 Columbus Ave and W. Newton Street in Boston. Union is located two blocks from the Prudential Center and 5 blocks from the back bay "T" and Commuter Rail Station. Those choosing to travel by commuter rail will find the trip extremely convenient. If you choose to drive, \$5 parking will be available with free shuttle service between Union and the garage. You may park at Northeastern University's Renaissance Garage at the end of Columbus Ave (approx. 10 blocks from Union). If you are planning to use the shuttle, simply park in the garage, exit on the Columbus Avenue side and wait for the shuttle. Shuttle service will be available from noon-9:30pm."

There will be a sign up sheet for the event in Martin Hall.

Taizé Prayer on Wednesday Evenings

6:30 pm Quiet Center - a time for individual prayer and meditation - come and go at will

7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service (30 minutes)

Have you ever wondered what the Taizé Service is?

Join Us for
That Little Springtime:
a short film about the history of
the ecumenical community in
Taizé, France
October 5, 7:00 - 7:45 pm

You are invited to come to LUMC on Wednesday evening, October 5 at 7:00 pm to view a short film on Taizé and what it has come to mean as a sign of Christian unity and as a magnet for young people who are searching for meaning in their lives.

What exactly is Taizé? In 1940, in Burgundy, France a young man who became known as Br. Roger founded a community of Protestants and Catholics to be a sign of Christian unity. They harbored Jews and at one point had to flee but were able to later return and establish a permanent community.

Today, the community is made up of over a hundred brothers from more than twenty-five nations. At the heart of daily life in Taizé are three times of prayer together. It is on this prayer that our Taizé service is modeled. The brothers live by their own work. They do not accept gifts or donations for themselves. Some of the brothers are living in small groups among the very poor.

Since the late 1950s, many thousands of students and young adults from many countries have come to Taizé to take part in weekly meetings of prayer and reflection. In addition, Taizé brothers make visits and lead meetings, large and small, in Africa, North and South America, Asia, and in Europe, as part of a "pilgrimage of trust on earth."

Come and bring your family to this 45 minute video presentation.



Tufts University Chorale

Participated in Worship on September 18

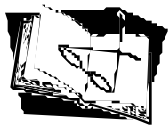
LUMC hosted the Tufts University Chorale for its choir retreat on September 17 and then was treated to its participation in worship on Sunday, September 18.

The Tufts University Chorale is an ensemble of eighty voices specializing in the performance of major works for chorus and orchestra, as well as other repertoire suitable for large chorus. The membership of the Chorale consists of Tufts undergraduate and graduate students, as well as several staff and faculty members. The Tufts Chorale performs both on campus and in the Boston metropolitan area over twelve times annually, often with the Tufts Symphony Orchestra. Their annual concert season features a diverse slate of programming that includes works with full orchestra, works with other area choruses, and special a cappella performances. Music selected for these concerts includes a wide range of choral compositions that come from the Renaissance to the present day. In recent years the Tufts Chorale has performed the Brahms, Fauré and Mozart *Requiems*, Handel's *Messiah*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Britten's *St. Nicolas*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, Brahms's *Neue Liebeslieder*, along with other major choral works of Bach, Mahler, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, and Vaughan Williams. They have collaborated in the past five years with several other college choirs and orchestras including those from MIT, Brandeis, Wheaton College, Wellesley College, Harvard, and Eastern Nazarene College.

While the Tufts Chorale has toured the eastern United States on several occasions, 2005 marked their first international tour. The Tufts Chorale toured southern Italy for nine days in late March of 2005.

The Tufts Chamber Singers, an affiliate group of the Tufts Chorale, is an ensemble of eighteen voices that focuses mainly on the performance of a cappella repertoire, both sacred and secular, and other works suitable for small chamber choir and small orchestra. The Chamber Singers' most recent concert season has included works of Heinrich Schütz featuring his *Historia von der Geburt Jesu Christi*, along with music of British and Italian choral composers. The Chamber Singers have toured both domestically (with the Tufts Chorale in recent years), and internationally to Europe on four occasions. The ensemble has visited Italy three times: performing in Milan, Florence, Venice, and Rome in 2001; and performing throughout the island of

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Adult Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings 11th Hour

- ◆ October 2, 2005 - No Adult Study
- ◆ October 9 and 16, 2005

Interreligious Dialogue

The series that I will be teaching in the 11th Hour Adult Study this year is on the topic of **Interreligious dialogue**. It will be broken up into two sequences. The first one is two sessions in October on 9 and 16, which will be followed by four sessions in January.

We will not be focusing on the detailed religious practices of other traditions, but we will explore from one Christian theologian's experience as a spiritual descendent of Martin Luther and John Wesley how his life has been deepened by his dialogues with all the traditions overviewed. He does not claim to have mastered any of these longstanding traditions. The attempt is not to summarize the vast diversity that exists within each of these traditions. Instead he looks at selected specific aspects that have enriched his life with insights and challenges. He will then examine where these encounters interface with his own Christian-articulated experiences of the Holy Spirit (Awe).

This method has led the author to further clarity with regard to his own heritage, Christianity, as well as opening himself more deeply to the wonders of other heritages. He will share his experiences of Awe that have happened to him through select parts of these other-than-Christian religions. Then he explores these same topics through the language and wisdom of the Christian heritage, which he continues to view through the Awe (Holy Spirit) window. The result of his dialogue is to explore some of the gifts to him of the religious heritages being engaged. We will discuss these aspects and how we react to this interreligious dialogue.

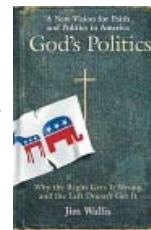
The two fall sessions will be on the Abrahamic traditions; October 9 on Judaism and October 16 on Islam, both of which are very closely related to Christianity. All three of these religions are children in the same family, even though their members have too often fought one another. Let me know of your interest in these sessions so you can get reading material for these sessions from me the week before, that is, on Sunday, October 2 for the session on October 9.

The four winter sessions will discuss the "Asian Enrichment" - the Taoist and Buddhist traditions. The January newsletter will provide more information on the winter sessions.

- Ken Kreutziger

◆ October 23 and 30, 2005

God's Politics



Join us for an eight week study of Jim Wallis' provocative book, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong, and the Left Doesn't Get It* beginning Sunday, October 23 during 11th Hour Adult Study.

Since when did believing in God and having moral values make you pro-war, pro-rich, and pro-Republican? And since when did promoting and pursuing a progressive social agenda with a concern for economic security, health care, and educational opportunity mean you had to put faith in God aside?

God's Politics offers a clarion call to make both our religious communities and our government more accountable to key values of the prophetic religious tradition - that is, make them pro-justice, pro-peace, pro-environment, pro-equality, pro-consistent ethic of life (beyond single issue voting), and pro-family (without making scapegoats of single mothers or gays and lesbians). These are the values of love and justice, reconciliation, and community that Jesus taught and that are at the core of what many of us believe, Christian or not.

This is one you won't want to miss!!!

(Copies of the book will be available for sale on October 16 during Fellowship Time for \$16.00.)

Bible and Bagels



Bible and Bagels will gather for study, prayer and fellowship on Monday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 am. We are currently viewing the *Faces of Faith* video series. Need child care? Speak to Rev. Luckie! Join us Monday morning for Bible and Bagels.

Soup and Scripture

If you are still hungry, join us for a lectionary Bible Study on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will take a look at the Gospel lesson for the following Sunday, study, pray and live into it as we prepare our hearts for living worship throughout the week. Join us for this nourishment for the soul: Soup and Scripture.

Afternoon Tea

Let's get together for afternoon tea in the library each Thursday at 3:30 pm. Catch up with old friends, get to know new ones. This is a great way to get acquainted or re-acquainted without the constraints of time or business. Take a break during the day and share a cup of tea with friends.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

GODLY PLAY

We open October with World Communion Sunday. Our *Godly Play* class will participate in the Sunday service, so there will be no Godly Play on October 2. The service will be held at our usual time, with Praise music at 9:15 am. We'll resume *Godly Play* with the continuing story of the People of God the following week.

Sunday	Lesson	Teachers
10/2/05	<i>No Godly Play Class</i> (children participate in worship service)	
10/9/05	<i>The Great Family</i> Kathy Parks and Louise Kreutziger	
10/16/05	<i>Exodus</i> Becky Linton and Rae Lavalla	
10/23/05	<i>Ten Best Ways</i> Lara Anthony and Kathy Parks	
10/30/05	<i>Ark and the Tent</i> Kurt Gunter and Becky Linton	

YOUTH

The Methodist Youth Fellowship kicked off in September with fun and pizza and some thought-provoking discussion on Fairness: why bad things happen to good people; what do you think is unfair in life, and what could you do about it? Please join us for our October Methodist Youth Fellowship evenings on Sunday October 9 and Sunday October 23 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in Martin Hall. Friends and newcomers welcome!



APPLE PICKING AND PUMPKIN SELECTING!

Sunday, October 23
12 Noon

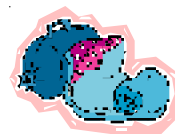
Join us for a day of fun and fellowship this fall! Please come and enjoy the cooler weather, pick apples and select your Halloween pumpkin.

Save the date! October 23 at noon (weather permitting) to travel to Jan Johnson's home in Bolton. You may sign up in Martin Hall or RSVP to Rae Lavalla at 781-453-8978 or RHLavalla@yahoo.com.

- Rae Lavalla

YOUTH LOCK-IN OCTOBER 14

Middle School and High School Youth, join us for our **Annual Youth Lock-in!** It will start on Friday October 14 at 8:00 pm and end on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. We are hoping you will stay and help your church family with the sale on Saturday morning (although you may be really sleepy)!



What is a Lock-in? It is an overnighter in the church, where youth have fun watching movies on the big screen in the sanctuary, dancing to their favorite tunes in the Asbury Room, and eating and talking all night long. So reserve your couch in the Library early!

Parents: If you'd like to join in the fun, for an hour or the whole night, please contact Andrea Laux (617-504-9093) or Kathy Parks (781-861-9686).

Youth: Please RSVP to Andrea or Kathy; you can reach Kathy on AOL Instant Messenger via the buddy name *ctgkathyp*.

SEEKING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

LUMC is currently seeking a Christian Education Director. The position is advertised and candidates are being interviewed now. Please watch this space in future editions of the newsletter for the latest news.

Children's Choir Rehearsals



Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to make a joyful noise with Jeanne after *Godly Play* on Sundays.

We will begin our practices on Sunday, October 9 and share our music making with the congregation on Sunday, October 30 in worship.

Questions? Contact Jeanne Lucas, LUMC's Music Director (jeannemlucas@hotmail.com or 781-665-6481).

For Your Reflection...

“Hammer and a Nail” by the Indigo Girls

clearing webs from the hovel
a blistered hand on the handle of a shovel
i've been digging too deep; i always do
i see my face on the surface
i look a lot like narcissus
a dark abyss of an emptiness
standing on the edge of a drowning blue

CHORUS

*i look behind my ears for the green
and even my sweat smells clean
glare off the white hurts my eyes
i gotta get out of bed; get a hammer and a nail
learn how to use my hands; not just my head
i think myself in a jail
now i know a refuge never grows; from a chin in a
hand
and a thoughtful pose; gotta tend the earth
if you want a rose*

i had a lot of good intentions
sit around for fifty years
and then collect a pension
started seeing the road to hell
and just where it starts
but my life is more than a vision
the sweetest part is acting
after making a decision
started seeing the whole
as a sum of its parts

Charge Conference and Annual Reports Due

It is about time to start collecting reports for Charge Conference, which will also be used in the Annual Report. This year our Charge Conference will be Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. John's United Methodist Church in Watertown, MA. Our Cluster Charge Conference theme for the year is: Evangelism and Church Growth. Please e-mail your reports to Allyson at office@lexumc.org by Wednesday, October 26.

As you recall a year of transition and change, know that you remain in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that you will find in writing your report a deep sense of the presence of God and the power of the Spirit of Life at work in you and in our congregation.

- Hope Luckie

CHORUS

my life is part of the global life
i'd found myself becoming more immobile
when i'd think a little girl in the world
can't do anything
a distant nation my community
and a street person my responsibility
if i have a care in the world
i have a gift to bring

CHORUS

Reflection Questions:

1. When we begin to clean out our hearts and lives, what will we discover? What will we throw away and what will we keep? What gives you life and what takes a way your life? Where is God in this process of thinning?
2. What is the difference between “good intentions” and actions? What things are “good intentions” in your life? What things are you committed to through action in your life? Where is God in this experience?
3. In your life, how are you connected with the world around you? What are the gifts you bring with you to your work, your church, your community, to the local community, state, nation, and world? What do you care about and how can your share this with others?
4. If you got out of bed ready to work – ready to be connected with the global community, what would you do and with whom would you work?
5. In your life, what would faith and action – being and doing, look like? Where is God in this experience?

Tufts University Chorale

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Sicily in 2002. The Chamber Singers toured Spain in 2003, with stops in both Madrid and Barcelona, and also accompanied the Tufts Chorale to Italy in 2005.

Andrew Clark serves as Lecturer of Music and Director of Choral Activities, as well as Artistic Director Designate of the Providence Singers (a 125-voice symphony chorus in Rhode Island) and Assistant Conductor and Chorus Master for Opera Boston.



REACHING OUT. . .

WHO'S HUNGRY IN AMERICA?

It's shocking that here in America, the wealthiest country in the world, people are facing hunger. Hardworking families don't have enough to feed their children. Seniors may have to choose between paying for medication and groceries. The following figures from the 2001 Hunger Study give you an in-depth look at the 23.3 million people who receive emergency food assistance through the America's Second Harvest network each year.

- 63% of the adults we serve have earned at least a high-school diploma.
- 39% of households who receive help from America's Second Harvest and their affiliates include at least one employed adult.
- 64% have incomes at or below the official federal poverty level.
- 45% report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.
- 36% have had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage bill.
- 30% have had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

THE LEXINGTON INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

And hunger exists right here in Lexington and its neighboring towns! Our LUMC was one of the founding members of this pantry in 1990, and has supported it with four volunteer workers every fourth Saturday morning ever since!

It was observed during our Future Search that it appeared we were more interested in Outreach in distant lands rather than locally. This Pantry has been running quietly for 15 years with our help as a significant local Outreach activity.

Stop in at the Church of Our Redeemer, behind the Visitor's Center on the Battle Green, between 9 and 11 am any Saturday to see it in action! Then sign up on the chart on the Outreach bulletin board in Martin Hall to join in! We guarantee that you will enjoy the experience!

OUTREACH NOTES

Members of the Outreach Committee are: Charles Dubs, Ken Kreutziger, Paul Linton, Janet Melcher, Bob and Linda Miner, Linda Rings, and Bill and Jean Santelmann. Please speak to any of us about ideas you may have for our committee's emphasis, particularly about local projects you'd like our church to do.

Our collections for the Roxbury Food Cupboard are going well; we've collected nearly 1,000 items so far. Please be alert for possible collection date changes due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Massachusetts has a sales tax credit and an income tax credit program for people who replace heating and cooling equipment with energy saver items.

Also, a free home energy audit from Mass Save can make your home much more energy efficient. They replaced a dozen incandescent bulbs with long lasting compact fluorescent (value \$128.00) and paid 50% of the cost to upgrade our attic insulation from R-19 to R-40.

We know that some parents of young children would like to attend the 11th Hour programs but are unable to do so because of lack of childcare. If you have suggestions as to how that might be handled, please speak to one of us on the committee.

By Bob and Linda Miner, Outreach Co-chairs

LUMC-ACT

LUMC-ACT is an email action-alert mailing list, operated by and for the LUMC community. It notifies its members of urgent action opportunities in support of Justice and Peace. If you would like to be on the LUMC-ACT list, please give your request and email address to any member of the Outreach Committee or send your request by email to n1au@rcn.com.

Your email address will not be used for any other purpose, and will not even appear in the message header for others to see.

Please also send your urgent action opportunities to the above e-mail address for distribution to the list. Thank you!

For the Outreach Committee by Bill Santelmann

FutureSearch Report from the LUMC Steering Committee

The Internal Organization Taskforce presented their ideas for consolidating standing committees to fit the NOW church model. NOW, which stands for Nurture, Outreach, and Witness, is a model designed for smaller churches. The Internal Organization taskforce's proposal would consolidate the 11 standing committees into 4. *Nurture* would cover the missions of our current Christian Education, Worship and Music, and Stewardship committees. *Outreach* would cover the missions of Outreach Committee, as well as United Methodist Women, Health and Welfare issues, Social Justice and Advocacy. *Witness* would cover Membership Cultivation, Communications and the website, as well as United Methodist Men, Evangelism, and Lay Speaking. There would be a fourth committee to oversee this work, as outlined in the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, an Administrative Committee. This committee would also cover what is now covered in the Finance, Staff Parish Relations and Lay Leadership committees. This proposal was presented at the LUMC Administrative Council in September, and was approved, and will be brought to the Annual Charge Conference for a vote on November 5.

The FutureSearch Steering Committee and Fun Cluster taskforce partnered to plan and implement the *Back to the FutureSearch* Reunion Ice Cream Social to help kickoff our FutureSearch activities for the Fall on September 25. Thank you everyone who contributed their time, help, and photos!

The WebTeam met with Rev. Luckie to discuss a new "theme" for our website, to help organize information as well as present LUMC the congregation on our website. Rainer von Saleski is working on identifying a new web hosting service, with broader and more reliable services, to enable us to realize our technical ideas. If you would like to help, please contact Rainer von Saleski at rvs@lexumc.org. Please watch the LUMC website <http://www.lexumc.org> for new developments soon!

2010 Taskforce	Chairperson
Growth and Membership Diversity	Rae Lavalla
Outreach	Bill Santelmann
Web Team ("Communication")	Kathy Parks
Fun Cluster	Linda Rings
Finance, Partners; Steering Committee	Keith Herndon
Children/Youth/Young Adult and Intergenerational Programming	Clint Fawcett
Worship and Music	Eric Shank
Internal Organization	Hope Luckie

FutureSearch FAQ (frequently asked questions)

What is the Future Search Steering Committee?

The FutureSearch Steering Committee exists to support the 2010 Taskforces in their work, as well as keep the Vision for LUMC in the forefront of our activities. The Steering Committee provides guidance to the taskforces, helps resolve problems, and ensures that the lines of communication among the 2010 taskforces and LUMC committees are open. If you need assistance in your taskforce, or have questions, please contact any of the members of the Committee: Mackie Corson, Smoki Fraser, Keith Herndon, Becky Linton, Kathy Parks.

What's the difference between a Taskforce and a Committee?

The 2010 Taskforces brainstorm on ideas to move us toward our vision for 2010. They bring those ideas to the existing LUMC Committee (Worship, Christian Ed, Outreach, Finance, etc.) and the committees determine whether the ideas fit into the program for that committee for this year. The existing committees perform the business of the church; the taskforces provide ideas. Taskforces can assist in implementing the ideas, if the existing committee agrees to this. Otherwise, they are not expected to implement their ideas, but to work through the existing committees to get things done.

What if the membership of the Taskforce is the same as the Committee? Can we just roll them into one group, one meeting?

The Taskforces were intended to provide out-of-the-box ideas for moving the church toward our vision for 2010. The Committees are busy performing the business of the church. If you feel that your group can accomplish both, that is up to your Committee and Taskforce: whatever your group feels is reasonable. But you will still be expected to provide a FutureSearch Taskforce report at the All-Church meeting(s) on our progress. *Suggestion:* If you want to hold one meeting, set a clear agenda for covering Committee business (in the first half, for example) and cover Taskforce business in the second.

- *FutureSearch Steering Committee*
Keith Herndon (leader), Mackie Corson, Smoki Fraser, Becky Linton, Ken Kreutziger, Kathy Parks

LUMC GIANT YARD SALE

Saturday, October 15

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Martin Hall



**TO ALL PERSONS,
NEAR AND FAR,
LISTEN HEREUNTO
AND ATTEND!**

Come all ye pilgrims, wanderers and wayfarers, young and old, brash and bashful to the 2005 smash sensational LUMC annual baked goods and yard sale extravaganza! Please see the following stars of the show for highlights!



SETTING UP AND DROPPING OFF YOUR ITEMS

The church will be open on Friday evening October 14 starting at 6:00 pm so that you may pre-arrange your items. If you wish to bring items in the church prior to that, you may leave your stuff marked YARD SALE under the stair opposite the office door.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR:

1. People to sell their excess stuff for the greater good of LUMC. If you haven't signed up for a table yet, call Keith Herndon.
2. People to supervise other people's stuff. If you do not have stuff but can come Saturday to peddle other peoples' stuff, please let Keith Herndon know.
3. Set-Up Help for Friday night. Call Keith.
4. Take-Down help for Saturday after noon. Call Keith.

Yours truly,

Keith Herndon, Go-To-Guy In Chief

Day: 617-563-7886 Eve: 781-863-9998 email: keith.herndon@fmr.com

With help from: Smoki Fraser (Jewelry Table), Becky Linton (Bake Sale), Bob and Linda Miner (Breakfast and Lunch)

LUMC Book Club

October 17, 7:30 pm

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon is the Book Group's choice for its October 17 meeting at Muriel Landers' home at 7:30 pm. The book is the interesting tale of an autistic 15 year old who solves a murder mystery of sorts.

Senior Choir Rehearsal




Thursdays

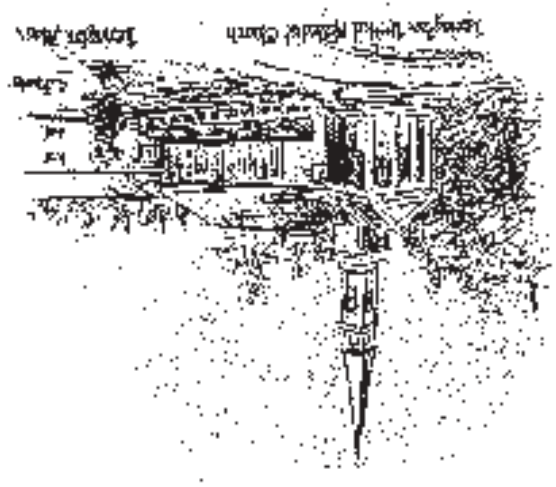
7:30 pm!

Choir Room

Questions? Contact Jeanne Lucas, LUMC Music Director (781-665-6481 or jeannemlucas@hotmail.com).

October 2005 - Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">20th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Soup and Scripture</p>	<p>9:30 am District Committee on Ministry</p>	<p>6:30 pm Quiet Center 7:00 pm Taizé Video Presentation 7:30 pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>3:30 pm Afternoon Tea 7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Membership Cultivation Meeting</p>		<p>1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Creative 21st Century Outreach Evangelism District Day (Union UMC, Boston)</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">21st Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Adult Study: Interreligious dialogue 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries 5:30 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Columbus Day (Office Closed)</p>	<p>7:30 pm Christian Education Meeting</p>	<p>6:30 pm Quiet Center 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer 7:30 pm Finance 8:00 pm Administrative Council</p>	<p>3:30 pm Afternoon Tea 7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6:00 pm Yard Sale Set-Up 8:00 pm Youth Lock-In</p> 	<p>9:00 - 2:00 pm LUMC Yard Sale</p> 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">22nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Communion in the library 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Adult Study: Interreligious dialogue 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Soup and Scripture 7:30 pm Book Club (Landers')</p>		<p>6:30 pm Quiet Center 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer 7:30 pm Joint meeting Steering Committee and 2010 Finance Taskforce</p>	<p>3:30 pm Afternoon Tea 7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>		<p>9:00 - 11:00 Lexington Food Pantry</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">23rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Adult Study: <i>God's Politics</i> Noon Apple Picking (Jan Johnson's home) 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries 5:30 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>10:00 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Soup and Scripture</p>		<p>6:30 pm Quiet Center 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer 7:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Cte.</p>	<p>3:30 pm Afternoon Tea 7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Corporation Meeting</p>	<p>12:30 pm Newsletter Collation</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Worship begins with Praise Music; Nursery Care 9:30 am <i>Godly Play</i> (N - 5) 10:30 am Fellowship in Martin Hall 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Adult Study: <i>God's Politics</i> 5:00 pm Cambridge Welcoming Ministries</p> <p style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Roxbury Food Cupboard Collection</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Soup and Scripture</p>					



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Our Fall Sunday Program

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



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**LUMC GIANT YARD
SALE**
SATURDAY OCTOBER 15
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS