

A Note from the Pastor



Romans 12:6-8

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (NIV)

There are two schools of thought when it comes to making the most out of our lives for Jesus. One school of thought says that we should spend the majority of our time doing what we do well. Paul supports this school when he says, "If you're good at serving, spend your time serving. If you're good at teaching, spend your time teaching. Whatever God has made you good at, do that."

The other school of thought says that we should serve in ways that we are weak, because when we seek to serve God in our area of weakness we are forced to rely on God's strength rather than our own. Paul endorses this way of thinking when he says, "I'm not afraid to admit my weaknesses, because when I do that, God gives me His strength to get the job done and He gets the glory."

The fact that Paul subscribes to both schools of thought tells us they are not mutually exclusive. It's left up to us then to answer the question, "Is this the time for me to do what God made me good at for His glory, or is this the time for me to learn to trust God more by serving Him in an area where I am weak?"

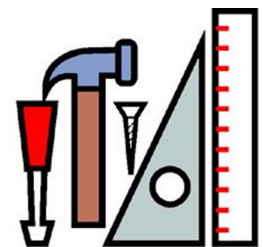
As you enter the Spring and Summer of 2016, do you believe God is calling you to serve Him by exercising a strength or by trusting Him in weakness? Let me know your answer. I would love to hear how God is working in your life?

Your Pastor,
Doug

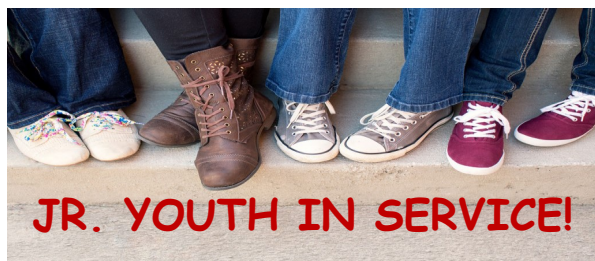
There is a newly formed group of LPUMC folks available to assist members of our church family with minor repairs or maintenance in their home.

If you are a single parent, widowed, elderly, disabled or your spouse is deployed and you find yourself in need, contact Pastor Doug.

If you'd like to join this new Christ Carpenters group, contact Chris Bologna at: chrisb@csbiservices.com. Skill teaching and mentoring is being offered for those interested in learning.



Christ's
Carpenters



**For Rising 3rd – 5th Graders
Sunday April 17, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

There will be a kick-off ice-cream social & informational meeting for parents and kids 3rd-5th grade, including rising 3rd graders for fall 2016. Come learn about this new ministry that will help kids experience how to reach out to serve as disciples of Christ!

If you're interested but can't attend the kick-off, please contact Laura Berryman at: lauramberryman@gmail.com or Joy McBride at: joys605@yahoo.com

VBS 2016

**Coming Soon!
June 20-24**

New Adult Sunday School Classes

Work Place Grace

Sundays 9:30 a.m. 6-week class beginning April 10th

Meets in Chapel - led by Curtis Webster

Focusing on how to effectively share your faith in the work place

Amazing Grace

Sundays 9:30 a.m. 8-week class beginning April 10th

Meets in the Library Led by Mary Lou Singletary

Revealing the extraordinary gift God has given us

It's Rummage Sale Time!

It's not too soon to start collecting your treasures to donate to the UMW Rummage Sale.

All items in good repair, except clothing are welcome.

Drop off day is Fri. May 6th

Rummage Sale day is Sat. May 7th

Contact Pat Pinnell for more information 301-994-9327

Church Picnic

**Sun. June 5th
Camp Maria
in Leonardtown
Beach & water
activities,
Swimming Pool,
Volley Ball
& More!
Bring a side dish
to share**

**Don't miss it, mark
your calendar now!**

Upcoming Important Events and Happenings



Inviting all Women

"An Hawaiian Luau"
Sunday April 24,
2-4p.m.

Hosted by the United Methodist
Women

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or
dress, and come enjoy the fun.

\$7 adults, \$4 children

RSVP by April 10 to:

Pat Pinnell 301-994-9327 or
Wanda Eberwein 301-994-1464

(Indicate if you need childcare)

Attention all Green Thumbs!

LPUMC folks are invited to participate in
our new community garden. Plots of all
sizes available behind Ebenezer
Cemetery on Chancellors Run Rd.

The garden is fenced and the ground is
ready for planting. You supply your own
plants, work your own plot and enjoy
your own produce.

Free coaching help available!

Contact Joy Cooper for more info or stop
by the church office to pick up a
Community Garden responsibility
agreement form.

Reoccurring Events

Sunday

Traditional Worship 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Little Hands Rehearsal 10:35 a.m.
Children's Church 11:00 a.m.
UM High School Fellowship 5:30 p.m.
UM Middle School Fellowship 5:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th week)
Youth Handbells 7:00 p.m.

Monday

Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m. (2nd week)
Trustees Meeting 6:00 p.m. (1st week)
UM Men 6:00pm (3rd week)
UM Women 7:00 p.m. (3rd week)
Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. (2nd week)

Tuesday

Exercise Class 8:45 a.m.
Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
9:30 Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m.
JOY Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Exercise Class 8:45 a.m.
Widow(er)'s Group 10:00 a.m. or 6 p.m. (3rd week)
Blankets of Love 11:30 a.m.

Friday

Seniors' Lunch 12:30 p.m. (2nd week)
Agape Club 6:00 p.m. (2nd week)

Saturday

Cooking Club 12:00 p.m. (4th week)

***A complete calendar of current church events is
available on our website. www.lpumchurch.org***



New Church Garden News

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