

# The Viewpoint

September 1, 2011

## *Lake Merritt United Methodist Church*

*We are an open and welcoming Christian congregation  
serving God in downtown Oakland.*

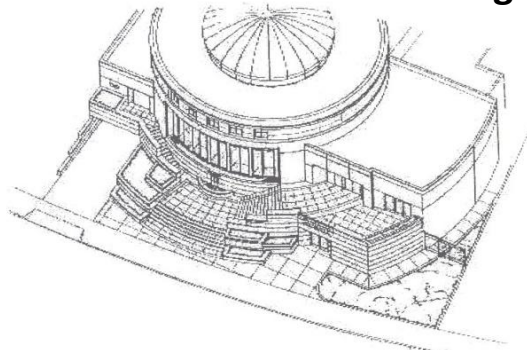
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## **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- **Adult Bible Class**  
Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.
- **Sunday Programs for Children:**
  - **Nursery Care** for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old is provided from 9:30 am – 11:30 am in the nursery. We have excellent staff to be with your child(ren).
  - **Preschool Activities and Sunday School** is provided 9:30am – 11:30 am. Our preschool teacher welcomes your children for all or part of this time.
  - **Younger Elementary Sunday School** follows the Children's Moment in worship for children in Kindergarten through grade 3.
  - **Youth Sunday School** follows the Children's Moment in worship for children in grades 4 and older. The youth are invited to remain in worship on Communion Sunday.
  - **Celebration of Divine Worship:** 10:30 am in the Worship Center.  
Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

This week I received a letter from the Cabinet of the United Methodist Church, Northern California-Nevada Annual Conference. The Annual Conference, led by Bishop Warner Brown, is our connection to the United Methodist Church worldwide. Over the past several years, the Annual Conference has been working hard to bring the kind of training and leadership skills to clergy and lay people in the Annual Conference, in order to meet the changing world our churches find themselves in.

As your pastor, I have participated in these training opportunities. I have brought as much as I can of the new information to your attention, so that together we can look at who we are and who we are becoming through the lens of changing times.

Several items in the letter from the Cabinet caught my attention as we work together to continue our important ministry here in downtown Oakland. Here are the items:

\*\*\*The Vital Signs Inventory (which the leadership of this congregation did complete) found that the churches of this Annual Conference share with most of the denomination the fact that, while good work is done in and by our congregations, the majority of congregations are neither growing nor stable.

\*\*\*The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has issued a call to action to the denomination which states that for the next 10 years, our denomination will focus on congregational vitality. In other words, we United Methodists will focus on supporting our local churches to be healthy and strong.

\*\*\*Local congregations (Lake Merritt UMC included!) will involve intentional reporting of basic indicators of congregational vitality: worship attendance, number of adults received in "profession of faith," number of small groups for growth in discipleship, mission involvement, and financial giving... Beginning January 1, each congregation will report basic numbers to the Conference each week in those categories.

\*\*\*By March 15 every congregation will be expected to set goals for the next four years for each of these areas.

During these difficult economic times, when the numbers who line up for food grow longer each week, and when more people come to the door than ever before for prayer, food, and a little bit of money to help them through, I ask you to pray for this congregation and the important ministry it provides, every day.

The Administrative Team has been bringing announcements into worship on a regular basis, to let the congregation know about the financial impact our changing congregational demographic means. The Ad Team is also looking closely at the financial needs and the growing needs of the congregation. Keep the Ad Team in your prayers as they discern the way forward for this congregation.

For a long time, church leaders in the denomination have known that the way we have been "doing business" as a church has not worked the way it once did. We've known that for at least 40 years! In addition, as a downtown congregation, we have our own set of needs, and we attract people whose needs are great. When we talk about needing money to pay for the building, we are really talking about the ministry needs of people in the community and of people who are coming to church

regularly. When you hold the congregation in prayer, make sure you pray also for the community we serve.

I am grateful to be serving among you and with you.  
In faith,  
Pastor Mary Elyn

## Thank you for your patience!

Because of staff changes in the church office, we have been making changes in how announcements and sermons are sent out to email lists.  
Some of you may not have been receiving regular announcements and sermons.  
Please be patient as we continue to update our lists!

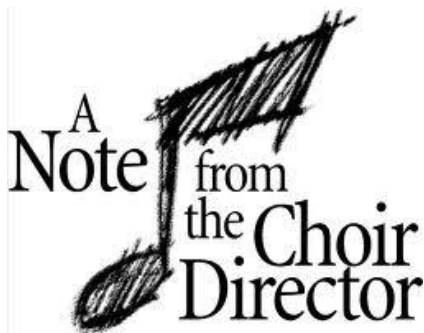
### CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Judy Patrick and I would like to invite you to join us for a time to continue the conversation we began last Sunday during worship. We will meet with anyone who wishes to continue talking about the State of the Church in the Conference Room on **Sunday, September 4, at noon**. Enjoy coffee fellowship and then join us!

Warmly,  
Mary Elyn

*You're  
Invited!!*

### THE LMUMC CHOIR RE-STARTS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH!



Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking for more ways to connect with the LMUMC congregation and get more involved in worship services? The LMUMC choir is looking for YOU! All that is required is a love of singing and a willing heart - no previous choir experience is needed. The choir rehearses on Tuesday nights, 7:30-9:00 p.m., and Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Contact Music Director Katie Koeplin for more information, either in person on Sundays, or at: [music@lakemerrittumc.org](mailto:music@lakemerrittumc.org).

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION AND GROWTH AT LMUMC

## THE BOOK OF PSALMS STUDY GROUP



Study the great prayers and songs of the Hebrew Scriptures with Ikani Fakasiieiki, Doctoral Student in Old Testament at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Monday evenings, beginning **Monday, September 12, 7-9 P.M., the Choir Room** (the room behind the Tiffany panels in the sanctuary!)

Come to learn about the Psalms, to study the Psalms as Biblical literature, and to grow in faith as you apply your study to your life.

Please let Pastor Mary Elyn know if you intend to be part of this study. She will order a book for you. Class will meet on 8 consecutive Monday evenings.

## THE GIFT OF YEARS: GROWING OLDER GRACEFULLY

"Joan Chittister, one of our most celebrated spiritual writers, invites us to embrace older age as a natural part of life that is both active and contemplative, productive and reflective, and deeply rewarding..."

The Gift of Years reflects of many aspects of aging, the purposes and concerns, the struggles and surprises, the potential and joys...The gift of these years is not merely being alive, it is the gift of becoming more fully alive than ever."

***Are you interested in joining a group of people who are committed to growing spiritually, using The Gift of Years, reflection, sharing, scripture and prayer as our guides?***

Please talk to Pastor Mary Elyn if you are interested. When a group of people has committed to this study, the times and dates of the class will be announced.

## ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN FOOD 4 THOUGHT ON OCTOBER 2

Food 4 Thought meets the first Sunday of every month at 6:00 in the Edwards Room at church. After a light potluck supper, we watch two (half hour) lectures on DVD and discuss/reflect on what we have heard. We are usually on our way home by 8:30.

Everyone is welcome and we would love to have you join us. Please contact Laurel Williams (510-521-4626, [laurelandrandy@gmail.com](mailto:laurelandrandy@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend or if you have questions/need child care.



## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

This month I want to share more information about our growing partnership with members of the Chinese Community United Methodist Church (CCUMC). For over a year now, five to seven volunteers from the CCUMC have been helping with our food distribution on the Second Saturday of each month. They have been providing invaluable assistance and guidance related to working with the folks from the Chinese community who come for food. The CCUMC Missions Ministry Team has made it a goal for 50% of their congregation to participate in the food pantry in some way.

Periodically members from the CCUMC and their Pastor, Emily Lin, have met with Pastor Mary Elyn and our food pantry team. This summer, Kathleen Bell, Sue Dickey, Sherri Ellinson, Margaret LeWright and I met with representatives from the CCUMC to discuss how to strengthen our partnership and move it forward. We decided to plan a combined volunteer training and team building get together for the Fall.

And so, on October 15th, from 1000am until 100pm, our two food pantry teams will be gathering at the CCUMC for a Food Pantry Volunteer Orientation and Team Building followed by a pot luck brunch. We have a task force from our two Food Pantry Teams that is developing the final plans for this get together. We will be sharing more details during the month of September and in the October viewpoint. This gathering is for everyone who has helped with the Food Pantry and also for any who would like to learn more about the Food Pantry. So, please mark the date if you are interested, and “stay tuned” for more information. We will take sign ups in early October.

Paul Bell-Tull



### FOOD SORTING ON SEPTEMBER 4

It takes many people to help sort the miscellaneous food items that we receive from the Alameda County Community Food Bank so that it can be distributed through our very own Food Pantry. Folks of all ages are invited to participate in this fun and important activity on Sunday, September 4, after worship. Thank you for your participation!

Don't forget to bring your **BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS** to church for our twice monthly food distributions!  
**Bring your bags with you on Sunday!**

Thank you!  
It truly takes a village to provide this service to the community.



## **MINDFULNESS MEDITATION HALF DAY WORKSHOP** **(formerly "Touching Peace, Touching Joy")**

On October 1st, from 9:30 - noon in the Edward's Room, Paul and Sylvia Bell-Tull will teach the basics of Mindfulness Meditation. How can one benefit from learning this meditation? The benefits can be profound. With a gentle, consistent effort over time, MM can soften and open the heart, release us from the mesmerizing stories that dominate thinking, allow us to become more connected to the beauty within our own being (like peace, joy, wisdom, compassion), open inner space for deep listening, and more. Any adult can participate in this experiential workshop whether a seasoned mindfulness meditator or a new meditator. Clear, brief instructions will be offered, but the meditation itself will be the main source of teaching.



If there are 8 or more folks who want to participate in an ongoing, monthly gathering to meditate together, Paul and Sylvia can lead such a group every third Sunday evening of the month.

This workshop is free to anyone connected to the LMUMC community, and \$20 for anyone outside the LMUMC community. It is important for us to know how many will be attending, so if you are interested, please contact Paul and Sylvia at [stull2690@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stull2690@sbcglobal.net), or catch us after church. We look forward to meditating with you!

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## **RALLY SUNDAY & ANNUAL BBQ POTLUCK**

**September 11, 2010**

Make sure to be in church on September 11. It's our Rally Sunday – the start of Sunday School, and a day to honor our Sunday School Volunteers and teachers.

Join the fun after worship in the church courtyard! Bring your family and friends. Our friends of the Korean Methodist Church will also fellowship with us.

Everyone is invited to feast on grilled hamburgers, sausages/hot dogs, and/or vegetarian burgers. A financial contribution for the meat is appreciated, but not required. A basket for cash donations will be available.

Please bring your favorite potluck side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Food can be brought to the kitchen before church. Kindly label dishes and serving utensils with a name. Condiments and beverages will also be provided.

Don't forget to wear your picnic clothes to church!

Please contact Laurel Williams at [510-521-4626](tel:510-521-4626) or at [laurelandrandy@gmail.com](mailto:laurelandrandy@gmail.com) with any questions.



## **ART SHOW OPENING AT LAKE MERRITT UMC** **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11:30-2:00PM**

On Sunday, September 18, we will introduce a new artist, Adrianna Diaz, during worship. After worship, we will have refreshments in the Edwards Room along with a viewing of her new show. Adrianna is an Oakland artist (with Spanish roots) who has shown in many local galleries. She is also a lifecoach, and an accomplished dancer of Argentine Tango. Come see her work and speak with her after worship on September 18th.

## **ANNUAL A'S GAME**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 7:05 P.M.**

Join us for the A's game against Detroit. The game is Friday night, September 16th, 7:05 p.m. The \$14 tickets include a \$5 food voucher and fireworks show! Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, August 28th. This is an annual church event for family and friends. Please call Linda @ [510-482-2942](tel:510-482-2942) if you have any questions. Go As!!!!



## **FINANCE QUARTERLY REPORT & ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM**



### **How much does it take to run this church?**

	Income	Expense	Difference
Annual	275,200	335,906	60,706
Monthly	22,933	27,992	5,059
Weekly	5,292	6,460	1,168
Daily	754	920	166
Hourly	31	38	7
Every Minute	0.52	0.65	0.13

This summer members will vacation and pledge payments will drop, but the bills won't go away. The finance committee has decided to have an Adopt-a-Bill program.

In this exciting program, you decide the bill you wish to adopt. Do the lights and sound mean a lot to you in the service? Then you can pay the PG&E bill. Or if you always use the elevator, we have a special category for the AT+T bill which pays for the phone in the elevator, there for use in an emergency. But if you feel that the cleanliness of the building is of utmost importance, you can adopt the Waste Management bill. And so on.

Here are some possibilities:

	Average Monthly Bill
Elevator Phone (AT&T)	38
Elevator (ThyssonKrupp)	363
EBMUD (water)	447
PG&E (electricity and gas)	1,637
Waste Management (garbage)	343

## **LAKE MERRITT UMC ESTABLISHES TRANSIT FUND**

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church has established a transit fund to assist senior and disabled Lake Merritt Church goers on fixed incomes with the costs of transit to and from the church. Transit subsidies for senior and disabled transit riders have been cut due to State budget cuts. Private sources are now being called upon to assist seniors and disabled people on fixed incomes in using public transit and paratransit services. Lake Merritt UMC's transit fund needs donations in order to provide transportation assistance in the future. Please contact the Church office if you would like to contribute to this fund or if you are a senior or disabled person on a fixed income in need of transit fund assistance.



## **HEAVENLY BREW GOES ON A COFFEE BREAK!**

Heavenly Brew will be closed for the month of August through the first two Sundays of September.

Café services will resume on September 25.



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## **Back 2 School Backpack Project**

It's time to help the students at La Escuelita get ready for school again! We have been supporting the needy students at this downtown Oakland school for over 6 years now. This year, Principal Tammy Rose has asked us for 30 backpacks filled with basic school supplies. We have already purchased the backpacks for about \$5.50 each.

To fill each backpack, we need:

- pencils (10 per student)
- sharpeners
- wide rule notebooks
- 24 ct. crayons
- 8 ct. washable markers
- student dictionaries

To sign up to purchase supplies or sponsor a backpack (\$15 covers the cost of a backpack and supplies for 1 child) please see Margaret LeWright during fellowship hour or call 510-967-1374.

## **RECONCILING COMMITTEE NEWS**

Lake Merritt Church's Reconciling Committee is actively considering being a presence at Oakland Pride for a second year on Sunday, September 4, 2011. We encourage and welcome everyone from our church community to come and join us--by helping staff our booth, marching in the parade (new this year!), helping to set up and take down our booth tent, as well as other important duties! Also, of course, you'll have the opportunity to take in the colorful sights and sounds of Oakland's vibrant festival honoring diversity!!

If you'd like to help Lake Merritt be a presence in this East Bay LGBTQI community celebration, please contact: Dan Strauss

[dansandjoet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dansandjoet@sbcglobal.net) (510) 437-1966; or Eric Weingarten [eric@jackdawsystems.com](mailto:eric@jackdawsystems.com) (510) 235-5077!! Thank you!!"

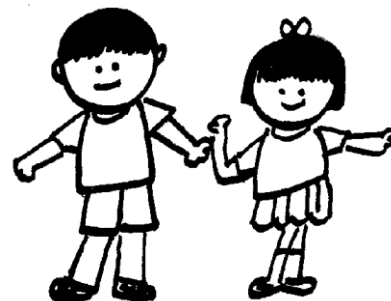


## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU**

Are you interested in becoming a part of the wonderful team of volunteers who serve the children of Lake Merritt UMC? We are in need of new volunteers who are willing to help out just a few Sundays a year.

We are looking for:

- **Preschool** – Helper for Dolma (and Flora)
- **Young Elementary** – Activity leader  
(Laurel Williams plans and preps all the activities; you just need to help the kids do the activity.)
- **Youth** – Activity leader for the 5th Sunday. (There are only 5th Sundays a few times a year.)
- **Floater** – Helps out wherever needed.



Please join us for a brief Orientation Meeting after church on **Sunday, September 18th** in the Sunday School Wing. If you are interested or have any questions, please let us know. We will have a sign-up sheet available during Fellowship Hour for the next few weeks.

Thank you,  
Children's Ministry Co-Chairs  
Maggie Ernst & Margaret LeWright



### **SEEKING COFFEE HOUR HOSTS!**

WANTED:	Coffee hour hosts
WHEN:	One Sunday every once in a while
WHAT'S NEEDED:	Provide a simple nutritious snack for children & adults after worship
WHO TO CONTACT:	Kathleen Bell, phone 986-0134 or e-mail <a href="mailto:wkbell@mac.com">wkbell@mac.com</a>

Think of teaming up with another family so that one person is not completely responsible, have kids do some baking, visit Farmer's Market and find fruits in season, or regale us with your famous cheesecake. You get the picture; any offering is most welcome

### **MEN'S GARDENING GROUP**

#### **Join the Men's Gardening Group.**

Volunteer one or two hours per week. Pick your own day and time when the office is open and can provide access to the gardens and garden shed where tools are available. Bring gloves. Pick an area to work on and watch your garden grow. Questions? Contact John Hege.



## **CHILDREN'S CRAFTS FAIR: LOOKING AHEAD**

*Kathleen Bell on behalf of Children's Ministry*

Workshop and luncheon to prep for Crafts Fair- Stark Room  
Friday, November 11 , 11 am until 2 pm (Hey it's a holiday for many!)  
Join us as we prep some of the items for Children's Crafts Fair  
RSVP to Kathleen Bell, 986-0134 or [wkbell@mac.com](mailto:wkbell@mac.com)

- candle and wax bits (ends are fine)
- small clay pots
- quart jars and lids
- baby food jars
- scrap 1/4 inch plywood

Additional items to add to those we have been requesting for months:

- quart mason jars and lids
- baby food jars or small jars such as marinated artichoke or jelly jars (maximum 6 ounce size)
- natural items such as small pine cones, eucalyptus pods, acorns
- candles- both tapers and any pillars, ends (for the wax!)



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS**

**Communion Sunday Activities** are offered for Youth, 4th grade and above. On Communion Sundays, youth will have an activity after Children's Time and before communion is served. The activity will be in the Octagon Room. Young people will be invited to return to the worship service before Holy Communion is served.



## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT LAKE MERRITT UMC**

*Fall in love with God... Grow in Faith... Go and Serve!*

Have you been wondering how you can help the community of people at Lake Merritt UMC continue to serve the community here in Oakland? Many of the needs for service begin here in the congregation and in the church building! Here are some needs:

- Pantry organizer - training to be provided
- Potluck Coordinator - written instructions are available, and you will always have others to help you!
- Someone to wash, fold and care for tablecloths that we use for special events.
- Furniture polishing! Even children can do this!
- General picking up, "neatening up!"
- Two people to coordinate receptions for memorial services and funerals - training to be provided, and others will help you!



## **TECHNOLOGY NEEDS**

Lake Merritt UMC has two needs that have to do with technology.  
Who is ready to do this right now?

Here they are:

1. **We have a Facebook page! LIKE** Lake Merritt UMC and visit and share the page often!
2. We need someone who can set us up to have announcements as a "visible presence" during worship. This would mean that announcements would be on a screen at the front of the sanctuary during worship, so that when people come in they can read the announcements even if they've missed the announcements at the beginning of worship.  
Who can take this and run with it?

We are ready to take these next steps to make what we do - which is very important not only to "our" church but to the whole community we serve - available to all.



## **你說普通話？**

Do you speak Mandarin?

New Sprouts Chinese School, a program of the Chinese Cultural Education Association (CCEA), will once again offer Mandarin classes at LMUMC for children Pre-K through 5th grade, as well as a Parent-Tot class. Classes will be held on Saturdays at LMUMC beginning September 10.

You can find more information about New Sprouts at [www.newsprouts.org](http://www.newsprouts.org).

new sprouts  chinese school 新苗

## **Parlez-vous français?**

Les Petits Francophones (LPF), a new preschool, will open its doors this Fall at LMUMC! The school focuses particularly on teaching and mastering the French language. This program is primarily designed for French speaking children from the ages of 2.5 to 5 years old. The entire curriculum is in French.

They have received their State license and will open with 14 children and three staff members on August 31. The first year's program includes use of the church preschool room, Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 6:00pm. The school hopes to expand in Fall, 2012, to include the small classroom in the Children's Wing. Please welcome LPF! You can learn more about LPF at [www.lespetitsfrancophones.com](http://www.lespetitsfrancophones.com).



*Les Petits Francophones*

## LEGION OF HONOR MUSEUM

The Legion of Honor Museum ([www.legionofhonor.org](http://www.legionofhonor.org)) in San Francisco invites you to view an exhibition on loan from the Musee des Beaux-Arts de Dijon, *The Mourners: Tomb Sculptures from the Court of Burgundy*. Thirty-seven figures recreate the mourners expressing their grief and devotion in a royal funeral procession from the tomb of the second Duke of Burgundy, John the Fearless (1371 - 1419). The sculptures are available for viewing from August 20 - December 31, 2011.

If you'd like to view the sculptures as a group, the museum is offering discounted tickets to groups of 10 or more, and the opportunity to view the exhibition with a knowledgeable museum docent. If you'd like additional information on bringing a group and scheduling a tour, please contact the Group Sales office at [groupsales@famsf.org](mailto:groupsales@famsf.org), or [415.750.3620](tel:415.750.3620). Adults would be \$8, Seniors \$7, and Members would be free.



## *Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery Groups Fall 2011 Schedule*

Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Sharing our experiences during this 10-week class is extremely helpful to our healing process. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. Course is open to all Widows and Widowers. Enrollments are now being accepted – can start up to 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Pre-Registration required. The workbook is \$15. Please call the contact at the church where you would like to attend the group.

Brochures will be sent upon request.

Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup>

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BERKELEY**

2407 Dana Street, Berkeley

**CONTACT: KATIE KELLEY 510-848-6252 x241**

[katiek@fpckerkeley.org](mailto:katiek@fpckerkeley.org)

Tuesdays, 7 – 9 p.m.  
September 13<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>

### **LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

49 Knox Drive, Lafayette

**CONTACT: BEV FELLOWS 925-283-8722**

[bev@lopc.org](mailto:bev@lopc.org)

Sundays, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
HAYWARD**

2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley

**CONTACT: LOIS SAMARRON 510-581-  
6203x202**

[lois@fpch.net](mailto:lois@fpch.net)

**Writers: Get Unblocked!**  
**Finding a Golden Treasure of Inspiration Within**  
***“Yoga, Your Chakras, and Creative Writing”***

**November 11, & 12, 2011**  
**Friday 10am-6pm**  
**Saturday 10am-5pm**

Join Achalan Gene Barnett, certified yoga instructor, yoga therapist, master of arts in English, and writing coach, for a *Creative Writing Intensive* that will have you accessing heretofore un-mined potentialities of your body, mind, and energy to find and spring forth fertile flows of prose and poetry.

Using yoga geared toward each chakra, mindful movement, guided meditation, music, drawing, and verbal process, you will write easefully, prolifically and productively, listen to others' writing, move your bodies, and most importantly renew your confidence that everything you need to initiate the creative flow is already inside you.

No Yoga experience is necessary and all bodies are welcome!

***There is a special 10% discount for church members and friends applied, along with the early bird registration if registered by October 3rd.***

\$310 - full fee

\$279 - early bird discount on or before October 3rd.

\$250 - church member fee on early bird discount.

Contact Achalan to register and for more information

[AchalanGene@yahoo.com](mailto:AchalanGene@yahoo.com)

AdventuresinSelf-Healing.com

415-242-1384



## **HOW DO I PUT SOMETHING ON THE CHURCH'S MASTER CALENDAR?**

The church's Master Calendar continues to be managed by B Avalon, Facilities Administrator. If you need to schedule a meeting or check for room availability, contact her in the church office on Monday's or Wednesdays at 465-4793 ext. 302 or by email at [rentals@lakemerrittumc.org](mailto:rentals@lakemerrittumc.org)

## **SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE VIEWPOINT**



Viewpoint articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to ensure inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Electronic files are preferred but hard copies can be dropped in the member mailbox in the yellow folder under V. Articles can be submitted via email to Rose Lynn Abesamis-Bell at [roselynn20@gmail.com](mailto:roselynn20@gmail.com). Please make the subject line read the issue in which you'd like to have the item included (ex. Subject: Dec. Viewpoint article).

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*If your birthday is missing from this list, please contact the church office to update our information.*

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**



Maria Haswell  
Ned Reed  
Caleb Crayton  
Irma Poe  
TamaraTeichgraeber  
Pat Baker-Batsel

September 2  
September 11  
September 13  
September 16  
September 21  
September 23

Brady Foxwell  
Allen Letsome  
Ron Reed  
Raja Sliheet

September 25  
September 27  
September 27  
September 27



**PLEASE POST at HOME**

• Friday	September 2	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 am, Stark Room
• Sunday	September 4	Christian Education, 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am Food Sorting, 11:30 am, Stark Room Continuing the Conversation, Noon, Conference Room
• Monday	September 5	Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed
• Wednesday	September 7	Staff Parish, 7:15 pm, Conference Room
• Thursday	September 8	Finance Committee, 7:30 pm, Conference Room
• Saturday	September 10	Food Pantry, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Octagon Room
• Sunday	September 11	Christian Education, 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am <b>RALLY DAY &amp; CHURCH BBQ</b>
• Monday	September 12	Oakland Methodist Foundation, 6:30 pm, Conference Room Psalms Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
• Tuesday	September 13	LMUMC Choir, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
• Thursday	September 15	Trustees, 7:30 pm, Conference Room
• Friday	September 16	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 am, Stark Room A's Game & BBQ, 7:05 pm
• Sunday	September 18	Ad Team, 8:30 Christian Education, 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am Financial Stability, 12:00 pm Art Show Opening-Adriana Diaz, 11:30, Edwards Room Children's Ministries Volunteers Meet, 11:30 am, Sunday School Wing
• Monday	September 19	Psalms Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
• Tuesday	September 20	LMUMC Choir, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
• Saturday	September 24	Food Pantry, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Octagon Room
• Sunday	September 28	Christian Education, 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am
• Monday	September 29	Psalms Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
• Tuesday	September 30	LMUMC Choir, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

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