Ministry Letter **10-18-15**

Greetings LAUMC Family,

As most of you know, we are getting ready to transfer to a new database system. I am very excited about this endeavor, as it will allow the church staff to communicate better with each other and with you all.

Please note that we will not be "getting rid of" people's information. The current information on file will be archived and saved. However, for the new database, we do not want to start with old/outdated information. This is why it is imperative that you check your index cards for accurate information.

I know what you are thinking. "Well the church obviously can mail to me." or "I get the church emails weekly!" You are correct. We probably have your address or your email. But is your birthdate correct? Are your phone numbers correct? If it is your work email we have on file, would you rather it be your personal email? Or vice versa?

Each person will have a card, adults and children alike. Please take your card or your family's cards and double check, triple check them. Then return them to the person with the card box. If there are no changes, please initial the card so we know it has been checked. If there is not a card for you, or a member of your family, please ask the person with the cards to give you an information form. Please fill out that form and return it to the same people.

If you are unable to pick up and check your card today or next weekend, then we will mail your card. Please return it, checked and initialed, either in the offering plate or to the church office. If your card comes back from the post office, we will make all attempts to contact you. If we cannot reach you, then you will not be put into the new database until you fill out a new yellow card with all of your information.

I would like this process to be completed by November 15th so that we are able to start archiving information and transferring to the new system by the end of the year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation; it is very much appreciated!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Garcia-Von Ranzow
Church Administrator

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Acolytes – Lily Thomas, Eva Simpao

Liturgist – Virgie Barnes

Greeters – Becky Low, Evelyn Edens, Joe Ann Gatley, Geoff Gatley

Ushers – Charlie Quaife, Lietta Wagner, Doug Yordy, Merlin Thimlar

Coffee Hour – Bells - Ernie Trait

Welcome Booth – Mary Wackerman

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The Chancel Flowers are the gift of: Beverly & Charlie Quaife,
"In celebration of our 19th anniversary!"

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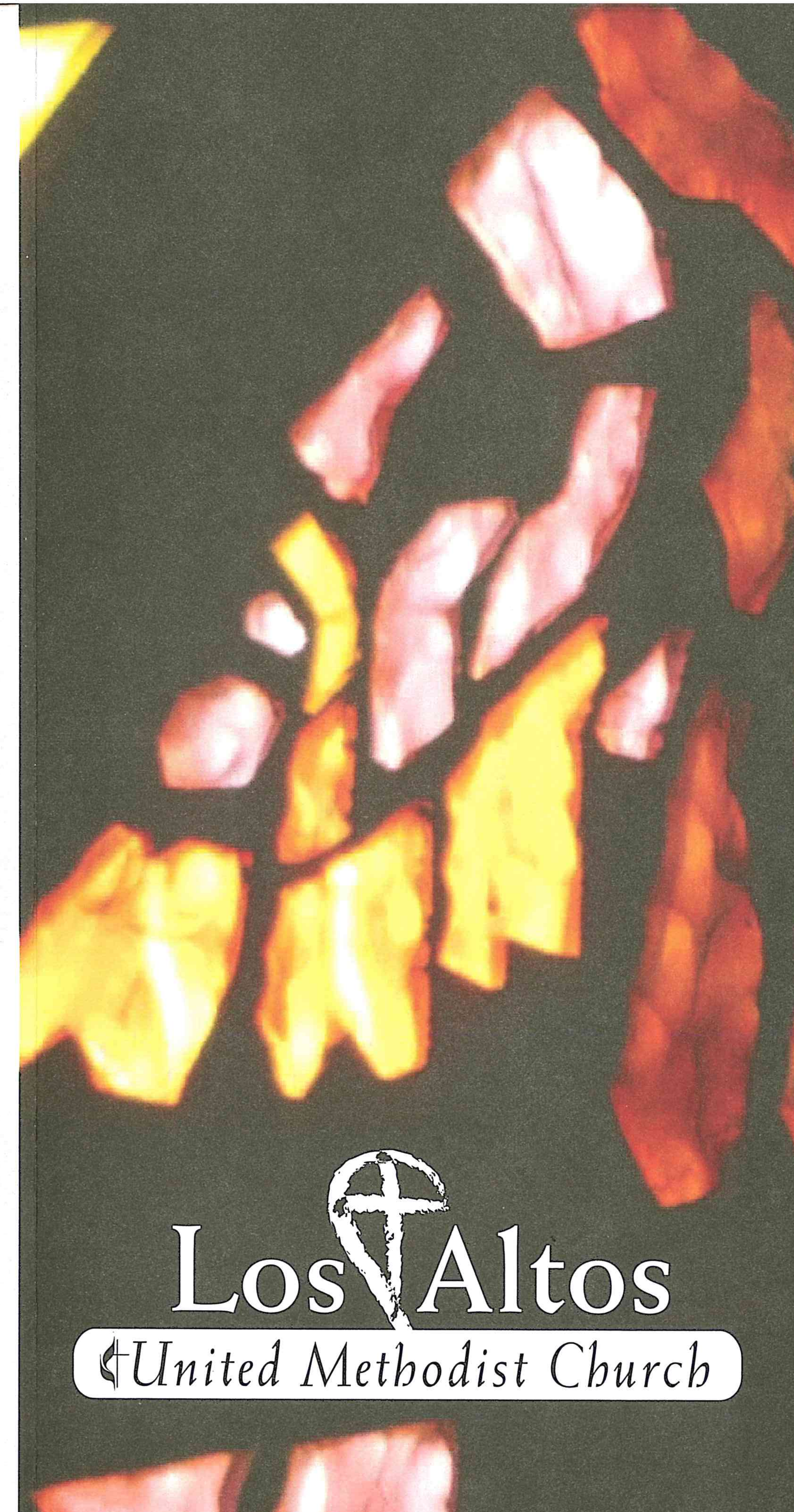
Director of Music – Laura Harrison
Organist /Principal Pianist - Derek Gordon
Director of Handbells - Debbie Shaw
Worship Band Leader – Emilio Tello
Preschool Director - Wendy Allen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21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2015 11:00 AM

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude "From God Shall Nothing Sway Me" J.S. Bach

Introit "Lord Let Me Walk With Thee" Robert A. Reid
Sanctuary Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" # 399 UMH vs 1 -2

*Greeting One Another

(This morning is a special "All Ages Worship Sunday, and we invite families of all ages to remain in worship together. We have special activity bags prepared for our children. Please see an usher for one.)

Our Life Together

Commissioning of Acolytes

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Gift of Scripture: Cole Ritter

Gospel Reading Mark 10:23-27 NT p. 46

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
"How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" **24** And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." **26** They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" **27** Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Anthem "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Lani Smith
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon "Eye of a Needle" Rev. Melinda Teter Dodge

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Stewardship Witness Allison Brammer

Offertory "O Whither Shall I Flee?" J.S. Bach

* Doxology #94 UMH

* Prayer of Thanksgiving United Methodist Book of Worship

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

*Closing Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" # 402 UMH

*Choral Benediction "May You Go In Peace" Grier and Everson
Sanctuary Choir

* Benediction

Postlude "God's Guidance Is Our Hope" J.S. Bach

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* Indicates to stand if you are able.

** Welcome! We are glad you have joined us this morning. We invite you to prepare for worship by reviewing the guest card in the pew, silencing electronic devices, and, as needed, asking an usher about our assisted listening devices.