

### Lost and Found

We have several pairs of reading glasses and sunglasses that have been found in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Lounge. Please stop by the office if you are missing a pair. Also, a lavender Patagonia (size Small) jacket was found in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to the office to claim it. These items will be kept until September 1, 2017, then they will be donated.

### Calling All Extroverts!

Pastor Mark would like to create a “Newcomer/Visitor Greeting Squad” to specifically seek out and connect with visitors at each service. This would entail saying “hello,” “welcome to our church,” and introductions. If this sounds like a perfect fit for you, please contact Florence or Lee in the church office at (562) 598-2451.

### Food and Money Donations Needed for May Randolph's Memorial Service

Please donate today on the Sanctuary porch or sign up to bring lunch finger food for May's Memorial Service on Saturday, September 2nd at 11:00 A.M. Sandwiches and fruit are needed. Contact Evelyn Meacham, Kate Hyland, or Lietta Wagner with questions or to donate other than Sunday morning. Thanks!

### SCRIP Table

Please order SCRIP from Dave and Barbara at the SCRIP table on the porch.

### LAUMC Directory Photographer Needed

LAUMC's new membership software allows us to print our own directories. Any member with photography skills please contact Florence or Lee in the church office at (562) 598-2451. We would like to take pictures of our congregation attendees before and after services during the month of September.

### Fall Craft Fair Vendors Needed!

This year, our Fall Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-3p.m. and features handmade crafts, collectibles, treasures, baked goods, coffee, tea, cold drinks. Lunch is available to purchase between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. If you would like to sign up as a vendor, both indoor and outdoor spaces are still available for \$30. You may also donate a prize for our opportunity drawing, or donate a gently used item for our treasure table. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Barbara Ziemke at (562) 446-0456. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

### 2017 Peanut Butter Drive for Missions Door of Faith— Final Report

**This year we collected a total of 6,769.1 ounces, exceeding our goal of 5,00 ounces!** This was a great response by LAUMC again this year. Remember, cash or scrip donations to the Door of Faith through LAUMC are always very helpful to the Orphanage. Thanks for your support. Contact the Thimlars if you have any questions. **Math Problem:** One peanut butter sandwich per child for 120 children. One ounce of peanut butter per sandwich. Two peanut butter lunches per week. How many weeks will the LAUMC peanut butter provide lunches?

### Habitat for Humanity Build Date

LAUMC is raising support to help build four Habitat for Humanity homes for the Chavez, Hayes, Nall, and Ortiz families at 1950 Henderson Ave. in Long Beach. These are the first four of over **50 homes** that Habitat LA will build in **Long Beach's Washington Neighborhood** over the next few years. Congregations all over Long Beach are rallying together around this project as part of Habitat for Humanity's nationwide Unity Build Initiative on September 8 & 9. You may submit any donations directly online through the following link. For more information, email Allison Brammer at [sallisonbrammer@gmail.com](mailto:sallisonbrammer@gmail.com) or visit the website at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/greater-long-beach-faith-coalition/fundraiser/HabitatforHumanityLA>

### Church Office

### Confirmation Journey Begins This Fall

All youth entering 8th grade and older who have not been confirmed are invited to participate in confirmation. An orientation to confirmation will be offered on **Sunday, Sept. 10 at 4pm.** All interested parents and confirmands must attend the orientation. Then, confirmation classes will begin the following Sunday, Sept. 17, 4-5.30pm. Please contact Pastor Melinda for more information ([MDodge@LosAltosUMC.org](mailto:MDodge@LosAltosUMC.org)). Three handbooks are required for the classes, and cost is \$15 (supplemented by youth ministry scholarship funding).

### Children's' Yoga (5-10 years)

Cost: \$7 first child; \$5 siblings; Monthly (4-week pass) \$25.

Classes offered by certified children's yoga instructor, Alyssa Bishop. Alyssa combines her education/child development degree with yoga teacher training in order to create a fun developmentally appropriate kids yoga program. Class involves singing the sun salutation and other sequences; playing yoga games and reading yoga stories that help bring children through yoga poses and introduce yoga philosophies. Bring mat or towel, water bottle, open spirit! Contact Rev. Melinda Dodge ([MDodge@LosAltosUMC.org](mailto:MDodge@LosAltosUMC.org)) for more information.

### Everyone's Inn

All Ages Dinner, Church, and Small groups, 5:30-7:30/7:45pm, \$5 per person/\$20 per family.

The Inn will resume on Sept. 6 and run weekly through Nov. 15. (We will have one Wednesday break on Oct. 11.) Let's get excited to join with the church family on Wednesday's this Fall. Our new meal planner and cook, **Aliye Aydin**, will be preparing our meals, and we are looking forward to welcoming her and many more! Come on down and bring a friend for a relaxing time of crafts and games, a yummy meal and some conversation about our faith and scripture. Remember that there are small groups for all ages including a special group with Pastor Mark every week where folks dive into scripture to prepare for Sunday worship. Youth Core Team/Small Group elections will be also be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6 following the Inn dinner.

### Fall UMW Unit

We welcome all women of the church to our first Fall UMW Unit meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7. We will gather in the Lounge at 10:00 am for a light brunch followed by the meeting. All are welcome, so please consider joining the UMW! It's also a great way to meet and make new friends.

### Accolyte Training

On Sunday, Sept. 10 from 12.15-1:00 p.m. we will offer a special time to welcome and train incoming acolytes for our 11 a.m. Sunday worship at Los Altos UMC. We will offer a brief explanation of the acolyte ministry, fit them into a robe and let them practice a few things. Your child is invited to participate in this special time! We welcome children entering 5th grade (or younger depending on interest and maturity level) to begin serving in this special place of ministry and worship leadership at LAUMC. Typically, after being trained, acolytes serve about once a month to once every six weeks. Acolytes are scheduled via email by Liz Egan, a faithful acolyte parent, to serve alongside another acolyte. We work to schedule newer acolytes with youth who have served previously. If you would like to attend the training, please contact Pastor Melinda at [MDodge@LosAltosUMC.org](mailto:MDodge@LosAltosUMC.org).

### ESL Breakfast Club

The ESL Breakfast Club needs you! Thanks to our LAUMC family, this program of one-on-one tutoring provided to parents learning English is entering its fifth year. We have relocated to the First Congregational Church at 3rd and Cedar in downtown Long Beach. Classes will be held **WEDNESDAY** mornings, from 9:30 until 11:00 AM, beginning September 13 through November 15. No teaching experience or fluency in another

### Los Altos UMC—Summit

### Starts Wed., September 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Chapel)

### Starts Again Wed., September 6—“School Spirit”

### Thurs., Sept 7 at 10:00 a.m.

### Sun, Sept 10, 12:15-1:00 pm.

### Starts Again Wed., September 13

language is needed. Entering tutors receive orientation, a handbook, resources, and ongoing guidance. Contact Jane Wilson Barboza via email at [janewbarboza@gmail.com](mailto:janewbarboza@gmail.com) or by cell at (562) 485-8344.

### Hymn Sing

The first Fine Arts event of the Fall will be a Congregational Hymn Sing. Our fabulous organist/pianist, Derek Gordon, will lead us in this event. The Sanctuary Choir will be on hand to support our efforts. Please be thinking of your favorites, and you may even mention them in advance to our new director, David Wells, to be sure they are included. You will also have the opportunity to request specific hymns at the event. Let's make this a wonderful, fun time of great Methodist singing!

**Sun, Sept 24, 3:00 pm.**



### LAUMC Weekly/Monthly Events

#### Monday, August 28

5:00-6:00 PM Gentle Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

#### Tuesday, August 29

12:00-1:00 PM Chair Yoga (Lounge)

#### Wednesday, August 30

5:00-6:00 PM Gentle Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

#### Thursday, August 31

1:15-2:15 PM Chair Yoga (Lounge)  
7:00-9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

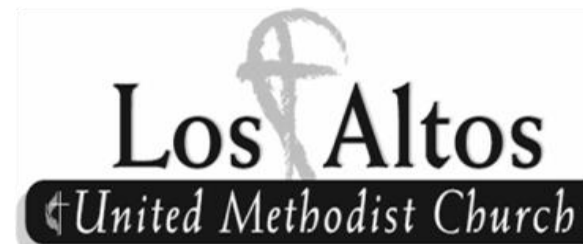
#### Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM 1st Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM 2nd Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)  
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (Chapel)  
11:00 AM 3rd Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### This Week's LAUMC Family Birthdays\*:

08/25 Derek Gordon (apologies for the omission!)  
08/28 Mark Burgess, Michelle Jackson, Tommy Smith  
08/30 Virgie Barnes, Teddy Krone, Rebecca Swartz, Avalee Wagner  
08/31 Harry Mournian  
09/01 Johnny Gutierrez, Matthew Reeves, John Shaw  
09/02 Harold Drab, Landry Ferguson, Florence Rammage  
09/03 Cole Gilbert, Diane Russell,

*\*If your birthday or name is incorrect or does not appear on our list, please contact the church office and let us know!*



## Weekly Announcements

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**



### Joys and Concerns:

#### Those in need of prayer this week:

Beverly Quaife, Carol Woods, Florence Dodge, Iris Larsen,  
Schylar Ferguson, Delores Thimlar, Pam Olsen, Pam Kehret  
Michael Naylor



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#### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM 3:30 PM; Friday - Closed  
Closed for lunch, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

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