



2025

Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

August 3	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
August 10	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
August 17	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
August 18	Hope Resales Meeting	6 PM
August 24	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
August 26	Ad Council	6 PM
August 31	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM

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8am to 12pm

Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
11:00 am

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Wilbur and Edith were watchin' on the TV about alla the flooding in Texas, Kentucky and in NJ, and the storms in Rome NY just down the road a piece, and more and more shootings. Edith commented to Wilbur that it's all so sad and that she's havin' a hard time findin' any joy in life lately. There's just so much desolation, destruction, and pain...

Wilbur wasn't so sure that he could say anything to Edith that would make her feel much better. She is right, everything seems to be spiraling out of control lately. Why just the other day while out scavenging for somethin' to eat he saw 4 little racoons fightin' with an ol' tom cat for a few morsels of cat food. Wilbur woulda liked to get a couple a bites for him and Edith but he for sure didn't want to risk gettin' into that scuffle. It just seems the people and all the critters are more desperate, angrier and more concerned with themselves than trying to help out when and where they can. That's why he and Edith like livin' in the church so much. The people are a bit kinder and offer a bit more grace than so much of the world.

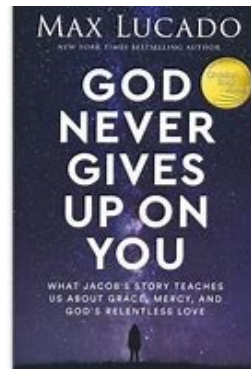
Time and again Wilbur has watched the church people go lookin' in the Bible when they have questions about things so he decided he would do that and maybe find somethin' to comfort Edith with.

He opened to some words from a guy named Paul:, "for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). Wilbur wasn't so sure he understood what Paul was thinkin', who would enjoy alla that trouble? Then he turned to somethin' Jesus said: about expectin' pain and difficulties in this life. "In this world you will have trouble," He warned His disciples in John 16:33. And to the public at large, He said this about the future: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places" (Matthew 24:7).

Wilbur thought about what he read for some time and he even prayer to God to help him understand. After some heavy ponderin' he realized that God's promise was never that bad things wouldn't happen but that when they did happen God would be with them though it all. That even when everything seems out of control and getting worse, God is still God. God is still sovereign. (Wilbur hadta look that word up!) And God's love and grace are enough to sustain them. In every way, every-day God is enough!



5 - Ed Urbanik
9 - Cari Boyce
11 - Alexis Strickland
16 - Doug Pratt
20 - Tony Trupo
22 - Anne Hyndman
24 - Marcie Boyce
26 - Denise Adams
28 - Jim Flint



In September the Adult Sunday School class will begin a study of Max Lucado's book God Never Gives Up On You. What Jacob's story teaches us about grace, mercy, and God's relentless love.

Start date TBD. The class gathers about 9:45 am. and begins at 10 :00 AM. Class is led by Anne Hyndman

Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining us!

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Pastor Pam Klotzbach

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Dear Friends of Christ

Did you know there are 47 verses in the Bible about God's sovereignty over the weather? As we go through the Bible, weather is represented not only as a natural phenomenon but also as a tool used by God to communicate, guide, and execute His divine will.

In Genesis 7, God uses the Great Flood to clean the earth of rampant wickedness, sparing only Noah and his family. Yet, weather is used to illustrate deliverance.

In the New Testament, Jesus Himself exercises authority over the weather, calming a storm in Mark 4:39: "Then He got up and rebuked the wind and the sea. 'Silence!' He commanded. 'Be still!' And the wind died down, and it was perfectly calm."

Throughout the Bible, weather serves as a powerful testament to God's power and His active involvement in our world. It reflects His ability to bless, judge, and redeem, reminding believers of His ultimate authority over all creation.

The flooded Guadalupe River devastated the Texas Hill Country. The human loss is almost unbelievable; more than 100 dead. So many of the dead are children.

Where was God while the waters were gushing? What good were all the "thoughts and prayers" offered when they were answered only by death and despair?

Whether in person, social media or the printed word, there have been endless appeals for and offers of prayer and supplication. Not just for miracles, although our collective cry has gone up for those, but for peace and understanding of what cannot possibly be comprehended on this side of heaven.

Even those of us who trust in a higher plan are and may well be mystified for the rest of our lives about why this tragedy was allowed to occur and what purpose could possibly be written into it.

The honest answer is 'We just don't know.' It is so easy to blame God; to cry out "God, why the children?" And in the silence we whisper back, "Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven."

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Pam

LUMC Family

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Pastor Pam

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Praying

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Believe

Grace

Caring

Jesus



Random ponderings from the porch....

Sometimes I take my laptop out onto the porch and just write whatever comes to mind. Interesting things might come out... sometimes it becomes newsletter articles. I have a bookmark that says; "Drink some coffee and pretend you know what you're doing." I've got coffee and I'm going to write. Let's see where God takes us.

In her book Everybody's Got Something, Robin Roberts recounts the sage words of Pat Summit, famed women's college basketball coach: "When you are down and you don't know how to pick yourself up, start where you are. I can hear Pat's voice saying the words in my head, "Left foot, right foot, breathe." In my head I replay those words as breathe in, breathe out, left foot, right foot. It might seem that the best advice to be drawn from this is "just keep going", but I'm not so sure..... I think maybe the best thing for all of us to remember is that we all have to start from where we are or who we are instead of waiting and/or hoping to be somewhere else or become someone else. And by the way.... that's exactly where Jesus meets us.

Dr. Seuss once said; "I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells." Proverbs 17 says "A joyful heart is good medicine." Jim Valvano in his iconic speech at the ESPYs in 1993 said "To me there are three things everyone should do every day. Number one is laugh. Number two is think -- spend some time in thought. Number three, you should have your emotions move you to tears. If you laugh, think and cry, that's a heck of a day." I hope you laugh, and think, and cry today.

Somewhere recently I saw the phrase, "all you need is less." Right away I thought "absolutely!, Less housework, less interruption, less clutter, less indecision, less aggravation, less pain, just, less. But then I wondered about the things that pile up in our lives that leave us longing for less "stuff". I wonder if some of that "stuff" we collect is because we think it will make us happy, or makes us safe, or because we "want" it. But it's not all material things... if we clothe ourselves with things like worry, tension, guilt, or blame, or maybe we over dress ourselves in, bright and shiny, swagger, appearance, or façade. Either way that's a lot of "stuff" we insist on carrying around with us. We need to learn to put that stuff down, it's too heavy. We need to hold on to less literally and figuratively, so that our arms and hearts are open to Jesus, to both receive him and serve him.

I thought I stumped AI today... I searched for the phrase "hypothetical grace." AI offered no information... then I realized I had misspelled hypothetical... ☺ There may be a lesson here though. For those of us who search the internet for life's answers make sure you spell everything correctly or else "it" does not compute. No so with prayer... God knows what's on our hearts, even when we misspell it or can't articulate it. And really, who better to go to for guidance?

I used to live on a dead-end street. It was peaceful and very quiet in the evenings. Now I live on Rt 63. Rt 63 has become much busier in the 13 years I've been here, and there is a farm across the road which adds to the din of traffic with the cacophony of farm equipment. The lack of quiet took some getting used to. But now I don't typically notice the noise around me. It's amazing what you can get used to or... maybe that is the kind of peace Jesus offers us, a heart and ears set on Christ hears only calm in the midst of chaos.

Robert Frost once said; "I'm not a teacher but an awakener." It implies that teachers do more than simply impart knowledge, they inspire passion and understanding. I write a newsletter article because every month God gives me words... if I had one hope for it, it would be that what God leads me to write would inspire you to seek a deeper understanding of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Friedrich Nietzsche once said "All I need is a sheet of paper and something to write with, and then I can turn the world upside down." Write on! Breathe in, breathe out, left foot right foot.

Faithfully,
Anne

Disciple Profile: Thomas—the Pessimist

Adapted from Twelve Ordinary Men—John D MacArthur

Nicknamed “Doubting” Thomas it is probably fair to say that Thomas was somewhat negative... a worry wart, a brooder. He was the Eeyore of disciples, some what anxious, expecting the worse all of the time. Thomas was also called Didymus which means “the twin” but his twin is never identified in scripture. No details are given about Thomas by Matthew, Mark and Luke... we learn everything we know from John.

Our first encounter with Thomas comes in the 11th chapter of John’s gospel. Lazarus is sick and dies, going to Bethany puts Jesus and the disciples at great risk. The disciples fear was great but they understood Jesus’ need to go... at this point Thomas speaks up saying “Let us also go, that we may die with him. They expected that Jesus would die if he went and Thomas was determined to die with Jesus rather than live without Him.

It’s hard for a pessimist to be loyal because he is convinced the worst will happen. Thomas was devoted to Christ and had no illusion that following him would be easy. If Jesus was going to die, Thomas was prepared to die with him.

We see this loyalty demonstrated again in John 14:5. Jesus said to the disciples “I go to prepare a place for you” to which Thomas replies ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Thomas has such a deep love of Christ that He cannot comprehend being separated from him.

Thomas is most infamous for saying to the other disciples after Jesus appeared to them when Thomas wasn’t there., “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” It’s why he bears the nickname “doubting”. But have you ever wanted something so much that when you received it you couldn’t believe it was real? Is that doubt, or is that hope filled uncertainty provoked by broken heartedness and grief?

Thomas doubted because he was more or less wired to be a pessimist. But His love for Jesus is without question. After placing his finger in Jesus’ side he exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!”

Expand your learning!

After reading the profile – dig deeper into the Bible find the verses that reveal the personalities and the activities of each disciple.



The Dog Days of Summer are upon us! So, what does this quirky phrase mean? It’s more than just a hot spell. The ancient origins of “Dog Days” might surprise you.

The term “**Dog Days**” traditionally refers to a period of particularly hot and humid weather occurring during the summer months of July and August in the Northern Hemisphere.

In ancient Greece and Rome, the Dog Days were believed to be a time of drought, bad luck, and unrest, when dogs and men alike would be driven mad by the extreme heat! Today, the phrase doesn’t conjure up such bad imagery. Instead, the Dog Days are associated purely with the time of summer’s peak temperatures and humidity. This period of sweltering weather coincides with the year’s heliacal (meaning “at sunrise”) rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris—the “Greater Dog”—which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname, as well as its official name, Alpha Canis Majoris. Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, not including our own Sun.

In ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome, it was believed that Sirius’s dawn rising in mid- to late summer contributed to the extreme weather of the season. In other words, the “combined heat” of super-bright Sirius and our Sun was thought to be the cause of summer’s sweltering temperatures. The name “Sirius” even stems from the Ancient Greek *seírios*, meaning “scorching.”

For the ancient Egyptians, Sirius’s dawn rising (known to them as Sothis) also coincided with the Nile River’s flood season. They used the star as a “watchdog” for that event.

Of course, the appearance of Sirius does not actually affect seasonal weather here on Earth, but its appearance during the hottest part of summer ensures that the lore surrounding the star lives on today!

Our spiritual lives can have dog days too. Sometimes prayer seems less fruitful, listless, perhaps we even stop praying as much... cold prayers, like the summer heat can be exhausting and disheartening. But just as the dog days of summer are a necessary period so are the spiritual wildernesses we encounter. If we will focus our prayers on God’s presence and promises, both of which remain steadfast in all seasons of life... we find renewed purpose and resilience in God’s sustaining grace.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/what-are-dog-days-summer>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship at 11am	4	5	6 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	7 Hope Resales 5-8 PM	8 Hope Resales 10AM—1PM	9 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
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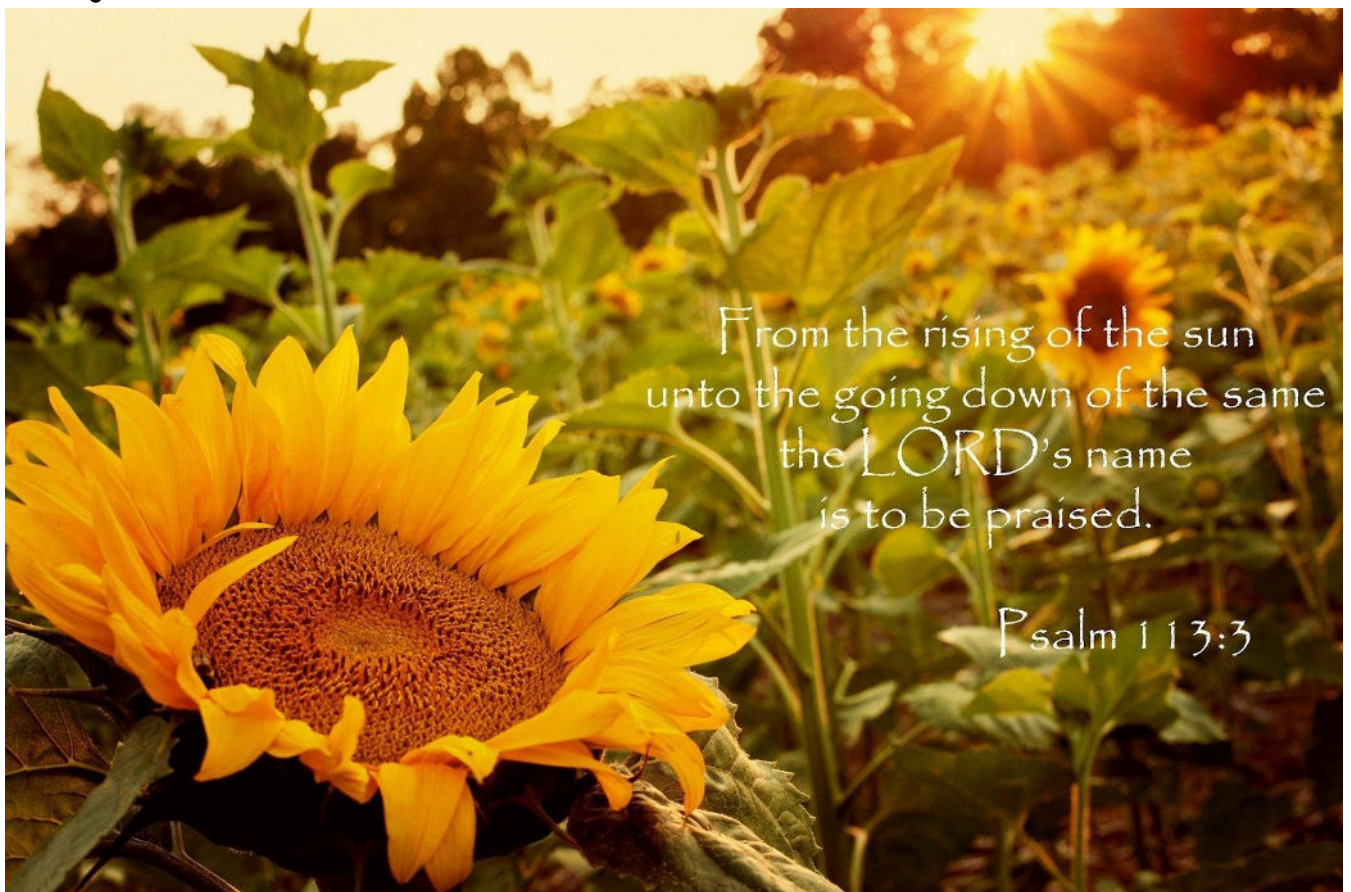
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From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
the LORD's name
is to be praised.

Psalms 113:3