

# Opportunities to Serve...

## Meals-As-Needed

For as long as I can remember, our church families have prepared dinners for those in the congregation who find themselves in a difficult or crisis situation. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call me, Alison Marchese, 973-948-3044 (alisonm54@embarqmail.com), and I'll answer any questions you may have. I am trying to update my list of volunteers, so whether you are a tried and true participant or someone new who is thinking about serving in this way, give me or the church office a call. Thank you and God Bless!

*"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:35

## Nursery Ministry

Our nursery ministry is lacking enough nursery workers for our next 6 month rotation to cover all Sunday morning services, and as a result will not be able offer nursery during the 11:00 service on the following dates: January 10, and February 21. If you are being called by the Lord to join our nursery ministry and can help out during any of these dates, please contact Christine Schiedlo at 973-601-3090.

## Mzuzu Crisis Nursery Needs Your Help!

Mzuzu Crisis Nursery, through Ministry of Hope in Malawi Africa, is in need of **soft soled** baby shoes. If you have any outgrown soft bottomed shoes that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the church office. The blog site for the Mzuzu Crisis Nursery for Paul and Darlene Heller is [www.suffer-the-little-children.blogspot.com](http://www.suffer-the-little-children.blogspot.com)

## Calling All Photographers

Many of you take great digital pictures at our church events throughout the year. Bob Kiefer would like to be able to include these in the slide shows he produces. He would welcome your making CD copies of your photographs and leave the disks in the church office. We particularly need photos from various adult ministries. Please leave a brief note telling what event you photographed. He will then return the disk to you, but please do not give him your original disk.

## Transportation Needs:

**Please call the church office if you can help:**

A woman needs a ride to church from Fu's Restaurant in **Sparta** for the 8:15 service.

A woman (wheelchair) needs a ride to church from **Andover**.

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## REGULAR YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:

Senior High Youth Group:	Saturdays, 7-9:30 p.m.
Senior High Bible Study:	Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Jr. High Youth Group:	Fridays, 7 - 9:00 p.m.

(All meetings start in the gym, end in the Youth Room)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sr. High Christmas Celebration	Wednesday, December 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
Sr. High Volleyball Tournament	Wednesday, December 30th @ 6:30 p.m.
Sr. High Winter Retreat	January 15-18, 2010
Jr. High Winter Retreat	March 5-7, 2010

Our Youth Ministries at LFC consist of Jr. High, which is for 7th and 8th grade students and Sr. High, which is for 9th through 12th grade students. For more information, please call:  
Ryan Drew, Youth Pastor      973-383-4461

## December 13, 2009

### **Christmas Cards**

Why not save some postage this year and use the mail boxes located on the lower level by the gym to send your Christmas greetings to those in the church family. Be sure to check the boxes each week.

### **New Members Class**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lafayette Federated Church, please call the church office. We are considering a New Members Class for the next Sunday School semester if there is enough interest.

### **Sunshine Shop Workers Needed**

Looking for people to serve the Lord in this great outreach to our local community. We need two people per shift. Currently we have two shifts a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10-1:00 p.m. Help is also needed to sort donations. Serve as often as you like. We're very flexible. Contact Loren Klotz at 973-209-1622 or rlklotz@ptd.net if you are interested in helping.

### **March for Life**

LFC will once again be reminding our national leaders of the sanctity of all human life by participating in the 37th annual March For Life Rally in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 22nd. Please visit the Information Center to sign up for the bus trip.

### **Parents of Prodigals**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th, at 6:30 p.m. in the new Fellowship Room

### **Sunday Evening Service**

#### **Sunday School Christmas Program**

***"The Best Christmas  
Present Ever!"***

**4:00 p.m.**

## **Today**

**Radio "Contact"– New Time & Station**  
1360 AM                      8:00 a.m.  
Coffee & Tea                      9:30 a.m.

### **Sunday School for Everyone**

#### ***Sunday School Has a Need:***

**A co-teacher for the 6th grade  
is needed. Please see Marge  
Van Thaden if you can help.**

**"Knowing God"** - meets in the Brown Room and is led by Pastor Rick.

**"When God Prays"** - meets in the Gym and is led by Glenn Cohrs.

**New Members Class** - meets in the Overflow Room and is led by Tad Casserly.

**"Evangelism" Class** – meets in Room 15 (downstairs) and is led by Pastor David Johnson & Jon Schiedlo.

**"Discovery Class"**– meets in Room 22 and led by Al Mathiasen & Bob Mitchell.

**Women's Class** - **"The Gospel of John: Its People & Proclamations"** meets in the Friendship Room and is led by Caroline Mangione.

**Men's Class** – **Nehemiah** meets in Room 1 (Upstairs) and is led by Vince Fagan.

**"Great Chapters of the Bible"** - meets in the Library and is led by Janet Neidhardt.

**Deuteronomy** - meets in the Green Room (New Wing downstairs) and is led by John Carroll.

### **LFC Greeters & Information Center**

We are updating the Greeters and Information Center schedule for 2010. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact the Church Office. Position requirements: **A warm smile and a friendly hello.**

### **Joshua Men 2010**

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Joshua Men Saturday morning meetings will resume on January 9th. The book we will go through together is entitled "Call to Die" by David Nasser, a 40-day journey of fasting from the world and feasting on God. Please sign up at the Information Center.

### **About Our People...**

Our sympathy and prayers go to the Kus Family on the Homegoing of Kim's mother, Jane Scheel.

Please join us in congratulating Pastor David and Arlene Johnson on the celebration of their wedding anniversary.

### **Kentucky Short-Term Mission Trip**

LFC will be going to Lynch, KY to spend a week working with Heritage Ministries doing home construction/repair projects. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, February 14th - Saturday, February 20, 2010. There will be a meeting for all those interested going on the trip on Sunday, January 10th. There are only a limited number of openings for this trip, so if you are interested, please see Jeff Colarusso or Pastor David Johnson for an information packet.

### **Manna House**

Manna House has an immediate need for someone to pick up and deliver produce and baked goods donated by Stop n Shop in Sparta. It would require 3 mornings once every 5 weeks starting January 4, 2010. Pick up is at 9am at Stop n Shop Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, to be delivered to Manna House by 9:30 in Newton at the First Presbyterian Church. We are also in need of a few more volunteers the first Wednesday of each month to help prepare and serve a meal at Manna House. Please call me for details, Leslie Pedersen 973-875-6200