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Over the next three Sundays of Black History Month, we're diving into the powerful and faith-filled story of **John Marrant**—one of the first black preachers in North America. This wasn't a safe or comfortable calling. Marrant was a Methodist preacher and missionary who took the Gospel to the Cherokee people. He was captured, tortured, and pushed to the edge—but God stepped in. Through Christ's divine intervention and Marrant's unwavering faith, hearts were changed.

The very people who captured him came to know Christ, set him free, and welcomed him to live among them. From there, he continued spreading the Gospel to other Native nations. And if that wasn't enough, this same man also fought in the American Revolution. His story blends courage, suffering, faith, and the unstoppable power of the Gospel—and we're going to unpack it together as we continue our series on 'suffering' in the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.



## VISIONING RETREAT

**Saturday, February 21  
In sanctuary, 10am-2pm  
Bring a bag lunch & drink.**

We will clarify several "Now and Not Yet" ministries at Lancaster UMC. These retreats prove time and time again that we can see and do more things together than we can apart as we discuss and discern the following subjects:

### The Now:

- 1) Update- Security's big saving from our new cameras & protocols
- 2) Update- Landscaping & inevitable plumbing expense
- 3) Vote- Continuation or modification of Prayer Chairs, Anointing Oil with the Laying on of Hands, & the Holy Surrender water station
- 4) Vote- Pastor Greg's priorities (admin, pastoral care, sermon prep, etc.)
- 5) Vote- Best new logo for Lancaster UMC Christian Children's Center

**The Not Yet:** Book introductions to *A Field Guide to Methodist Fresh Expressions* and *Growing Young* from the Cal-Pac's Pastor and Lay Academy.

Come see, hear, and speak about what God is doing and preparing for us to do and be as His beloved children in our church and community life.

— *Pastor Greg*

**LUMC Office Hours:**  
Mon-Fri 10 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.  
(661) 942-0419  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

**In-Person Streaming Service Sundays —  
10 a.m. in Sanctuary**

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**LUMC Kitchen (Food Ministry):**  
Mondays & Thursdays, 12-1 p.m.

**LUMC Christian Children's Center**  
Hours: Mon-Fri 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Check [www.lancasterunited.org](http://www.lancasterunited.org) for more information on our active groups and ministries — the list is growing!

Audio/Visual Team	Online classes
Caring and Hospitality	Prayer Team
Children's Church	Prayers and Squares
Grief Group	Serendipity Bible Study
LUMC Kitchen	United Methodist Men
Music Ministries	Youth Group
Office Volunteers	

**First time visitor?**  
Please contact the church office for more information, or to speak with the pastor.



## All Church Notices

### Pastors & Lay Leadership Academy Seminar Series #2

#### BEYOND THE WALLS

Outreach that Connects

SESSION #1 02/02/26



Rev. Dr. Michael Adam Beck



SESSION #2 02/09/26



Jake Mulder

Growing Young

Fresh Expressions of Church

Required reading - resource books to be purchased separately by the student



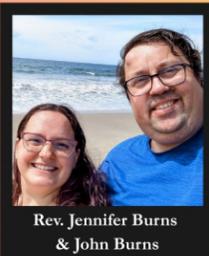
Going on Three - The I.D.E.A. Model

SESSION #3 02/23/26



Christian Washington

SESSION #4 03/02/26



Rev. Jennifer Burns & John Burns

Coaching Innovative Models of Ministry

All classes held via ZOOM  
MONDAYS 5:30 - 8:00 pm

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FIVE Seminars in the Series  
\$50 per person  
\$150 per church

\$20 per series per student  
OR  
\$50 per series per church

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**Caring Ministries** is looking for new members. We gather regularly to pray, write greeting cards, and encouraging notes to the homebound and others.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 23rd at 1:30 pm in the Grand Foyer.** For more info, contact the church office.



**COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED!** To make this fellowship time possible after church, we need one or two hosts each Sunday to provide a simple light snack. This involves dropping off the snacks at the serving table before church. Stop by the coffee bar after church to learn more, and to sign up for a Sunday!



### Ash Wednesday services On February 18th

12 pm and 7 pm

LUMC Sanctuary

## All Church Notices



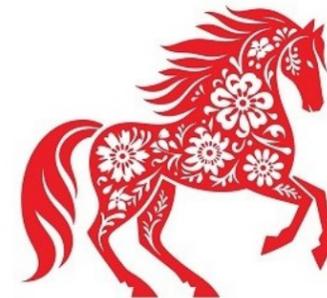
**Infant-5 years old:** Families have three options: (1) Squirm anywhere in the sanctuary. (2) Wiggle in the back of the sanctuary in the Pray-Ground. (3) Jiggle in the Grand Foyer's open space.



**Children's Sunday school** (6 - 12 year olds) Sit with family until after the children's message with the pastor. Teachers will escort them to the Grand Foyer for sermon-based active lessons or continue to sit with parents.



**Youth Sunday school** (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders) Choose: (1) Go upstairs to the Sunday School room. (2) Go upstairs to assist the audio/visual team. (3) Go to the sanctuary and fill out sermon notes to debrief with parents on the way home. — *Pastor Greg*



Memory Verse: John 4:19

**Week 1: Transportation**

Bible Story: *Empty Hands, Full Hearts* — Mark 6:6-10

**Week 2: My Funny Valentine**

Bible Story: *Jesus Heals and Forgives* — Mark 6:6-10

**Week 3: Chinese New Year** (school closed on 2/16/26, for President's Day Holiday)

Bible Story: *Jesus, Friend of Sinners* — Matthew 9:9-17

**Week 4: Our Fine Feathered Friends**

Bible Story: *The Sermon on the Mount* — Matthew 5:1-16

**Looking for childcare?  
Give us a call! 661-942-0812**



**Lancaster United Methodist  
Christian Children's Center**  
(formerly known as Footprints CCC)

### MEMBERS

Robert Barry  
Randy Beckett  
Barry Bender  
Mary Blackwell  
Adam Christensen  
Steve & Cindy Farrand  
Massey family  
Doreen Maynard  
Munz family  
Connie Nimigeon  
family of Onyeka Onyeageu  
Gillian Ray  
Yoshi Sullivan  
Urmanski family  
Vicki Vogel  
Dorothy Williams  
Linda Yaw  
Al Zimmerman

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Denise Boehlert  
William David Sparacio  
Jennifer Lawrence  
Heather Munz  
Patrick Stebbins  
Rebekah Van Hook

### PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Austin Davis  
Jerry Wayne Davis III  
Edwin Hendo  
Edinson Kinsey Sr.  
Matthew McDougall  
Joseph Perez

### LUMC Passages

**Onyeka Onyeageu  
"Max the Usher"  
(Sept. 2025)**  
Services were held in the  
LUMC Sanctuary on  
January 31, 2026.

