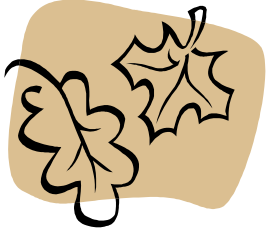


Talking Cents



Let Our Life Speak

*A Witness of Faith by
Rev. Pat Stout
September 28, 2008*

This has certainly been a rough couple of weeks for our economy, and that has brought many of us a great deal of concern and uncertainty about the future. At times like these what are we, as Christian stewards, to do? When faced with fear and anxiety, what humans often do is shut down, withdraw and turn away. If this urge grabs you and you feel like staying home with a pillow over your head, resist that urge. At times like these you need this community and this community needs you. Here you will be comforted and be needed to comfort others.

We heard this morning, the call to have the mind of Christ, to love each other as Christ has loved, with humility and compassion.

What I hear in this call is keep an open heart, remain faithful, and stay committed. Jesus gave us the great commandment to love God with all our being, and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. John Wesley teaches Methodists that good stewards do all the good they are able, they do no harm, and they attend to the ordinances of God.

Do not let fear steer us off the way of Christ, or distract us from our committed path. Worship and study together with gratitude and praise. Pray daily for our families, our church, and our nation. Give, serve and share, loving God, and caring for ourselves and our neighbors. God is with us, always, and there is no uncertainty that God's light cannot shine through.

Reminder About Year-End Stock Gifts:

If you plan to make a gift of stock to the church before the end of the year, please contact the Finance Department for our updated account information and start the process with your broker as early in December as possible. Stock transfers **must** be completed before December 31 for the transaction to be posted in 2008.

Plan to do any Christmas shopping with Amazon.com this year?

By clicking on the "Amazon.com" link at the bottom of the LAUMC website and making a purchase, a portion of your total Amazon purchase is donated to LAUMC, at no extra cost!



Go "Green" with ACH Contributions (Direct Payments)

ACH (Automated Clearing House) direct payments are an easy way to give to the church monthly. Scheduled ACH transactions are automatically transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account. If you would like to set this up, contact the finance department to obtain a form (650) 948-1083 x126.

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With heartfelt wishes for a healthy autumn season; the LAUMC Finance Team:
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