

Prayer Concerns

IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD: Please pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick, or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

SYMPATHY: Our condolences go out to Kristie Olah and her family for the recent loss of Kristie's mother, Marjorie Shannon. Please pray with them as they go through this time of transition.

Our condolences go out to Betsy Sowder and her family for the recent loss of Betsy's mother, Valda Tormey. Please pray with them as they go through this time of transition.

PRAYERS: Jim Giulie, Herb Peterson, Mike Beamer, Milt Wehrman, Lori Draper

MEN & WOMEN IN UNIFORM AROUND THE WORLD:

Rachel Z. E. Sheridan (USAF), James Dobson (USAF), Devin Kenny-Hernandez (USA), Phillip Lyman (USA), JP Springsteel, Jared Vallner (USA)

Today's Guest Preacher: Rev. Claudine Leary

Claudine Leary serves the General Board of Discipleship Ministries as the Director of Fund Development, tasked to raise much needed funds to advance the work of Discipleship Ministries. An elder in the West Ohio Conference and a proud graduate of Africa University, Claudine served as Director of Development for the Methodist Theological School in Ohio before joining the Discipleship Ministries.

Claudine is also the co-founder of Watoto Read, a nonprofit organization that resources and advocates for primary education of refugee children in refugee camps in Sub Saharan Africa. Watoto Read currently has projects in Chad and Malawi refugee camps.

Claudine Leary was born and reared in Rwanda, East Central Africa. She moved to Zimbabwe in 1997 to attend Africa University. After her graduation in 2001, having earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business studies, she moved to the United States in 2003 and enrolled at Fairmont State University in West Virginia. She earned her MBA from Fairmont in 2009. Claudine earned her Master of Divinity degree from Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 2014, and she is currently a PhD candidate in Leadership and Change program at Antioch University.

Rev. Leary is married to Allan Leary, an American Navy Veteran. They have three children.



The Proof

Rev. Claudine Leary

We are a Changemaker church, committed to following Jesus' example of having compassion for all people, and celebrating God's gift of diversity. We strive to create a church home where people of every gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, immigration and socioeconomic status can unite in the mission of God's love.

All are welcome here!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

10:00 am

Los Altos United Methodist Church
655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024
www.laumc.org

Morning Worship

Prelude - <i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Sue Alleluia Ringers, Ernie Sapigao, director
Welcome	Pastor Dave Samelson
Introit - <i>Hodie</i>	Willan New Covenant, Jose Mendiola, director
Lighting the Advent Candle	The Watts family
Hymn - <i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	UMH 196
Children's Time (10am)	Sharon McClintock
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer	Pastor Jeong Park
Bible Reading	Matthew 11:1-7 Susan Schwamkrug
Anthem - <i>I'll Be Home For Christmas</i>	arr. Hayes New Covenant, Jose Mendiola, director
Message - <i>The Proof</i>	Rev. Claudine Leary
Advent Song - <i>The Way</i>	D. Damonte
Advent Generosity	Ashish Farmer
Offering	Timothy Loewen-Elofson
Offertory - <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	arr. Sue Alleluia Ringers, Ernie Sapigao, director
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication (10am)	
Announcements	Pastor Dave Samelson
Sending Forth	Pastor Dave Samelson
Song of Blessing - <i>Star-Child</i>	FWS 2095
Postlude - <i>Good Christian Folk, Rejoice</i>	arr. Sue Alleluia Ringers, Ernie Sapigao, director

Get Connected

SALEABRATON 2024 - SAVE THE DATE: February 2, 2025

Enjoy shopping for baked goodies and gifts for Superbowl and Valentine's. All proceeds fund scholarships for African Women at Africa University. Questions? Lisa Sherard (408) 334-8244

ANGEL TREE 2024 (GIFTS & GIFT WRAPPING): December 8 & 15

We have been assigned 47 kids this year! Our Christmas tree will be in the narthex Dec. 8. Those who want to participate in creating joy for these kids can select Gift Tags from the tree. All gifts must be returned to the narthex by Dec. 15 where they will be wrapped by volunteers. LAUMC.org/Angel-Tree-2024

CHANGEMAKER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: December 1 to 25

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus, the ultimate Changemaker. We invite you to receive a daily email devotional written by Changemakers from LAUMC and across the country. Sign up at thechangemakerinitiative.org

JUSTFAITH CLASS: DISRUPTING DARKNESS: Classes - Sundays, Dec. 1 to 22

Discover the real meaning of Christmas and discern how the Christmas Story might be calling you to live differently. yvonne@thechangemakerinitiative.org

MUSIC OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS, WITH PASTOR DIRK: Thursdays, thru Dec. 19

Join Pastor Dirk and celebrate the wonderful music of Advent and Christmas with dinner & a class! Learn about the history of some of our favorite carols and songs, learn new ones, and immerse in the joy and wonder of this beautiful season through its music through the ages. LAUMC.org/Advent-Christmas-Music

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARSONAGE: Friday, December 13, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Families with young children are invited for games, Christmas carols, hot cocoa, and to hear the Christmas story read by Mrs. Santa. Feel free to wear cozy pajamas or festive holiday attire. Register at LAUMC.org/children

LAUMC NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM CLASS: Saturday, Dec. 14, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

This retreat is for persons who are considering church membership and/or baptism. It is held at the Senior Pastor Parsonage. LAUMC.org/new-member-class

STORY HOUR WITH MS. SHARON: Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 am

Join us for stories, music, and movement all about Winter Tales!

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHTS: Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 pm

The Festival of Carols & Lights will feature a final performance of Dirk Damonte's Magnificat. If you have ever sung this with us or would like to, we hope you'll join us!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm

A reflective, contemplative service full of music and candlelight, especially for those to whom this season brings sadness or loss. Find solace, safety, and warmth if you are suffering in your heart during this season or feeling overwhelmed.

GEN2GEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 17 at 11:30 am

Come sing along with Santa in the Youth Room. For those unable to attend in person, you may join by Zoom during our caroling time. 'Tis the season to be jolly and count our blessings! Questions? morrisont2002@aol.com or LAUMC.org/gen2gen

WEHOPE CHRISTMAS DINNER-CALLING ALL BAKERS: December 18 or 19

We are in need of 20 individuals to bake homemade Christmas Cookies (2 dozen each) to be delivered to the LAUMC kitchen on Dec.18 or the morning of Dec. 19th. Contribute to this wonderful meal by contacting Julie McPherson at juliemcp623@gmail.com or LAUMC.org/Bakers