



Update: The Sound of Music at LUM

You Make the Music at LUM

As some of you know, Jonathan Micon plays snare drum in Purdue's All American Marching Band. Jo and I enjoy spending Purdue Football Saturdays helping other parents in providing breakfast snacks and drinks throughout the day to the 40 members of the drumline.



One can't help but notice how important the band director and drum majors are to the quality and sound of the band.

They set the tempo and keep rhythm during every selection. Band members feed off the enthusiasm and emotion of the person who is leading them. But while a band leader can certainly prod and cajole, it is always the individual musicians who make up the various sections of the band who make the music. This is where the real talent lies and where the real credit belongs. Have you ever seen a director not generously share credit with his or her orchestra?

Being LUM's executive director is a lot like this.

LUM is made up of a very talented and dedicated staff, a hard-working board sent to us from LUM's member churches, an inspirational legion of volunteers and a generous and sacrificial multitude of financial backers. And what wonderful music they do all make on behalf of the children and families in our community who are facing difficult times.

While the gifts of each person who contributes to LUM may be different, the spirit of giving is always generous and selfless. You help to accomplish so much here and you make our community a better place for all of its citizens.

I am constantly impressed with the effort and dedication of the 20 individuals God has led to serve on LUM's staff. While our board members come from 42 diverse church congregations, at LUM, they each become Christ's hands for those in our community who live on the margins and in the shadows. I gain energy from meeting and getting to know so many of LUM's 3,000 volunteers. I am humbled by the generosity of LUM's 1,600 donors. Most of all, I am blessed to learn from those we serve at LUM — 6,000 households last year. Despite all the difficulties they face, most express good humor, a genuine concern for others and a faith in God that sustains and nurtures.

I find myself very pleased with the sound of the music we are making, in the example of Jesus, here at LUM. I look forward to the challenging pieces he has in store for us to perform together in the future. LUM is a very special and unique kind of ministry. So much happens here that is good.

What a joy it is to be executive director and to have the opportunity to thank you for the wonderful music you make as part of this marching band that is the Lafayette Urban Ministry!



Joe Micon
Executive Director
Lafayette Urban Ministry

PS: Please give online at www.lumserve.org/donate or mail in your donation to Lafayette Urban Ministry, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901

Holidays at LUM

Community Thanksgiving Celebration

- Thursday, Nov. 26
- Noon—2 p.m.
- Central Presbyterian
- Volunteer Sign-up, [HERE](#)
- Donation Sign-up, [HERE](#)

Jubilee Christmas

- Saturday, Dec. 12
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Various Host-sites
- Volunteer Sign-up, [HERE](#)

TNR Turkey Trot 5K Run

- Thursday, Nov. 26
- 8—9:30 a.m.
- Lafayette Golf Course
- Register [HERE](#).

Great Pumpkin Patch

- Now—Sat., October 31
- 11 a.m.—7 p.m.
- 2010 Congress Street, Lafayette



Meet the New LUM Staff & Interns



Marilyn Zerbes —LUM Emergency Shelter, acting program director

Originally from a small town in Virginia called Bremo Bluff, Marilyn lives in Lafayette with her husband, Mark. Marilyn graduated from Purdue University (West Lafayette) and is a parishioner of St. Thomas Aquinas Center (West Lafayette). Marilyn and Mark have three children, all of whom are married with children of their own. Marilyn and Mark have five

granddaughters and two grandsons. She loves spending time with her family and friends. Marilyn has many years of not for profit accounting experience including as the LUM Business Manager in 2013. She loves gardening and more recently camping in a tiny vintage camper – but is a homebody at heart who enjoys being with her family.



Marilou Warden —LUM Achieve! Stay-in-School Program, new program director

Marilou has lived in Lafayette for most of her life. She has been married for 42 years to Mike Warden, who she met in chemistry class their last semester in high school. A graduate of Purdue University (West Lafayette), she was a teacher in the Lafayette School Corporation for 28 years before retiring. Since retirement, Marilou has been active with the [LUM Achieve! Stay-in-School Program](#) and the LUM After School Program.

Marilou and Mike, who is retired from Purdue, are members of Crestview Community Church (Lafayette) and have two sons, Nolan and Elliot. Nolan and his wife, Hilda, have two children – Lucia (4) and Elias (16 months). Nolan is preparing to defend his dissertation in ethnomusicology at UCLA. Elliot graduated from Purdue (art education/ photography) and now lives in New York City. In addition to her work with LUM, Marilou enjoys spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.



Gina Williams —LUM Intern (pictured, left)

Originally from Indianapolis, Gina now lives in Lafayette with her 12 year old dog, Yoshi. She graduated with a degree in psychology from IUPUI and is currently enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at the Indiana University School of Social Work (Indianapolis). Upon graduation in 2017, Gina will pursue a career working with the elderly population.

At LUM, Gina is an intern with the [LUM Emergency Shelter](#) supporting the director and working with the shelter guests during their intake process.

Thomas Bowman —LUM Intern (pictured above, right)

Tom is from Wallace, Indiana in Fountain County. Tom is a psychology major in the College of Health & Human Services at Purdue University (West Lafayette). Tom has worked in the Purdue Psychology Research Lab and is currently in the Venture Crew with the Boys Scouts of America. Upon graduation in May 2017, Tom plans on a career in criminal and forensic psychology.

At LUM, Tom is an intern with the [LUM Emergency Shelter](#) supporting the director and working with the shelter guests during their intake process.



Erin Knorr —LUM Intern

Erin's family lives in North Carolina; and she grew up in Winamac, Indiana and currently lives in West Lafayette. Erin is enrolled in the Human Services program at Ivy Tech Community College (Lafayette). She is a member of First Baptist Church (Lafayette) and also works at Menard's. Upon graduation in May 2016, Erin plans on earning a Bachelor's degree and pursuing a career working with children.

At LUM, Erin is working as an intern with the [LUM After School Program](#).

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