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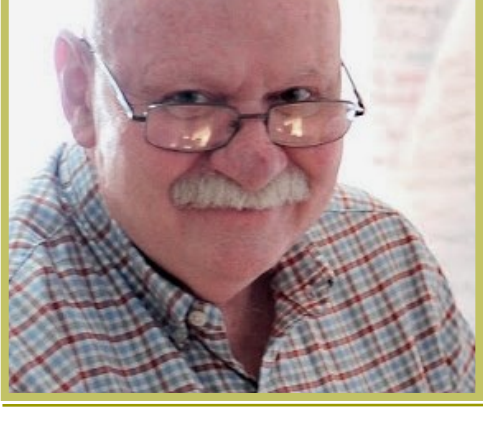


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## Update: Social Justice Reflection

### Jud Dolphin Asks “What About God’s Justice?”



Jud Dolphin recently shared with us his article which was published in this month's issue of *Лице в Лице*, the street magazine for his current NGO. In this piece about **social justice** world wide, he asks the question — “*What about God’s justice?*” Jud reflects on his experiences in the US as well as his current work in Macedonia. It’s election year in both countries, so he shares his thoughts on candidates’ promises, partial justice, Utopian agendas, the need to remain positive and not dwell on the negative, and the tension between the ideals of justice and political reality. “What About God’s Justice?” is a timely and compelling article.

Please **READ** the entire piece — click [HERE](#) to view Jud Dolphin’s article online.

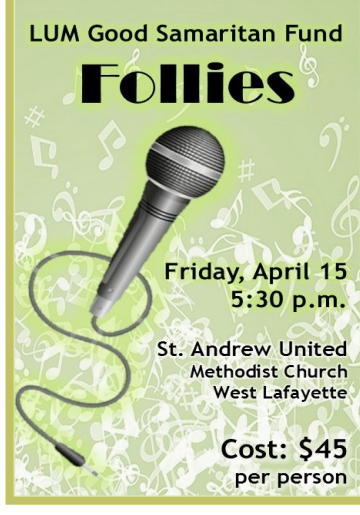
Jud Dolphin was the LUM Executive Director from 1978 to 1990. After 40 years working with social change organizations, Jud Dolphin retired and then joined the US Peace Corps. From 2009 to 2011, he served in Konotop, Ukraine. He returned to Washington, DC where he taught English to new immigrants, conducted watercolor painting classes and furthered his personal artistic interests. Currently, Jud, through the US Peace Corps, is in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, working as an organizational specialist with an NGO whose mission is to alleviate poverty.

## Join the Fun – 5th Annual LUM “Follies”

The fifth annual [LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies](#) is a lighthearted evening of fine dining, entertainment, fun & great fellowship — on **Friday, April 15**. LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies includes dinner, entertainment (also known as *Follies*), and a silent auction. The best part is that 100% of the proceeds goes to the [LUM Good Samaritan Fund](#), an emergency financial assistance program.

Make your reservations **TODAY**—online at [www.lumserve.org/follies](http://www.lumserve.org/follies) or by calling the LUM Office at (765) 423-2691. This year’s donation is \$45 per person; \$360 per table (maximum: 8). If you are not able to attend the "LUM Follies" but still wish to make a donation to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund — go to [www.lumserve.org/donate](http://www.lumserve.org/donate).

If you wish to be a corporate sponsor, call 765-423-2691.



## Immigration Clinic – Seeks Volunteers



The [LUM Immigration Clinic](#) is in need of volunteers who have experience taking short hand and dictation. The volunteer would assist in preparing client applications for submission to USCIS. Several application types require that client's provide declarations to be included as evidence in support of their claim to a particular benefit. In many cases we have found that it is helpful and expedient for the information to be recorded during staff interviews/ consultations. At the most a volunteer would be asked to assist one to two hours a week during regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), and

scheduling would be done according to the availability of the volunteer.

If interested please call or email Susan Brouillette, LUM Immigration Clinic director (765.423.2691 | [sbrouillette@lumserve.org](mailto:sbrouillette@lumserve.org)).

## Free Haircuts—Plus Love, Hope & Respect



Once a month **Mariana Paddock** sets up shop for an entire afternoon at the LUM Office. During this time, she provides free haircuts for LUM’s homeless clients. Mariana is a professionally trained hair stylist in Lafayette with a very loyal (paying) clientele.

Observing the interaction between Mariana and the LUM clients is magical. She is giving them so much more than just a haircut. She gives each person her undivided attention — offering them conversation and good cheer. Mariana also gives them love, hope and respect.

As she masterfully trims each person’s hair, you can literally see dignity restored and confidence built in each of her “customers.”

Thank you, Mariana for such a wonderful gift you are giving the homeless clients at LUM and to the entire community.

## Sunday Noon Meal – Volunteer Coordinator

The [Sunday Noon Meal](#) needs a volunteer coordinator each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each Sunday a “noon meal” is offered to the community at the LUM Youth Center, Lafayette.

Each week, a LUM volunteer coordinator assists the weekly “food prep team.” Training is provided, and LUM volunteer coordinators’ duties are as follows:

- Open LUM Youth Center for the Food Prep Team at 11 a.m.
- Monitor outside of LUM Youth Center from 11 a.m. to noon
- Organize and oversee check-in of guests at noon
- Monitor guest behavior and attend to guest needs from noon to 1 p.m.
- Oversee Clean-up by Food Prep Team from 1 to 1:30 p.m.
- Lock up and secure LUM Youth Center at end of event (approximately 1:30 p.m.)

If you are interested in assisting or need more information please click [HERE](#), or please call or email Gina Williams (765-423-2691 | [gwilliams@lumserve.org](mailto:gwilliams@lumserve.org)).



Please share with others.

## Thanks to First UMC Music Ministries



This past Sunday, [First United Methodist Church](#) sponsored the **4th Annual Music Ministries Concert**, which is a benefit concert for LUM. The Music Ministries Concert was free and open to the public — & featured a wide variety of music groups including children, youth, adults, choral, instrumental, and hand bells. A free will offering was collected, half of which will be donated to LUM.

Special gratitude to First United Methodist Church — especially Ellen Wilson, director of [music ministries](#) & worship arts (pictured above, far left—conducting), as well as all of the talented music groups and performers. To view more photos, click [HERE](#).

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