



# LATHROP UMC

## NEWSLETTER



Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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**And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.**

**Jeremiah 3:15**

### FROM OUR PASTORS' DESKS

#### Richard's Raps



I have a print of George Washington praying as he kneels in the snow with his horse, Nelson, standing behind him at Valley Forge. This print was the focal point of my office when I pastored Aldersgate and First United Methodist Church in Lebanon. For the past eight years it has hung in front of my desk in my home office. Of course, Washington counted on God as he faced the British army and his "American foes" for guidance and courage. What is not generally known is that Washington often rode for miles to attend Church on Sundays. According to the ministers who had the General "pop in" for worship, he was the most sincere and heartfelt worshipper during the Church service. It's no wonder the ministers [affectionately referred to as the "Black Cloister" brigade] served the General's army with such zeal. As we celebrate our independence throughout the month of July, let us take time to thank God for a man like Washington who led the army, and all those nameless men who did so much to support and strengthen the army he led. Mary freedom ring from shore to shore!!!!

#### Ted's Ponderings



This morning I was sitting on our back porch. Everything is a mess because the railing is in the midst of being repainted. Our porch swing is in a new position and I suddenly saw our yard from a new perspective. I really liked it. It was a new experience. As Richard and I start our ninth year with the LUMPS (Lathrop United Methodist Praying and Serving) I realized it is time for us perhaps to get a new perspective, We might like it. For starters try sitting someplace else rather than your usual pew next Sunday. Look at things from a different perspective. Together we might get some creative Ideas. I guarantee you will have a new perspective. Let's let our creative juices flow. Who knows what the Spirit of God might do next.

Be good, be well and have a great summer. Pray for one another daily.

**Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.**

**2 Timothy 4:2**

## THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM IT'S PAGES



### **Balance** **Living with Life's Demands** **By Tracey L. Henderson**

This is a Bible study for young adults 20/30. It encourages the reader to look at his own questions, goals, and beliefs as he studies Scriptures. It contains these helpful features: Bible background, articles on group leadership, case studies, seven easy-to-lead sessions with clear teaching helps, opportunities to examine biblical and personal ideas more deeply and carefully, and options for service projects. People are busy and demands are many. We all need a little “balance” in our lives.

### **Blue Hear Blessed** **By Susan Meissner**

Daisy Murien is still a hopeful romantic despite the fact that her fiancé broke their engagement just ten days before the wedding. What better remedy for heartbreak than to open a secondhand wedding dress boutique, where she can offer castoff wedding dresses a second chance at love? She finds an unusual confidante in Father Laurent, the retired Episcopal priest who blesses all the tiny blue satin hearts she sews into each dress she sells. Father Laurent becomes ill. Ramsey Laurent, his son, arrives to take his father away. A contest of wills begins. How will it all end? This is a warmhearted story about the healing power of unconditional love and God’s impeccable timing in bringing it about.



**BIBLE TRIVIA** “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.” (Answer found elsewhere in newsletter.)

### **OUR BLESSINGS**



Who were the three people (adults) who were featured in articles posted on our church bulletin board in the narthex? They were 1) Lillie Harrell for the “2016 Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award” she received, 2) Dr. Kyle Beane for the hygiene items drive for the Lathrop Food Pantry that he organized, and 3) Kendra Gagnon for her work with the GoBabyGo harness program that will allow youngsters with “global delays” freedom of movement. Plus there was a bonus article that explained that Kathy Mydland worked with a group of Lathrop Middle School students in the Lathrop Park weeding, thinning out bulbs, mulching the flower beds, and picking up trash. They are all wonderful examples of how God’s love can be shared! Thank you...thank you...thank you...thank you from your church and the entire community!

Where will the August fellowship dinner be held?

**. CONGRATULATIONS!** to Rachel Martin and Luke Martin for receiving the Perfect Attendance Award at Sunday School for the last quarter. The previous quarter, Rachel Martin, Luke Martin, Hailey Doudna, Rayanna Doudna, and Lilly Aldrich also received the Perfect Attendance Award.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### July 2016

- 1 UM Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 2 Community Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.  
Hosted by First Christian Church
- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service 12:00 a.m.
- 11 UMC Delivers Meals-On-Wheels
- 11 **NO** Admin. Board Meeting
- 14-16 Lathrop Friendship Festival
- 16 UMC Potato Bar at Friendship Festival

Ushers for July: Donna Jelinek & Jessica Aldrich



### JULY

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 1...Donna Jelinek
- 2...Kendra Gagnon
- 5...Zach Doudna
- 5...Lacey Doudna
- 12..Kyle Beane
- 14 Breanna Gilzean
- 16..Lary Mydland
- 19..Gabrielle Hulett
- 21..Louise Sellers
- 25 Cindy Elliott-Weers
- 25..Gerald Snodgrass
- 25..Jay Maddick
- 28...Maxine Lytle
- 30..Mark Snodgrass
- 31 Ed Stark



#### ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Chris & Kathy Gateley
- 12 Karen & Brandon Gilzean
- 14...Rev. Richard & Mary Ogden
- 19...Rev. Ted & Mae Hepner
- 22...Joe & Kendra Gagnon

**CHEERS** to Mike Dickerson on being released from doctor's care following his kidney transplant!



#### CARES AND CONCERNS

Gerry McKee     Dean McKee  
Jack Day         Wilma Tippet  
Barry Todd       Lou Todd  
Neoma Lottman   Lillie Harrell  
Mike Dickerson   Billy Webster  
Larry & Cathy Payne & Family  
Carmen Stone  
Robert Ewens     Shelby Ewens  
Marguerite Pulliam Brittany Kistner  
The Children of our Church  
Our Military       Our Community  
Our Church        Our Pastors

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#### ATTENDANCE REPORT

Barry Todd reported an average of 51.8 people in worship attendance for June 2016. Total people attending worship for the month was 259. (Answer to Bible Trivia Question: knowledge; Understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 )

## **JULY: A MONTH OF ANNIVERSARIES**

At the Lathrop United Methodist Church the month of July is a month with many anniversaries. Not only the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, but also the anniversary of when our two pastors joined us. Not only their anniversary with us, but also it is both of their wedding anniversaries. Three other couples in our congregation will also celebrate wedding anniversaries this month. And last but not least, it is also the anniversary of the church newsletter which was first printed July 2008. July is indeed a month of celebrations.

**THANK YOU PASTOR TED HEPNER & PASTOR RICHARD OGDEN FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS!**

### **Silver Memories Lined With Gold**

When you came to us, we were unsure,  
With all of our needs, would you endure?  
There has to be times you wanted to quit,  
But the Lord said "No, stick around a bit."

That bit of time, well it came and it went.  
Because we needed a pastor, you were sent.  
We have been through good times and bad,  
But you stuck around and that makes us glad.

We share 8 years of wonderful memories here,  
And all of them in our hearts, we hold dear.  
You have been our pastor, our guide, and friend.  
Your wisdom is so helpful as on God you depend.

It has been 8 years of good times and bad,  
Most of them were happy, but some were sad.  
Some of us have gone on to be with the Lord,  
But we are still here with rivers to ford.

We will have trials and storms to go through,  
But you have been there and shown us what to do.  
Our prayers each day include you as we pray,  
And we must give thanks for you each day.

Now, may the Lord be with you all of your days  
And continue to use you as you give Him praise.  
We love and appreciate you for all you have done  
As we look back in wonder, where have the years gone?

by Judy Crowe

**Lathrop UMC TRIVIA: During the 8 years that Pastor Ted and Pastor Richard have been at the Lathrop UMC, the total attendance is 21,159.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

The United Methodist Church will partner with our host, the First Christian Church for Vacation Bible School where we will visit *Egypt* and *Joseph's journey from prison to palace*. We'll be traveling back in time to the ancient Egyptian marketplace and telling the biblical story of Joseph in Egypt. VBS will start Monday, August 1 - August 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; August 5 (Friday), 6:00-8:00 p.m. (open house). Walk like an Egyptian!



Please go to [www.fcclathrop.com](http://www.fcclathrop.com) to find out more and register your child today or sign up to volunteer. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS (especially station leaders and "tribe" or family group leaders). Register your child by July 24th, 2016 to be eligible to win a special VBS themed prize!

Participation is free for all adults and children registered.

Plenty of water and snacks will be provided. Each day, kids are encouraged to bring money to donate to *Operation Kid-to-Kid*, a not-for-profit organization that works to improve the lives of children in developing countries.

Please feel free to call Christian Church VBS director, Michael Falgout, anytime with any questions: (816) 621-0220 OR, Methodist Church VBS coordinator, Kathy Mydland (816-528-3780). More information will be given to children at their church prior to registration.

**Join us for Vacation Bible School at First Christian Church this year!**

### CHURCH NEWSLETTER & BULLETIN BLOOPERS

1. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
2. Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
3. Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING conference: "*The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.*"
4. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
5. Ushers will eat latecomers.
6. Tuesday at 4PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
7. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
8. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
9. The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
10. A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
11. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
12. 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, *The Lord Knows Why*.
13. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
14. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.
15. The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
16. A warm welcome to all who have come today.
17. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
18. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
19. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
20. The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
21. On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: *GOD IS GOOD*; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
22. Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.

## TEXAS FARMER IN AUSTRALIA

A Texas farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and starts talking with him. The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large."

Then they walk around the ranch a little, and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows."

The conversation has really gone south when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos hopping through the field. He asks, "And what the heck are those?"

The Aussie replies with an incredulous look, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?"

## THE FORGOTTEN BEATITUDE

Blessed are you if you can laugh at yourself, for you shall never cease to be amused.

## SOMETHING TO PONDER

Noah was a brave man to set sail in a wooden boat that included two termites that were passengers .



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**I didn't make it** to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

## OLD AGE IS COMING AT A REALLY BAD TIME!

When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment... now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!

The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

I'm going to retire and live off my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my wife took it!

Even duct tape can't fix stupid... but it can muffle the sound!

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

**TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER**