



LATHROP UMC

NEWSLETTER



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Worship 11:00 a.m.

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BLESSED is the man that walketh not in counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1: 1-2

FROM OUR PASTORS' DESKS

Richard's Raps



The Church is celebrating the season of Pentecost. During this season the Church focuses on the stories of the early Church moving out into the world; and centers its attention on its own ability and desire to speak God's love to the world. The early Church met both resistance and acceptance. The same is true today. While Christianity is growing in many areas of the world; this past year was the worst year in modern history for Christian persecution. According to several sources one million Christians were slaughtered or displaced last year. Many of those who were beheaded, crucified, or buried alive in the Middle East [and elsewhere] were mere children, the old and feeble. The largest persecutor of Christians in the entire world is North Korea followed by the Middle East, Africa, and China [in the month of May thousands of Churches in China had their crosses torn down and their members threatened]. As for the Middle East [Syria, Iraq, and Turkey] the United Methodist Committee on Relief [UMCOR] is and has been working for the past three years in those areas supplying food, new born and basic health kits. UMCOR is always on the front line of relieving the suffering of people. You can help UMCOR aid those folks by simply writing a check and marking it UMCOR, and the treasurer will forward your support to those people. All of your financial gift is used for relief - UMCOR does not use any of the funds for administration and etc.. Your financial gift can be your voice - your ability to say you care in a language you cannot speak. It's the season of Pentecost, "sooooo" go and tell the story of Christ!!!!

Ted's Ponderings



Well welcome to the month of June. It includes Father's day and the first day of summer which also happens to be the longest Day of the year. At least It will be the longest day of daylight (if it doesn't rain). I guess all days have 24 hours..I remember our family has the privilege of being in Sweden near the Norwegian border on this date with enough sun light to be fishing on the lake at midnight. It was an exciting and strange experience. We were visiting the family of a Swedish student we sponsored for a year. when we were in Hampton VA. That day , like so many days, it past all too fast even if it was the longest day.

Have you ever wondered how you could just stretch your days out a little bit? I haven't found a way to stretch the day out, but; I have found a clue to making better use of my day. .By starting each day with a prayer offering this day to God , It seems to bring it into better focus. It helps establish priorities and it also teaches patience in the midst of interruptions and chaos. The psalmist reminded us “ that this is the day the God has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it “

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

THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM IT'S PAGES



Faithful Members\ The Doctrines and Duties of the CHRISTIAN FAITH By Dr. Fritz Mutti

Dr. Mutti was in 1988, the year this book was written, the district superintendent of the Marshall district, Missouri West Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has throughout the years, held many other church position. In this book he explains basic Christian beliefs and practices in a way that connects them to life for both youth and adults. Chapter 1: "Greetings to you who want to grow in your faith. You are beginning a journey in search of understanding. It may be the most important activity you attempt this year." Do you have questions?

RV There Yet? By Diann Hunt

Join three baby-boomer women as they hop into their "vintage" Winnebago...with an ample supply of chocolate and God's gentle protection...and go on a wild rescue mission. It seems that the beloved Bible camp of their childhood is closing. They are determined to save it. What lies ahead? Bears...chiggers...laughs! This novel will capture your imagination and inspire your faith.



BIBLE TRIVIA Fill in the blanks: "When I was a _____, I spake as a _____, I understood as a _____, I thought as a _____." (Answer found elsewhere in newsletter.)

OUR BLESSINGS



There are two youth on the Administrative Council of our church: Rachel Martin and Alex May. Thank you for serving.

Speaking of youth, they are often featured in articles posted on our church bulletin board in the narthex. However, this month there are also three adults featured. These people have made a huge difference in our community. Who are they and what have they done?

KUDOS TO LATHROP CHIROPRACTIC CENTER



A three week time span is all it took for Dr. Kyle Beane and the Lathrop Chiropractic Center to raise hundreds of dollars of hygiene items for the Lathrop Food Pantry. The hygiene items were donated by Dr. Beane's patients and collected at his office. Toy and food drives have been held in the past but this was a 'first of its kind' for the chiropractic office and was very successful.

Thank you Dr Beane and patients of the Lathrop Chiropractic Center for generous support and donations to our local food pantry.

Christ is Alive and We are Alive in Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2016

- 4 Community Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
Hosted by Assembly of God Church
- 5 UM Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- 5 Laity Sunday - Children & Youth to Provide Worship Service
- 5 Senior Center Fundraiser, Plattsburg, MO
- 13 **NO** Admin. Board Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day



Ushers for April: Gerald Snodgrass & Griffin Hensen



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Burla Lilly
- 3...Barry Todd
- 5...Joe Gagnon
- 10..Malore Johnson
- 13 Nickolas Stark
- 16...Brent Mydland
- 22..Dean McKee



ANNIVERSARY

- 10 Donald & Wilma Griffin
- 18 Kyle & Mandy Beane
- 24 Bill & Jan Ainsworth
- 28 Ed & Terri Stark
- 29 Troy & Jennifer Beane



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	Mae Hepner
Robert Ewens	Shelby Ewens
Marguerite Pulliam	Brittany Kistner
Sandi Partain	Kathy Smith
The Children of our Church	
Our Military	Our Community
Our Church	Our Pastors

If you have prayer concerns, please email lathropmc.newsletter@live.com or contact:
Kathy Mydland 528-3780; Brenda Bonar 528-3004; or Norella Beane 740-4419.

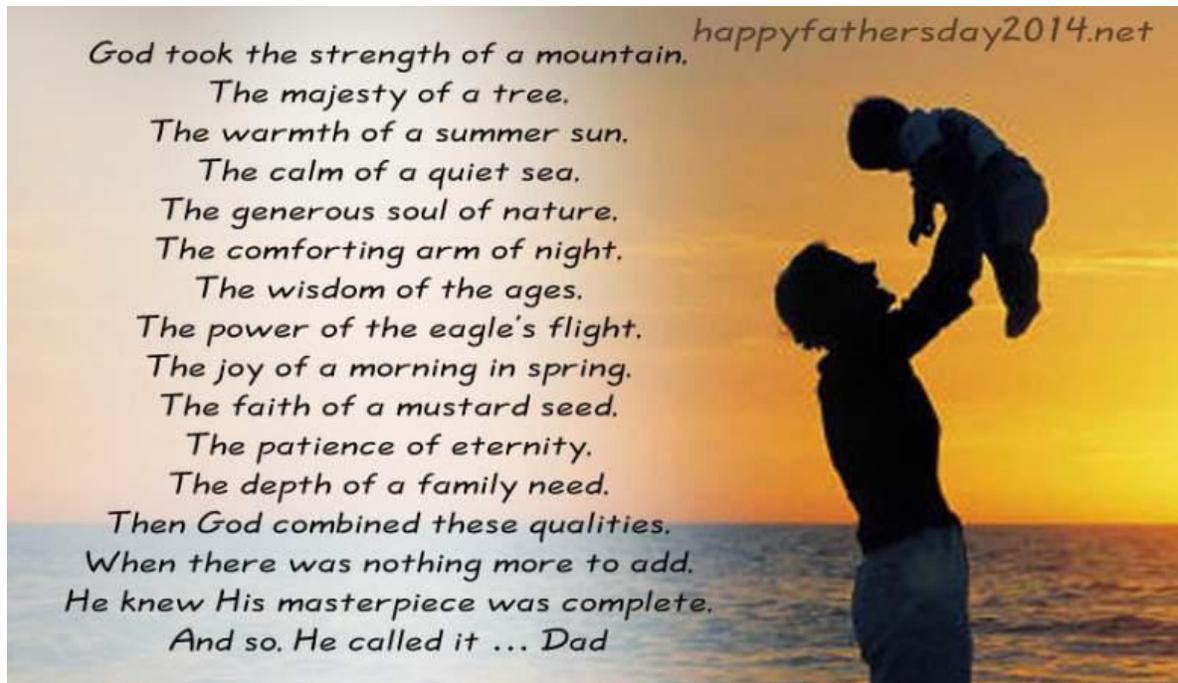
ATTENDANCE REPORT

Barry Todd reported an average of 50 people in worship attendance for April 2016. Total people attending worship for the month was 276. (Answer to Bible Trivia Question: child, child, child, child 1 Cor. 13:11)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Lathrop High School Grads:
Dawson Beane, Dylan Gowin, Kathy Smith.
Lathrop Middle School Grads: Andrew Beane, Hailey Doudna, Quinton Wolfe .



WELCOMING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Forrest DeLayne Patrick Wilson, son of Steven and Beka Wilson, was Baptized into the faith of the United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 8, 2016. Grandparents are Delayne and Lisa Wilson, Plattsburg.



Pictured right to left: Pastor Ted Hepner, Beka Wilson holding Forrest Wilson, Steven Wilson and Pastor Richard Ogden.

2016 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SENIOR SERVICE AWARD



Lillie Harrell, Lathrop MO, was one of three volunteers from Clinton County to win the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award on May 5th. The award was presented by Lt. Governor Peter Kinder in the House Lounge of the Missouri Capital in Jefferson City. Mrs. Harrell was recognized for the donations of her time and energy to the MO Veterans Home in Cameron. Kinder said Mrs. Harrell "dedicates herself to Service to these veterans who first served us all". A luncheon for all recipients and their guests was held following the ceremony.

Congratulations Lillie!

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalms 5:11



BABY GRACE MOTHERS DAY OUT

May is the month we honor mothers. On Saturday, the 21st of May, the Baby Grace team hosted a salad luncheon for mothers who benefit from all the wonderful donations and mothers who volunteer to make the program work. Some of the women represented both groups.



This first Mothers' Day Out gathering was small, but well received by those who made it. The many salads were wonderful and the Baby Grace cake delicious. Thanks to Hailey Doudna for watching the little ones so their mom could visit with the other mothers.



Betty Woodring opened by reading I Corinthians chapter 13, reminding all about the meaning of love. Mona French asked the blessing before everyone filled their plates.

Before serving cake, there was a short program about the history of the Turney/Lathrop chapter of Baby Grace. The cake was served and each lady present had a chance to tell about her story with this program. Gift bags were presented to some of the ladies. Visiting continued while cleaning up.



Friendships are one of the best blessings gained from this program. Plans are in the works to continue the luncheon next year

Left -right: Betty Woodring, Mona French, Jane Gillis, Kathy Mydland

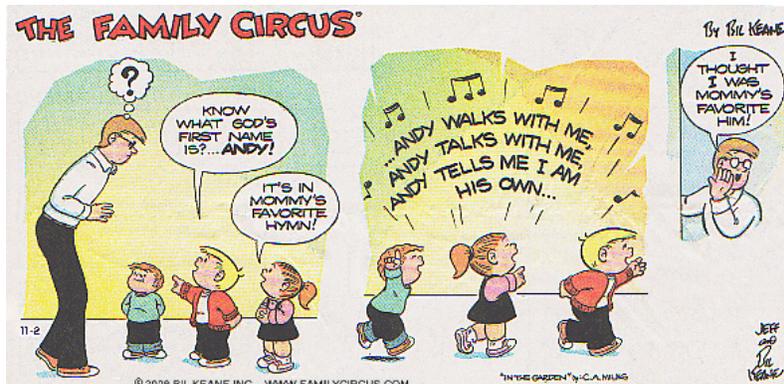
SUMMER IS HERE!



Our unofficial summer started with the end of the school year. On June 5th the youth of our church will conduct our Sunday worship service while our pastors attend other events. This is a Sunday that is looked forward to by everyone...adults and youth.

Officially the first day of summer is June 20th, and this will bring a busy time for everyone, even the ones who are planning on having 3 months of leisure. July will bring the Lathrop Friendship Festival and our Potato/Salad Bar, and also the possibility of having an entry in the float parade. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these or have an suggestion for other money making ideas, please let us know. At this time there isn't an official date for Vacation Bible School, but the time will be announced in our next newsletter. Again, volunteers will be needed.

While it isn't necessarily a summer activity, Community Day of Service 2016 will be in the few month, a date hasn't been set yet. Any ideas or thoughts on this can be passed on to Ed Stark, Pastor Richard or Pastor Ted.



VISITING HIS GRANDPARENTS, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked."

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

THE INTERVIEW

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



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ONLY A GRANDMOTHER WOULD KNOW ...

A Cup of Tea made with cold water .

Grandma and Grandpa were babysitting Jenny. One day Grandma was out, and Grandpa was in charge of Jenny. Jenny was maybe 2 1/2 years old. Someone had given her a little 'tea set' as a gift, and it was one of her favorite toys.

Grandpa was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when Jenny brought him a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, Grandma came home.

Grandpa made her wait in the living room to watch the little girl bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' Grandma waited, and sure enough, here came Jenny down the hall with a cup of tea for Grandpa, and Grandma watched him drink it up.

Then she said, (as only a grandma would know), "'Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?'"

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER