



# LATHROP UMC

## NEWSLETTER



Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

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**Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**

**Hebrews 11:1**

### FROM OUR PASTORS' DESKS

#### Richard's Raps



When I started ministry 40 years ago, Haddon Roberson was one of America's premier teachers of preaching. A few weeks ago I watched him speak to a group of preachers at Gordon Conwell Seminary. Now an elderly man, his powerful voice was no longer commanding as it was in days gone by. With the fire of youth missing he seemed old and tired. As I watched his presentation I got beyond my memories of his yesterdays, and started listening to his message. He was still "spot on" with his theology, and his conviction to what he was saying was still real. At one point he challenged the preachers with these words: "Don't defend the gospel - preach it! Don't dilute the gospel - preach it! Don't confuse the gospel - preach it! Don't doubt the gospel - preach it! Don't mumble the gospel - preach it! Don't substitute the gospel - preach it! Don't change the gospel - preach it!" He's still my hero!!!!

#### Ted's Ponderings



The story is told about a man who raised sheep kept losing them to his neighbors dogs. What could he do? Fences? Barbed wire ? A shot gun?  
None of the above!

Instead he gave a lamb, as a pet, to each neighbor's child In no time at all the dogs were either penned up or on a leash.

This seems to be putting into practice some sound advice that the apostle Paul was giving to the early Christians at the church in Rome when he said: "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21.)

This is a big order and try as we might we never seem to pull it off on our own. It is easier when we prayerfully do it together. We participated in a walk for the Community food bank and Backpack Buddies the third week in September. Our thanks goes out to those who coordinated the walk, gave food and money to support our community, and made cookies and gave ice water to the parade participants and the marchers that made it a fun activity.

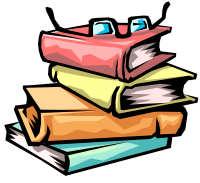
Thanks to all of you!

Be good, be well and pray for one another daily

**Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.**

**Hebrews 13:16**

## THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM ITS PAGES



Night Light  
A Devotional for Couples  
by Dr. James & Shirley Dobson

Are the demands of work, kids, financial commitments, and the frantic pace of life straining your relationships with you mate and with God? Night Light is written for you. This daily devotional offers the personal, practical, and biblical insights that have sustained the Dobsons' marriage for forty years. There are twenty-six weekly themes, Scripture, insightful questions, as well as short stories from a host of popular authors. Each pages takes only approximately 10 minutes to read. That's not much time to improve your marriage.

A Beautiful Sound  
(Mysteries of Sparrow Island)  
by Ellen Harris

A new family has moved to Sparrow Island, and Bobby MacDonald makes a friend his own age. But...something about the new boy's story doesn't add up. The boy's grandmother acts reclusive and protective. His father lands a job at the hospital, but his expertise seems far too advanced for a physician's assistant. What is this family hiding? The search is on!

### OUR BLESSINGS



The Lathrop United Methodist Church has Charge Conference in Richmond, Missouri, on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:00. Anyone from the congregation may attend.

Where is the new office of our District Superintendent?

### FALL BIBLE STUDY

Fall Bible Study starts Wednesday, October 12 and will continue each Wednesday evening for 4 additional weeks (October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9). As in past years, a light meal will be offered at 6:30 p.m. with the Bible Study beginning at 7:00. The focus of the study will be the book Waiting Here For You by Louie Giglio. An Advent Journey Of Hope. Find peace and encouragement for your soul as anticipation leads toward celebration. Ya All Come!

**Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."  
John 13:35**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER 2016

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| <b>1 Community Men's Breakfast</b>                 | <b>7:00 a.m.</b> |
| Hosted by Assembly of God Church                   |                  |
| <b>2 UM Men's Breakfast</b>                        | <b>7:30 a.m.</b> |
| <b>3-7 UMC Delivers Meals-On-Wheels</b>            |                  |
| <b>11 National Grandparents Day</b>                |                  |
| <b>10 Trustees Meeting</b>                         | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> |
| Admin. Board Meeting                               | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>12 FALL BIBLE STUDY STARTS</b>                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| Light meal at 6:30 discussion starts at 7:00       |                  |
| <b>16 Charge Conference at Richmond, MO</b>        | <b>2:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>19 FALL BIBLE STUDY STARTS</b>                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| Light meal at 6:30 discussion starts at 7:00       |                  |
| <b>22 ANNUAL FALL STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER/AUCTION</b> | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>26 FALL BIBLE STUDY STARTS</b>                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| Light meal at 6:30 discussion starts at 7:00       |                  |
| <b>31 UMC Delivers Meals-On-Wheels</b>             |                  |

Ushers for OCTOBER: Gerald Snodgrass & Griffin Hensen



### OCTOBER

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 5...Keith Beane
- 8...Wilma Griffin
- 9...Jennifer Beane
- 10...Monty Mydland
- 16..Tim Stout
- 20..Carol Maddick
- 21...Ryan Mydland
- 21 Chris Gateley
- 23..Roberta Vaughn
- 23 Kim Mydland
- 25...Pat Wagner
- 25...Caleb May
- 30..Isabel Maddick
- 30..Mitzi Hensen

NO anniversaries this month



### CARES AND CONCERNS

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Gerry McKee                | Dean McKee       |
| Jack Day                   | Wilma Tippet     |
| Barry Todd                 | Lou Todd         |
| Neoma Lottman              | Lillie Harrell   |
| Keith Beane                | Billy Webster    |
| Carmen Stone               | Brian Harris     |
| Robert Ewens               | Shelby Ewens     |
| Marguerite Pulliam         | Brittany Kistner |
| Kathy Gateley              | Burla Lilley     |
| The Children of our Church |                  |
| Our Military               | Our Community    |
| Our Church                 | Our Pastors      |

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

## ANNUAL FALL STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER AND AUCTION

The Annual Fall Steak/Chicken Dinner and Auction time is upon us! The date has been set for October 22 at 5:00 p.m. to start serving the tasty steak or juicy chicken that is accompanied by baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and a drink. The auction will begin around 6:00 - 6:15 p.m. A donation list of foods needed will be passed around at Sunday Worship Service, or contact Wilma Griffin (528-3184).

Do you have new or unused items you would like to donate to the Fall Auction? Do you have home-canned (jams, jellies, relish, etc) or baked food items (homemade cakes, pies, cookies)? Do you have afghans, doilies, quilts, blankets, hand-crafted items that you made? OR, do you work at a business that might be able to donate something? Many items are needed to make this year's auction a success. Proceeds this year go to the handicapped parking project.

Let us know what you can donate! To donate or if you are able to help by picking up items from the donors, please contact Lori Snodgrass, Gerald Snodgrass (gsnodgrass@mail.com) or Trish Martin (528-7037).

## SERVE 2016 COMMUNITY WALK

Sunday, September 18th was a beautiful day to take a walk. Many community members joined together in a Community Walk to raise funds and food items for the Lathrop Food Pantry and the school Backpack Buddies program. Food items were loaded into a cart and driven with the group as items were collected at each church along the way. Cookies and bottles of water were awaiting the walkers at the Lathrop Park at the end of the route.

Many families will benefit from the efforts of this group. A big Thank

You goes out to the organizers, walkers, collectors, those who baked cookies, those who passed them out, everyone who donated items and gave monetary donations. There are too many to name names, but we know the Lord smiles down upon you for your unselfishness and generosity.



UMC food donations being loaded into the cart by Lucas Martin and Shane Dodd to begin the 2016 Community Walk.

## GOD IS IN THE AIR! COME HEAR HIS MESSAGE!

Did you hear it? Our church bell is ringing again. For two weeks in September Remi (Remington) Wolfe did a fantastic job ringing our bell: announcing to the community that our church service was about to begin and later signaling that our church service was over. The youth in our church are very special! Look for them ringing the bell, lighting the candles, taking up the collection, handing out bulletins, singing, playing instruments, helping with communion. helping with dinners, smiling, giving. They set a wonderful example! Come see them and "hear" them in action.



## PICNIC AT THE LAKE INSIDE OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL



### RECIPE OF HAPPINESS

Keep your heart from hate - your mind free from worry. Live simply - expect little - give much - sing often - pray always. Fill your life with love - scatter sunshine - forget self - think of others. Do as you would be done by. These are the tried links of contentment's golden chain.

### RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Sift hard work and recreation with knowledge and experience. Blend in enough faith, courage and prayer to hold ingredients together. Sprinkle with laughter and smiles. Tears and dreams may be added whenever necessary. Dissolve malice and hatred in warm cup of love, understanding, and forgiveness, and add to first mixture. Pour into twenty-four hours of everyday and serve with enthusiasm.

### PRESERVING A HUSBAND

(In fact, it will make your anniversaries milestones of happiness.)

Use care in selecting. Do not choose too young or too old, and only a variety raised in good moral atmosphere. Once decided upon and selected let that part remain forever settled. Give your entire thought to preparing for home use. Some insist on keeping them in a pickle, others are always getting them in a stew. This makes them sour, hard and sometimes bitter. Even poor varieties may be mad sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses. Wrap them in a mantle of charity. Keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with peaches and cream, with plenty of honey. Thus prepared they will last for years!

### RECIPE FOR A HAPPY FAMILY

1 husband	1 pkg. work
1 wife	1 pkg. of play (together)
Children	1 Tbsp. patience
1 Bible for each	1 Tbsp understanding
1 home	1 Tbsp. forgiveness
Generous portion of prayer	1 SMALL paddle
3 cups of love (packed)	1 cup kisses

Mix thoroughly and sprinkle with awareness. Bake in moderate oven of everyday life, using as fuel all the grudges and past unpleasantness's. Cool. Turn out into platter of cheerfulness. Garnish with tears and laughter and in large helpings, serve God, country and community.

### PRESERVING CHILDREN

1 large grassy field	Hot sun
6 children	Deep blue sky
3 small dogs	Narrow strip of brook with pebbles
Flowers	

Mix children with dogs. Empty field, stirring continuously. Sprinkle the field with flowers. Pour the brook gently over the pebbles. Cover all with a deep blue sky and bake in hot sun. When children are well browned, they may be removed. Will be found just right for setting away in the bath tub.

## ELEPHANT STEW

1 elephant                      Salt and pepper  
Brown gravy                  2 rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into bite-sized pieces. This should take about 3 months. Cover with brown gravy; cook over kerosene fire about four weeks at 465degrees. This will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, 2 rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.                      Yield: 3,800 servings

## A PRIZE RECIPE

Let the mistress of the house take...

2 pounds of self control  
1 1/2 pounds justice  
1 pound patience  
1 pound discipline

Let this be sweetened with charity. Let it simmer well and let it be taken daily. In extreme cases, in hourly doses and be kept always on hand. Then the domestic wheels will run quite smoothly.



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## THANKS

"Thank God for dirty dishes  
They have a tale to tell  
While others may go hungry  
We're eating very well.  
With home, health and happiness,  
I shouldn't want to fuss;  
By the stack of evidence,  
God's been very good to us. "

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