



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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

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Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3 20-24

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

Richard's Raps



Ole asked Bess for a date, and she accepted. Being a romantic, Ole took Bess on a picnic to a little island in the middle of Lake Okauchee just outside Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Although it was a hot day both dressed to impress. Bess wore several petty coats under her dress and Ole wore a high collar suit. After eating the typical picnic lunch of the day, Bess informed Ole that ice cream would be nice. Ole got in the boat and rowed back to shore and got Bess her ice cream. Bess then told Ole that he had forgotten chocolate syrup. Ole rowed back to shore and got chocolate syrup - he really liked Bess. Halfway on his return trip Ole stopped rowing. Rowing was his "thorn in the flesh." I don't know what Bess thought, but Ole sat in the middle of the lake all afternoon thinking about something. Rocking back and forth in that small row boat Ole came up with plans for the outboard motor boat. Ole Evinrude married Bess and brought "motor boats" into existence.

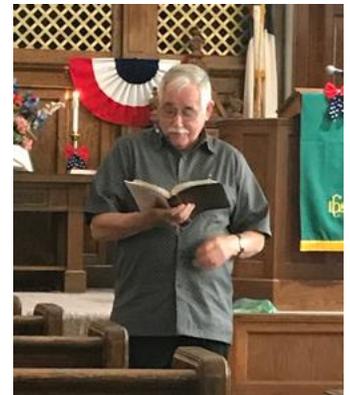
The Church will celebrate its annual August picnic in the city park on the third Sunday of the month (August 19th). We will not be looking to solve any problems, invent anything new, and the dress code will be "casual." Our only agenda will be to have a good time and enjoy each other in a relaxed atmosphere. So, invite a friend(s), come and enjoy the day. I wonder if Bess ate all that ice cream before it melted?



300 SERMONS!

On Sunday, July 8th, Pastor Richard Ogden preached his 300th sermon to members of the Lathrop United Methodist Church. Richard was honored at the Fellowship Dinner with a cake recognizing this milestone.

Thank you for all you have done for this congregation, Richard.



THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM ITS PAGES



SOME WILDFLOWER IN MY HEART By Jamie Langston Turner

Taken from the book cover: “Margaret Tuttle is perfectly content with the well-ordered life she’s arranged for herself in Filbert, South Carolina. But something dark lurks beneath the surface of her unruffled exterior—something neglected. Birdie Freeman, who comes to work for Margaret at the local elementary school, is everything Margaret is not: homely humble and generous. Yet, little by little—through simple acts of friendship—a reluctant Margaret finds herself being won over by Birdie.” What can go wrong? You’ll see.

SWEET FREEDOM A DEVOTIONAL By Sarah Palin

These devotions do not correspond to exact dates. There are 260 with titles like “Letting Nonbelievers Not Believe”, ” Mom’s Right: More Honey, Less Vinegar”, “Ready to Rock and Roll Your World?”, and “Consuming the Word—Finally a Diet That Works”. There is also a section in the back for holiday devotions. Whether you voted for Sarah Palin or not, this book will still inspire you to trust in God and let Him guide your way

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT HIM...

in “THE LEADER” JULY 19, 2018 or on the narthex bulletin board or right here in this month’s newsletter



Who is this person? He was born in Polo, Missouri on February 16, 1921. He was married to Helen Baskette. They had two sons. He is HAM RADIO: KFOSE. Have you figured out who this month’s “GETTING TO KNOW YOU” person is? Here are a few more clues. This person graduated from Polo High School in a class of 11 (there are still 3 of that class living). He joined the United States Navy and reached the rank of Radioman 1st Class. During World War II he served as an Intercept Operator where he copied and decoded Japanese messages. He was primarily stationed stateside, but later in his military career found himself in Okinawa. Since returning to Missouri he has worked at Harry Kerr’s Gas Station, in the Fagin Drug Store (19 years), at the Bob Mick Ford Garage in Plattsburg, at the Lathrop Bank in Holt, and started RUPE MOTORS. Now I’m sure that you know...it’s our own Ralph Rupe. Ralph has also served on the Lathrop School Board, has belonged to the Lathrop Masonic Lodge 506 for 70 years, the Scottish Rite, the VFW, and been a member of American Legion Post 467 for 70 continuous years. Oink! Ralph literally makes a “change” in our church every Sunday. Ask the children. Ralph has served his family, his country, his community, his church and his God. Take a moment to visit with him. He will always greet you with a smile and, if you have a minute or two, he might even share a story.

DATES TO REMEMBER



AUGUST

1-2 VBS	5:30 pm
3 VBS w/Pot-Luck	6:00 pm
1-3 Confirmation Classes Continue	6:00 pm
5 August Birthday Breakfast	10:30 am
13 Trustee's Meeting	6:30 pm
13 Admin. Board Meeting	7:00 pm
16 Students Return to Lathrop R-II	
19 Picnic in The Park	12:00 noon

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BIRTHDAYS

3	Connor Gilzean
6	Hailey Doudna
11	Charles Mapes
13	Remy Fromholtz
15	Porter Hensen
16	Don Lile
21	Brooks Streeter
23	Mandy Beane
28	Chelsia Streeter
31	Andrew Beane



ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jay and Carol Maddick
8	Porter and Mitzi Hensen
15	Martin and Carol Brown
28	Shawn and Lacey Doudna

CARES AND CONCERNS



Lilly Harrell	Marguerite Pulliam
Mike Dickerson	Keeton Webster
Carmen Stone	Cheryl Snodgrass
Brittney Kistner	Ted Hepner
Wilma Tippet	Mae Hepner
Heather Carter	Burla Lilly
Jon Carter	Lucy Howerton

All people affected by devastating disasters worldwide.

Our Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders
Our Church
The Children and Youth of the Church
Our Pastor

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

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4: 16



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our 2018 Vacation Bible School will be ending this month. The First Christian Church and the United Methodist Church are working together again and are presenting **CROCODILE DOCK**, set in the “bayous” of the Lathrop FCC.

Through the final days, they will continue to discover how God is with us and cares for us. They will learn of His power and how He does what he says he will do.

Bible school will run from 6:00 -8:00 Wednesday (Aug 1) and Thursday (Aug 2) and 6-8 Friday (Aug 3). You and your family are invited to come join us Friday Night for family night. That Friday night we will have our closing program where the kids will perform some of the songs they have learned and share some of the crafts they have made. We will also have a carry-in dinner. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please call *the Christian Church* during daytime hours at 816-528-3868 or *Kathy Mydland* at 816-528-3780 if you have questions. Thank you

PICNIC IN THE PARK



Time is flying by very quickly! Already summer vacation is winding down. Friendship Festival has come and gone, The Vacation Bible School is over, and school will be starting soon. It's time for our annual Picnic in the park. On Sunday, August 19th following worship service, we will all meet at the Lathrop City Park shelter house for food, games and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and tableware will be provided. Bring your lawn chair and a side dish or a dessert.

REV. MELISSA DODD, NORTHWEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



We welcome our new Northwest District Superintendent, Rev. Melissa Dodd, who was appointed June 2018. Rev. Dodd has replaced Rev. Cindy Buhman, who has returned to serve as a local church pastor after the Annual Conference Session.

Rev. Dodd has a degree in elementary education from Missouri State University and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Seminary. Dodd worked in youth ministry before becoming a licensed local pastor at Campbell UMC in Springfield. She continued to serve that church as a provisional elder and elder in full connection before being appointed to Asbury UMC in Springfield, where she has served as senior pastor since 2014. She has served on the Board of Ordained Ministry and has been a leader in the Missouri Conference Candidacy Summits.

“Rev. Dodd has offered excellent pastoral leadership in her appointments, loves the local church, and has earned the respect of her clergy peers through her solid work on district and conference teams,” said Bishop Farr. “Melissa has strengths in mentoring and coaching and I look forward to seeing her implement those gifts, along with her energy and vision, through the superintendency in the Northwest.”

Dodd said she’s excited about the opportunity to serve the church as a district superintendent. She said she knows she has a lot to learn but feels the skills she has developed will be a good fit for the position.

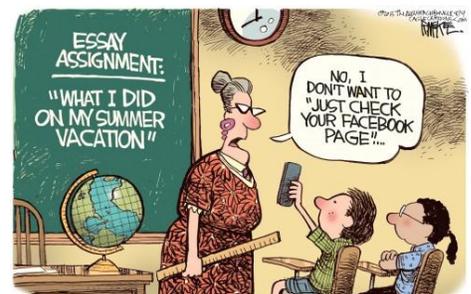
“It’s exciting because it’s in my wheelhouse,” she said. “I’m an organizer. I like structure. I like strategy. I like working with teams and people to problem solve and strategize. I like to encourage people.”

Source: UMC Missouri Conference Webpage

REMINDER

DELIVERY PEOPLE ARE STILL NEEDED TO HELP DELIVER MEALS-ON-WHEELS 1 WEEK PER MONTH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, IN DELIVERING ONCE, TWICE OR ALL WEEK, CALL WILMA GRIFFIN AT 528-3184.

LETTERS NEEDED TO GIVE TO BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS TO THE ANNUAL UMC AUCTION ARE AVAILABLE NOW. SEE LORI SNODGRASS IF YOU NEED ONE.



"Doesn't it embarrass you that people have seen you go up to the buffet table five times?"

"Not a bit," the husband replied. "I just tell them I'm filling up the plate for you!"

The minister's little six-year-old girl had been so naughty during the week, that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment. She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School Picnic on Saturday. Then, when the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go to the picnic, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic," her mother said.

"It's too late!" the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain!"

There were these two tourists driving along the highway looking for a place to stop and picnic. The first tourist says, "Let's stop here, and have our picnic under that tree."

The other says, "No! Let's have it right here in the middle of the road." They fought for a bit, but finally agreed to have it in the middle of the road. All of a sudden, a car comes speeding towards them and has to swerve into the tree to keep from hitting them.

The second tourist says, "See? If we were under that tree, we'd be dead now!"



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The gas station was located on a main highway leading to the beach. The gas station clerk was accustomed to seeing tired and sunburned occupants in the cars that pulled in to tank up. When a rusty old van containing a very tired looking couple and six screaming children pulled into his station, the clerk tried small talk to cheer the occupants.

"Hope you had a good day at the beach! Nice looking kids there. Are they all yours or is this a picnic?"

Wearily, the driver replied, "Yes they are all mine and it's NO picnic!"

Two tourists were driving through Louisiana. As they were approaching Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter, one tourist asked the clerk, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are...very slowly?"

The clerk leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrrrrrrr-gerrrrrrrr-Kiiiiing."

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER