



LATHROP UMC

NEWSLETTER



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

JULY 2017

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We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. for we have heard of our faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all God's people.

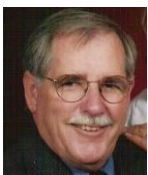
Colossians 1: 3-4



Rev. Richard and Mary Ogden receive a special blessing from Rev. Ted Hepner for God's guidance and grace in the year ahead. It was a very special moment in their last communion together.

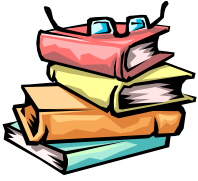
FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

Richard's Raps



July marks the beginning of the tenth year of my pastoral leadership at Lathrop U.M.C. . . Where did the time go? Of course, this year will see some changes as Pastor Ted and Mae will not be providing leadership. We will all miss them! I was amused by the following add that appeared in the 1903 Methodist Reporter, "Wanted Pastor: Must have small family, if any, and be able to furnish own horse and come to Church unassisted. Must not be afraid of work, have no hobbies, have a good clear head, a warm heart, and big feet." What does big feet have to do with pastoral leadership? Whatever! Psalm 71 is listed as "An Old Man's Prayer." The eighteenth verse has the old man praying, "Now that I am old and my hair is gray, do not abandon me, O God! Be with me while I proclaim Your power and might to all generations to come." My prayer for this next year is that this old man can faithfully proclaim God's power and might to Lathrop United Methodist Church in a faithful manner. Mary and I will come and do our very best to provide you with Christian leadership in the coming year. You pray for us!!!

THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM ITS PAGES



JOHN The Gospel of Light and Life By Adam Hamilton

Adam Hamilton again uses his love of scripture to guide and inspire you: here in the book of John. Using his skill as a teacher as well as a pastor, Hamilton explains the theological and symbolic layers of John. This book is divided into 6 parts: The Word Made Flesh, The Miraculous Signs of Jesus, The “I AM” Saying of Jesus, The Farewell Discourse, The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King, and Eternal Life. Even though this is not Lent, it is never a bad time to renew...experience spiritual growth...study...change.

Colorado Weddings By Joyce Livingston

Three grooms have wedding plans. Now all they have to do is persuade three women who have no idea of those plans. Shelley Morris has a trouble son. Can she trust any man to love him like he needs to be loved? Stormi McNeil has been wooed by Mark Denton before. Can she trust him with her heart this time? Tula O’Brian has a wedding-planning business. Is Clint Murphy HER groom? Change! Is it in the wind?

OUR BLESSINGS



The Baby Grace Ministry was founded on November 16, 2006. It has five basic principles: 1) All babies are a gift of God, 2) All young mothers have the grace of God available to them, 3) Mothers and babies are not judged, 4) Nothing is required or expected in return from the families it serves, and 5) Mothers and babies are invited/encouraged, but not required, to attend worship services and other church activities. On Mother’s Day baby bottles were made available to our congregation. How much money would be collected in them for Baby Grace? By Father’s Day fourteen baby bottles had been returned to church. What a wonderful congregation! There were many coins: pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, Sacajawea dollars, and even a few coins from other countries. There were bills too: ones, fives, tens, twenties, even a hundred. There were checks in many bottles. What an amazing congregation! Has your curiosity been piqued yet? What was the total collected for Baby Grace by Father’s Day? Our wonderful amazing church had given \$495.91!! If you have not returned your baby bottle or made a donation, it’s not too late. “All babies are a gift of God.”

Who are the members of the Lathrop UMC Board of Trustees?

SUCCESSFUL POTATO BAR/SALAD FUNDRAISER

The June Potato Bar/Salad Fundraiser held on the Saturday of the Lathrop Friendship Festival was once again a successful event. The crowd was low and the weather was hot, but all who came enjoyed a great meal. The final totals of the event are not all in yet but over \$400 was collected. These proceeds will go into the Building Fund. **Thank you** to all who had a part in making this a success!

DATES TO REMEMBER



JULY 2017

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| 1 Lathrop Study Club Garage Sale Held at Lathrop UMC Fellowship Hall | 8:30 to Noon |
| 2 July Birthday Breakfast | 10:30 am |
| 4 Independence Day | |
| 9 NO Trustees Meeting or Administration Board Meeting this month | |
| 11 Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service | |
| 30 - Aug. 4 UMC Vacation Bible School | |

Ushers for July: Jessica Aldrich and Donna Jelinek

JULY



BIRTHDAYS

- 1...Donna Jelinek
- 2...Kendra Gagnon
- 2 Payton Wolfe
- 3 Bill Ainsworth
- 5...Zach Doudna
- 5...Lacey Doudna
- 9 Quinton Wolfe
- 12..Kyle Beane
- 14 Breanne Gilzean
- 16..Lary Mydland
- 19..Gabrielle Hulett
- 21..Louise Sellers
- 25..Gerald Snodgrass
- 25..Jay Maddick
- 28...Maxine Lytle
- 30..Mark Snodgrass
- 31 Ed Stark



ANNIVERSARIES

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



CARES AND CONCERNS

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| Jack Day | Dylan Gowin |
| Wilma Tippit | Cheryl Snodgrass |
| Lillie Harrell | Burla Lilley |
| Billy Webster | Jon Carter |
| Robert Ewens | Shelby Ewens |
| Candy Fugett | Marguerite Pulliam |
| Brittany Kistner | |

- The Children of our Church
Our Military Our Community
Our Church Our Pastors

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks. Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870, and in 1938 Congress reaffirmed it as a paid holiday for federal employees.

NEW BANNERS

Sunday School class banners were presented and are on display in our sanctuary. Each Sunday School class chose a Bible verse, then Jessica Aldrich turned each verse into a great banner. The banners are hung from the railing around the balcony and remind us each of the God's word and love.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The 2017 Vacation Bible School will kick off with *registration and hotdogs* in the UMC parking lot at **6:00 pm on Sunday, July 30th**. This year we will visit the **SURF SHACK** where kids are encouraged to *Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love*. **Monday, July 31st through Thursday, August 4th** class will begin at **9:00 am and dismiss at Noon**. Surfers and lifeguards, otherwise known as Leaders and helpers, will greet the children and lead them on a wonderful week of God's love. Mark the date on your calendars. Additional information will be available as the tune grows closer. If you would like to help with VBS this year, contact Kathy Mydland at 528-3780 or call the church at 528-4280 and leave a message and your call will be returned. (Helpers and cookie bakers are always needed!)

TEN INDEPENDENCE DAY ITEMS OF TRIVIA ABOUT THE BALD EAGLE:

1. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson served on the committee that picked the eagle for the national seal [Franklin wanted the turkey].
2. Bald eagles have few natural enemies and live only in North America.
3. Bald eagles get their white head and tail feathers about 4/5 years of age.
4. Bald eagles are not, and never were bald. The term comes from when "bald" meant "white-headed".
5. Their maximum speed: 40 mph or over 100 mph while in a dive.
6. They can lift roughly half their body weight.
7. The Bald Eagle is no longer considered endangered, and now only threatened.
8. The only other kind of eagle in North America is the golden eagle.
9. Bald eagles mate for life, but if one dies, the survivor will accept a new mate.
10. It is a felony to shoot an eagle.



TWO YEAR OLD

My two-year-old cousin scared us one summer by disappearing during our lakeside vacation. More than a dozen relatives searched the forest and shoreline, and everyone was relieved when we found Alex playing calmly in the woods.

"Listen to me, Alex," his mother said sharply. "From now on when you want to go someplace, you tell Mommy first, okay?"

Alex thought about that for a moment and said, "Okay. Disney World."

MINATURE GOLF

It was at a miniature golf course on a brutally hot day when I saw a father with 3 kids.

"Who's winning?" I asked cheerfully.

"I am" said one "no, I am" said another.

"No," the father said "their mother is!"

HOW HOT IS IT?

The cows are giving evaporated milk.

The chickens are laying hard-boiled eggs.

I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking.

Hot water now comes out of both taps.

Every time I think about ice, water pours out of my ears.

You actually burn your hand opening the car door.

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

The potatoes cook underground, and all you have to do to have lunch is to pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.

You start buying stock in Gatorade..

You start putting ice cubes in your water bed.

You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water.

You can say 113 degrees without fainting.

The four seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot and are you kidding me?!

You eat hot chilies to cool your mouth off.

Your dream house is any house in Alaska.

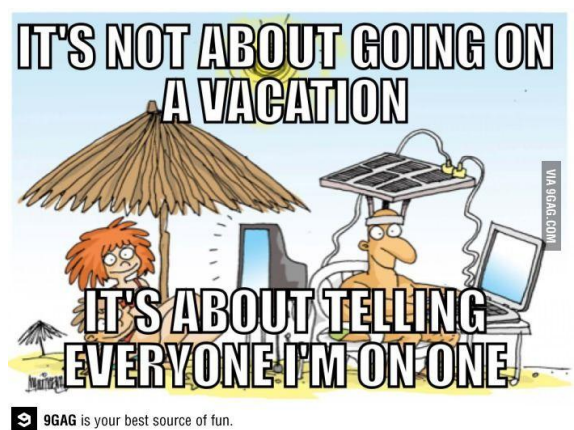
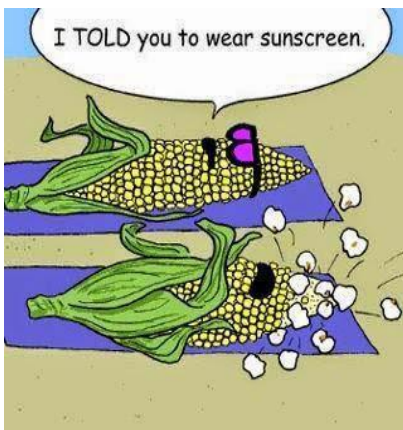
You can make instant sun tea.

Your car overheats before you drive it.

You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.

The temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.

You would give anything to be able to splash cold water on your face.



Q: *What do you get when you cross a tyrannosaurus rex with fireworks?*

A: *DINO-MITE!*

Justin: *Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor?*

Oscar: *Why?*

Justin: *Because she can't sit down.*

Summer Job

For her summer job, my 18-year-old daughter arranged interviews at several day-care centers. At one meeting, she sat down on one of the kiddie seats, no simple task for most people. The interview went well, and at the end, the day-care center director asked the standard question, "Can you give me one good reason we should hire you?"

"Because I fit in the chairs." She got the job.



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Lathrop United Methodist Church is happy to Welcome back Pastor Richard Ogden along with his wife, Mary, as God has placed them in our lives for another year.

May God bless them and guide them along the way. We are looking toward another positive year.

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER