



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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

JUNE 2018

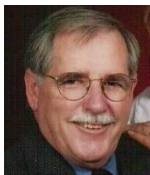
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And they that were with me saw indeed the light and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Acts 22: 9

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

Richard's Raps



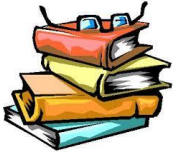
The lack of winter snow and the unusual small amount of spring rain took its toll on trees, shrubs, and landscaping plants in my neighborhood. Several plants merely didn't "spring" back to life this year. Trees and shrubs (as well as all my rose bushes) stand barren, a witness to our neighborhood that we should have pulled out the water hose in February, March, and early April. As plants need water to survive, so our souls need the "water" of the Holy Spirit to nurture us in our faith. The Church will be celebrating the season of Pentecost (the giving of the Holy Spirit) from now until the beginning of Advent. During this season of the Church year, let us make a special effort to open our "inner-being" to the presence of God, and allow the Holy Spirit to God to nurture us so we may grow in our faith.

FROM THE PAGES OF YESTERDAY

Ten years ago, the first edition of the Lathrop UMC Newsletter was printed. In that edition we welcomed our new pastor and his wife...Rev. Richard and Mary Ogden. Their first Sunday with us was June 29th, 2008. We learned they were coming to us from Lebanon, MO, that they had two grown children, and five grandchildren. We also learned that by that time, Pastor Richard (as he prefers to be called) had served on every committee on the District level, chairing many of them. On the Conference level he had served as 'Dean' of the Missouri Licensing School, on the Board of Ordained Ministry, and had he served as chair of the Worship and Sacrament area. Pastor Richard and Mary participated in seven Navajo Nation Medical Mission trips and provided main leadership and supported and promoted many other mission efforts during their years of discipleship. We learned of Pastor Richards love of reading, beagle hounds, playing Irish Whistle, travel and a good nap.

We give thanks to God for knowing exactly what the Lathrop United Methodist Church needed and sending Richard and Mary Ogden to us to guide us, to be our friends, to love us and to become a part of our church family.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECONS FROM ITS PAGES



Dark Water **By Linda Hall**

What do you know about whales? After you read this book you'll know that orca whale families are called clans and mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and children all live together. A whale mother's family is called a matriline. When a bunch of these matriline families swim through the water together, it's called a pod. Minke whales are one of the smallest species of whales on the East Coast. They get to be twenty-eight feet long though. But...this is a novel, and learning about whales and the jewelry business is intertwined with an ex-con, being afraid to go to the police and a stalker. How can all this be mixed? You know what I'll say, you'll have to read the book.

What on Earth Am I Here For? **By Rick Warren**

- 1) "It will explain the meaning of your life.
- 2) It will simplify your life.
- 3) It will focus your life.
- 4) It will increase your motivation.
- 5) It will prepare you for eternity."

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

2...4...6...8 **Who Do We Appreciate?**



Chad Howerton was born in Marceline, Missouri. Jennifer was born in Columbus, Ohio. These "2" met at church. And our cheer of "Thanksgiving" has its beginning. Emily makes our "4" for that's how old she is. She loves her babies and playing restaurant or whipping up something in her kitchen for them or her family. She also likes gymnastics. She will be in Pre-K next school year. Sarah is "6" and does gymnastics too. Sarah loves art. Next school year she will be in First Grade. Lucy is "8". She will be in Third Grade next school year. Lucy loves to read and do Taekwondo with her dad. They have both earned their yellow belts. All three girls enjoy riding horses.

Now for the appreciate. Chad has worked for Davidson Architecture & Engineering in Overland Park for 22 years (getting up each morning at 5 A.M. to make the trek). But still he agreed to be a trustee of our church. He has shared his love of metal art with us too by donating to our Fall Auction.

Jennifer steps in to play the piano when Brenda is absent. She directed the Community Choir at Easter that performed at our church plus the Plattsburg Baptist Church and the Smithville Christian Church. Jennifer is president of the Lathrop PTO. She also accompanies the Lathrop High School band, choir, solos and ensembles for contest. Lucy, Sarah, and Emily are bundles of unique joy. They brighten our church by "just being there"! The Howertons moved to the Lathrop Community four years ago. They have made a huge difference to the community and especially our church. They are great examples of God's love being shared. 2...4...6...8...We appreciate YOU!

DATES TO REMEMBER



JUNE

2 Potato/Salad Bar at Lathrop Friendship Festival	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
3 June Birthday Breakfast	10:30 AM
10 Fellowship Dinner following Worship	12:00 PM
11 Trustee's Meeting	6:30 PM
11 Administration Board Meeting	7:00 PM
14 Flag Day	
17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	
21 Summer Begins	



JUNE 2018 BIRTHDAYS

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
30 Mark Snodgrass
31 Ed Stark



ANNIVERSARY

3 Chris and Kathy Gately
18 Kyle & Mandy Beane
13 Brandon & Karen Gilzean
14 Rev. Richard & Mary Ogden
19 Rev. Ted & Mae Hepner
22...Joe & Kendra Gagnon
24 Bill & Jan Ainsworth
28 Ed & Terri Stark
29 Troy & Jennifer Beane

CARES AND CONCERNS



Lilly Harrell
Mary Gowin
Mike Dickerson
Larry Payne
Carmen Stone
Brittney Kistner
Wilma Tippet
Heather Carter
Jon Carter
Dylan Gowin
Marguerite Pulliam
Keeton Webster
Cheryl Snodgrass
Ted Hepner
Mae Hepner
People of Puerto Rico
People in Hawaii
Our Military
Our Church
The Children and Youth of the Church
Our Pastor
Our Community

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ‘BRINGING IN THE LIGHT’?



What is the meaning of ‘Bringing in the Light’? This was the question that the Love Sunday School Class brought to teacher Steve Jelinek. Acolytes, which means follower, a helper or assistant, have been part of the church in one form or another for nearly 2,000 years.

“Jesus said: *‘I am the light of the world’*” (John 8:12). The light reminds us of Jesus coming into our world and into our lives. It is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Lathrop UMC uses two candles on the altar to remind us that Jesus was both a human being and God. At the close of the service, the light is carried out into the world to symbolize the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

In the weeks and months to come the role of the Acolytes in our church will become more prominent in serving the Communion and in other ways.

In the photo with Pastor Richard Ogden are seven of the Acolytes. Breana Gilzean, Rachel Martin, Kaitlynn Pollard, Lily Aldrich, Lucy Howerton, Sarah Howerton, and Maddie Smith. Others not in photo are Olivia Gowin, Griffin Porter, Jaxson Gowin, Luke Martin and Shane Dodd.

APRIL STATISTICAL REPORT

2018

Average Church Attendance: 62 Average Sunday School Attendance: 40 Income: \$5,991 5 Weeks

2017

Average Church Attendance: 62 Average Sunday School Attendance: 40 Income: \$6,977 5 Weeks

2016

Average Church Attendance: 50 Average Sunday School Attendance: 31 Income: \$3,599 4 Weeks

2015

Average Church Attendance: 59 Average Sunday School Attendance: 33 Income: \$4,134 4 Weeks

TRIVIA



In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on **June 14**. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.



Happy Father's Day

*A Dad is a person
who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
what you have on your mind.*


*He's someone who listens,
suggests, and defends
A dad can be one
of your very best friends!*

*He's proud of your triumphs
but when things go wrong
A dad can be patient
and helpful and strong.*

*In all that you do,
a dad's love plays a part
There's always a place for him
deep in your heart.*

*And each year that passes
You're even more glad,
More grateful and proud
just to call him your dad!*

*Thank you, Dad .
for listening and caring
for giving and sharing
but, especially, for just being you!
Happy Father's Day
- Author Unknown*



Magic Penny

After putting their three-year-old child Brian in bed, his parents heard muffled sobs coming from his room one night. Rushing back in, they found that the child was crying hysterically when he saw them. He told his parents that he had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure that he would die now. The father, in an attempt to calm him down, took out a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it out from Brian's ear. The child was really thrilled and stopped crying at once. In a flash, he snatched the penny from his dad's hand, swallowed it, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

Q: When do you go at red and stop at green? A: When you're eating a watermelon.

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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Because of an ear infection, Little Johnny, had to go to the pediatrician. The doctor directed his comments and questions to Little Johnny in a professional manner. When he asked Little Johnny, "Is there anything you are allergic to?" Little Johnny nodded and whispered in his ear. Smiling, the pediatrician wrote out a prescription and handed it to Little Johnny's mother. She tucked it into her purse without looking at it. As the pharmacist filled the order, he remarked on the unusual food- drug interaction Little Johnny must have. Little Johnny's mother looked puzzled until he showed her the label on the bottle. As per the doctor's instructions, it read, "Do not take with broccoli."

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER