



# LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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Now when he had spoken these things, while they watched, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw him go into heaven.

Acts 1:9-11 KJV

## FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



Washington D. C. seemed like a long way off to me as a boy growing up without a political care in the world. I do remember seeing Sam Rayburn on the News Reel at the local theater. Sam spent fifty years in Washington. He was Speaker of the House during his last ten years. Even as a child I could tell he was a "crusty" old dude from Texas. However, Sam had a "people" side of him, too. Once he received word that a reported who gave him a lot of trouble and bad press had a daughter die during the night. Sam went to the reporter's house and rang the doorbell. The reporter was surprised to see Sam standing there, of course. Sam told the guy he was sorry for the family's loss, and asked if there was anything he could do? The reporter said, "No." Sam then asked if the man had had his morning coffee, to which the reported again responded, "No." Sam walked into the guy's house saying, "Well I'll make it for you." The reported said, "I thought you had a breakfast meeting with the president this morning." Sam replied, "I called him and told him a friend was having a little trouble and I couldn't make it today." Washington D. C. seemed like a long way off to a boy in small town Missouri during the 1950s. Today, Washington D. C. seems like it's gone a long way from being a "civil" place were a "crusty" old man from Texas reigned over as "Mr. Speaker!" Pray for the nation.



Father in Heaven,

Thank You for the men and women that protect this nation! Father, as they protect us, protect them as well! Lord, You know where they will be today and I pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever challenges and trials they face this day. I thank You for these men and women, Lord! And for those who served and protect us but are no longer with us, let us never forget them I love You! Amen

## THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS YOU FROM ITS PAGES



### Song of Redemption

By Lynn Austin

“As King Hezekiah embraces God’s Law, he leads his country into renewed prosperity. But following the will of Yahweh is a perplexing process, requiring unpopular choices—for both his personal life and political career. Now his archenemy’s demands for tribute are forcing Hezekiah into a precarious situation. Jerusha, a young Jewish woman far from home, has seen firsthand what the dreaded invaders are capable of doing. As the powerful Assyrian army sweeps through the northern provinces, leaving little but devastation in its wake, Jerusha longs to escape. Her desperate will to live could become a link to Jerusalem’s survival.” This is a novel built around one man’s decision to follow God and how that decision is tested.

### Additions to the Youth Library

**Wayside School Is FALLING DOWN** by Louis Sachar  
**Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger** by Louis Sachar  
**Amelia Bedelia Helps Out** by Peggy Parish  
**The Berenstains’s B Book**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



This month our newsletter features a couple who definitely complement each other. As Webster would say, “They complete each other”. In fact, on April 29th, 2019 they celebrated 47 years of marriage! They are Steve and Donna Jelinek. Donna was born in Kansas City, Kansas. She moved to Mirable in the second grade where she remembers meeting our Kathy (Pollard) Mydland. By the time she entered seventh grade her family had moved to Polo. Steve was born in Richmond, but when he was one year old, his family moved to Polo. Even though Donna and Steve were in the same class, they didn’t date each other. After graduation, Steve joined the army. On January 1, 1972 they had their first date. Four months later they married. It was a whirlwind courtship, but nothing like the tornado they experienced in 1977 when they lived in Missouri City. Their home was destroyed! Fortunately, Jessica their daughter survived this storm with only the loss of her two front teeth. Jessica married James Aldrich. Together they have one marvelous, fantastic daughter Lilly (Lillian). Donna has worked at Gates Rubber Co., Mr. Dell’s, Wilcox Electric Co., Helzberg Jewelry and a medical billing company in North Kansas City. Steve worked at Ford Motor Co. for 37 years. Having retired, Steve enjoys being outside, gardening, reading and the challenge of crossword puzzles. Donna enjoys reading and doing crafts. Both enjoy following Lilly in all of her many activities and adventures. In 1980 they joined our church. Together they have blessed our congregation by teaching Sunday School and helping with Vacation Bible School. Donna has gone on three mission trips to Jamaica, served on the PPR Committee, Nominating Committee, and is presently a Trustee. Steve has served as our liturgist and has presented many “unforgettable” children’s sermons. Together they are now serving as “Financial Secretary” and helping the “Worship Committee” that’s Jessica. Each uniquely special, but both dedicated to their family and faith, Donna and Steve complement not only each other, but our church family too.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### May

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| 2 National Day of Prayer                                 | 10:30 a.m.       |
| 5 May Birthday Breakfast                                 |                  |
| 5 Lathrop High School Baccalaureate @ PAC                | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 12 <b>Mother's Day</b>                                   |                  |
| 12 Baby Bottles for Baby Grace Fundraiser given out      |                  |
| 12 <b>NO</b> Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service |                  |
| 13 Trustee's Meeting                                     | 6:30 p.m.        |
| 13 Administration Board Meeting                          | 7:00 p.m.        |
| 18 Armed Forces Day                                      |                  |
| 19 Lathrop R-11 Graduation                               | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. |
| 27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>                                   |                  |
| 30 Ascension Day   |                  |

Ushers for May

SUELLEN POLLARD AND MADELIENE POLLARD

### May



#### Birthdays

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| 5  | CATHY PAYNE      |
| 5  | FORREST WILSON   |
| 5  | BETTY DAVIS      |
| 7  | OLIVIA GOWIN     |
| 12 | BRANDON GILZEAN  |
| 15 | EMILY HOWERTON   |
| 17 | KEYLIE BEANE     |
| 17 | TROY BEANE       |
| 27 | EDWIN HUFFORD    |
| 29 | BEKA WILSON      |
| 30 | CHERYL SNODGRASS |
| 30 | JAMES DAVIDSON   |
| 30 | FREIDERUN BOONE  |
| 31 | LORI SNODGRASS   |



#### Anniversaries

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| 15 | MATT AND MIKA HUFFORD |
| 25 | JEFF AND TRISH MARTIN |



## CARES AND CONCERNS

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| Wilma Tippet       | Burla Lillie       |
| Heather Carter     | Jim Lawley         |
| Jon Carter         | Friederun Boone    |
| Mike Dickerson     | Our Military       |
| Carmen Stone       | Our Community      |
| Wilma Griffin      | Our Pastor         |
| Ted and Mae Hepner | Our Church         |
| Dylan Gowin        | Children and Youth |
| Marguerite Pulliam | of our church      |

# EASTER 2019



## **Acolytes:**

Garrett Beane  
Jocelyn Fromholtz

## **Soloist:**

Suellen Pollard

## **Accompanist:**

Jennifer Howerton



## **Top photo:**

Combined Community Choir  
and Band

## ASCENSION DAY



Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 CE. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day occurs ten days before Pentecost and it always falls on a Thursday. However, some churches, particularly in the United States, it is recognized on the following Sunday.

Many Eastern Orthodox churches calculate the date of *Pascha* (Easter) according to the Julian calendar, rather than the Gregorian calendar used by many western churches, so their Ascension Day usually occurs after the western observance.

## ADULT BOOK STUDY CLASS

The Adult Book Study led by Suellen Pollard will finish up the current book this month. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the group will start a new book. Suellen Pollard is currently searching for the perfect book. This class begins a 10:00 am every Sunday in the SW corner of the Fellowship Hall. All adults are welcome. If you have any questions, see Suellen or Pastor Richard. There is room for everyone, and everyone is invited, so bring a friend - or two.



 *Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Carnations symbolize Mother's Day. Carnations signify purity, faith, love, beauty and charity. They are the most gifted flower at Mother's Day with pink carnations having the most significance. Legend has it that they first sprouted from the Virgin Mary's tears shed over Jesus' death - making them the symbol of a mother's undying love.*

**Definition of a Mother:** Mother (*noun.*) A person with the ability to detect a lie, Hear the smallest noises and see you out of the back of her head.

**What three words** solves Dad's every problem?

Ask your mother.

**How do your kids** know that you're cross with them?

Mom use their full name.

**Two children ordered** their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. But after a good long wait she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "We decided to cook our own breakfast."



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**A kid asks his dad,** "What's a man?" The dad says, "A man is someone who is responsible and cares for their family." The kid says, "I hope one day I can be a man just like mom!"

**What's the difference** between Superman and Mothers?

Superman's just a superhero now and then. Moms are superheroes all the time.

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