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NEWSLETTER



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Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12: 28-29

FROM OUR PASTORS' DESKS

Richard's Raps



Ralph West proclaimed, "God can make any ordinary day a holy day." Of course, any day that God makes His presence known in our lives becomes a holy day; and most of us have experienced something of that nature. As a nation, America will stop all its "scurrying around" and observe Thanksgiving – kind of a national holy day. Following the pilgrim's example, most of us will gather with family and friends to feast, watch football [a guy thing], enjoy the children and grandchildren, and the men [at least in my family] will take a nice long nap. As we celebrate the day may we hear these words from Martin Rinkart's 1663 A.D. hymn, "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today." So, celebrate!!!!

Ted's Ponderings



November is a real transition month . With the end of day light savings time it introduces the short day season. I know every day has 24 hours but for me a real day is how long the sun is overhead. This extended period of darkness introduces us to the gloom days. But they are only gloom days if that's what we let them be. On a recent Sunday, our adult Sunday school class was studying Psalms 121. They mentioned several experiences when the words from this Psalm gave encouragement in times when people have been severely stressed. As a military chaplain in both training and combat I have discovered these words have given a lot of encouragement to a lot of people in difficult times. "I will lift up my eyes to the hills ---- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord" Psalm 121:1-2 It's a reminder that even gloomy days can be a lot brighter when we walk hand in hand with God.

Be good, be well and pray for one another daily

"I preached on the righteousness of the law and the righteousness of faith. While I was speaking, several dropped down as dead and among the rest such a cry was heard of sinners groaning for the righteousness of faith that it almost drowned my voice. But many of these soon lifted up their heads with joy and broke out into thanksgiving, being assured they now had the desire of their soul – the forgiveness of their sins."

~ John Wesley

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A Love Worth Giving
Living in the Overflow of God's Love
By Max Lucado

The vow-breaker, truth-benders. The money-grubbers and back-stabbers we meet, work with, and marry. How do you love someone who is hard to love? Our typical strategy is to try harder. Is that the answer? Could it be that the first step of love is not toward them but toward Him? After all, you can't give what you don't have. In this book, Max Lucado explores what he calls "the forgotten first step for relationships." The secret to loving, he says, is living loved. God loves you. Personally. Powerfully. Passionately. His love can fill you and leave you with a love worth giving. Loving people isn't easy, but God holds the answer.

A Puzzling Occurrence
(Mysteries of Sparrow Island)
By Sunni Jeffers

When Abby agrees to stay at the Bird Nest to help Marin and Erz Choi investigate suspicious noises in the attic, she uncovers the source of the sounds—and a secret that could change everything for the couple. A forgotten Christmas card points them to several jade tiles, each inscribed with clues that lead toward a hidden treasure. A surprise snowstorm. A missing hiker. This series of puzzling occurrences shows everyone how helping others can lead to blessings for all.

OUR BLESSINGS



Our District Superintendent Rev. Cindy Buhman has moved her office to 401B East Grand Avenue, Cameron, Missouri 64429. The office phone number is 816-649-5028.

Our church had a very successful FALL STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER & AUCTION. What were the funds earmarked for? The answer is somewhere in this newsletter.

What Is Advent?

The first Sunday of Advent 2016 is November 27. The season of Advent has been with us since the fourth century, although it has not been a part of the liturgical observance of all denominations and churches. With the mixing of Christmas and Advent during the weeks leading up to Christmas Day, there is often confusion of the two. Here are the basics of Advent:

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends Christmas Eve. If Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, Advent will last four full weeks. If Christmas Day falls on any other day of the week, Advent will last less than four weeks. If Christmas falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, all of Advent will be in December. If Christmas falls on any other day of the week, Advent will begin in November.

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER 2016

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 FALL BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.
Light meal at 6:30 discussion starts at 7:00
- 3 Community Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
Hosted by First Christian Church
- 4 UM Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- 5 Lawson Smorgasbord Dinner and Silent Auction 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
504 N Pennsylvania Ave, Lawson, MO 64062
- 6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- 8 ELECTION DAY
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 12 Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Admin. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Community Thanksgiving Program
Host: First Christian Church
- 24 THANKSGIVING
- 26-Dec. 2 UMC Delivers Meals-On-Wheels
- 27 First Sunday of Advent

Ushers for NOVEMBER: Donna Jelinek & Jessica Aldrich



November

BIRTHDAYS

- 1...Griffin Hensen
- 3...Lillian Aldrich
- 5...Aaron Armstrong
- 22..Lanie Justus
- 22 Debbie Smith
- 26.. Becky Lytle



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5...Debbie & I.D. Smith, Jr
- 28...Gerald & Cheryl Snodgrass



CARES AND CONCERNS

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| Gerry McKee | Dean McKee |
| Jack Day | Wilma Tippet |
| Barry Todd | Lou Todd |
| Neoma Lottman | Lillie Harrell |
| 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 or contact: Kathy Mydland 528-3780; Brenda Bonar 528-3004; or Norella Beane 740-4419.

September Attendance Report
The attendance for September 2016 averaged 52.5, with a total of 209,

DELICIOUS FOOD AND GREAT BARGAINS



On Saturday, October 22nd, we held our 7th annual steak and chicken dinner with auction. The event was a huge success through the generosity of over 60 local businesses and individuals of our community. We served over 160 meals and auctioned over 125 items. The event brought in a little over \$3,500. The money will be used to help pay for designated handicapped parking, a sidewalk around the church and a concrete pad in the back of the church. Thank you to all of the volunteers that donated food, time and items!



A special message from the Kitchen Committee:

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Steak/Chicken Dinner!

Wilma Griffin, Kitchen Chairperson

Upcoming Event At Lawson UMC

Annual Smorgasbord Dinner And Auction benefitting the ministries of Lawson United Methodist Church.

EVENT DETAILS:

4:30-7:00 p.m. Smorgasbord Dinner and Silent Auction Table Bidding

7:30 p.m. Oral Auction Begins

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 4-10

Dinner includes turkey, ham, brisket, dressing, noodles, potatoes, vegetables, salads, homemade rolls, desserts, and beverage.

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.”

~ Abraham Lincoln

WE ARE MORE

We Are More” than Sunday Morning was the message from District Superintendent Cindy Buhman at the Charge Conference in Richmond on October 16th.

Rev. Hepner, Rev. Ogden, Kathy Mydland and Barbara Hardin attended Charge Conference where reports, nominations, salaries and our history were voted upon. Prayers were offered for guidance in the new church year.



District Superintendant Cindy Buhman
October 2016



A LITTLE SILVER-HAIRED LADY CALLS her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh " Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box." ***

I'M TRYING to make friends outside of Facebook, while applying the same principal:

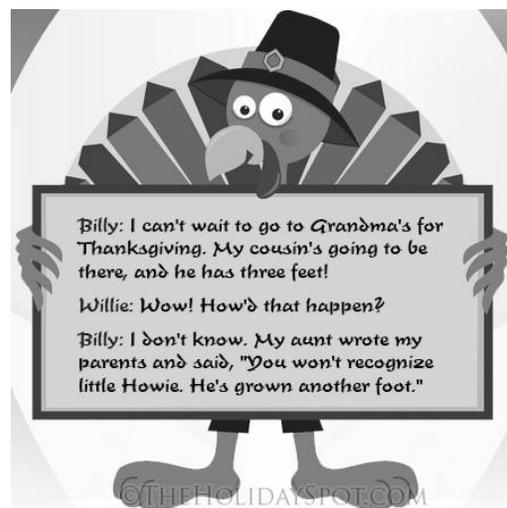
Every day I go down the street and tell passerbys what I have eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before and what I will be doing today. I show them pictures of my wife, my daughter, my dog and me gardening and spending time in the pool.

I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.

And it works! I already have 3 persons following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist. ***

A YOUNG BOY, after hearing the story of Thanksgiving and how the Indians and the Pilgrims sat down together, climbed up into his father's lap and said, 'Daddy, did you know that if we were Indians, you would be a brave and Mom would be a squawk?'

'That is the best description of your mother I have ever heard', replied daddy he chuckled.



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TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER