



# LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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**“I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of your wonderful deeds.”**

**Psalms 91**

## FROM OUR PASTOR’S DESK



The trees are turning from green to their fall colors – they are beautiful! A warm fire feels good. The trials endured during planting season are now rewarding America with a harvest. As expected, everything is moving toward our Thanksgiving national holiday. As we celebrate God’s goodness, we also remember those who are struggling in life. Each Sunday during the month of November we will feature items for the membership to bring to worship to help those that need a helping hand. These items will be donated to those in need in the Lathrop community. The items are listed on the back of the bulletin. You always give generously to our “out-reach” ministries, and I thank you for it. As you open your hearts to the needs of others, may God fill your souls with His presence, so that our “harvest month” will be truly a harvest of the spiritual as well as the harvest of pumpkins, apple, berries, nuts, corn, beans, sunflowers, . . . . . Looking forward to celebrating November with you!

## NECESSARY NOVEMBER



Throughout the year many families visit the Lathrop Food Pantry. Usually during the month of November our church holds a food drive to help replenish supplies at the pantry. This year, instead of food items, we will be collecting Necessities. These items are items that food stamps do not cover but are necessary in a family.

Week 1: Paper Sunday (Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels, feminine products, etc.)

Week 2: Soap Sunday (bath soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, etc.)

Week 3: Smile Sunday (toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, etc.)

Week 4: Thankful Sunday (any and all items that you can think of to donate.)



## THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS YOU FROM ITS PAGES



### God Doesn't Play Favorites

By William Coleman

William Coleman wrote this book of devotions for teens. However, just like the Chicken Soup books, everyone will enjoy and learn from his insight. For example, the very first page talks about the importance of having someone who will listen...really listen without interrupting, giving advice, arguing, correcting, contradicting, judging or any other form of rudeness. Do you know someone who is a good listener? Are you a good listener? Some other devotions are titled "The Lunchroom Church", "Christ Is My Parachute", "Who's Lazy?", "Our Defense Attorney", "The Will of God". There is a lot of wisdom in this book.

### Additions to Our Youth Library

**Superfudge** by Judy Blume

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl

**Ghost Horse** by Janni Simner

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Last month's newsletter gave you three clues to help you identify a very special lady who attends our church: 1) She has taught her granddaughters to can tomatoes. 2) She has organized a croquet tournament for her family in her backyard. 3) She has a very big piano in her house. Any ideas? Well, this very fascinating woman is Judy Skaggs. Judy was born in her parents' farm home. When her father asked the doctor (who was also a dentist and farmer) how much he owed for the delivery, he said, "I'll take a sack of lespedeza seed." Judy was the first born with 3 sisters and 1 brother. Judy started playing the piano at the Christian Church when she was 10 1/2 and continued playing there and for funerals and weddings until she graduated from high school. Judy was blessed with 5 children of her own: Jackie, Jeannine, Janelle, Ken, and Cheri. Her family lived on a farm west of Lathrop for 3 years but moved. In August of 2018 she moved back but this time living in town where she stays busy...very busy. There really is a baby grand piano in her living room/music room. She really has taught her grandchildren how to can vegetables. She really has organized a croquet tournament in her backyard for her family. Plus, she is an avid reader, gardener, painter (oils on canvas, not houses). Judy mows her own yard and crochets. She made a beautiful afghan for our fall auction. She cans not only diced tomatoes but also salsa, Polish and Kosher dill pickles, green beans plus makes applesauce using what she has harvested from her garden and trees. Judy is an artist in many ways, and she is willing to share her talents. For three years she delighted audiences at the Veterans' Home in Cameron by playing their favorite songs on the piano. She has sung in the Sweet Adelines chorus and in a quartet with some ladies you may have known Elaine Evans and Cynthia Clark (once a member of our congregation). Remember she also paints. There is one thing about Judy, though...she is catty! She loves cats. In fact, she has at the present time, 2 beautiful Siamese, Max and Mimi. I don't know about you, but I certainly am glad that Judy decided to move back to Lathrop and become a part of our congregation!

## DATES TO REMEMBER



November

<b>01 ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	
<b>02 Community Men's Breakfast</b>	
<b>03 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b>	
<b>03 Men's Breakfast</b>	
<b>03 November Birthday Breakfast</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>05 ELECTION DAY</b>	
<b>11 Veteran's Day</b>	
<b>11 Trustee's Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>11 Administrative Board Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>12 Festival of Sharing at Cameron UMC</b>	
<b>20 Second Harvest Truck at Goppert Community Center</b>	<b>10:00 am—Noon</b>
<b>21 Annual Steak/Chicken Dinner w/Auction</b>	<b>5:00 pm—7:30</b>
<b>22 Charge Conference hosted by Excelsior Springs UMC</b>	<b>6:00 pm—8:00</b>
<b>23 First Day of Autumn</b>	
<b>23 Advent Study w/Lt. Meal</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
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<b>28 THANSIVING</b>	

Ushers for November

Gerald Snodgrass and Donald Griffin

## November 2019



1	Griffin Hensen
2	Robert Vaughn
3	Lilly Aldrich
5	Aaron Armstrong
5	Steven Beane
13	Jennifer Vaughn
14	Mary Gowin
22	Lanie Justis
22	Debbie Smith
26	Becky Lytle
29	Kathy Gateley



5	I.D. And Debbie Smith
28	Gerald And Cheryl Snodgrass



Jaxson Gowin	Mike Dickerson	Carmen Stone
Friederun Boone	Hunter Maddick	Family of Sarah Martin
Wilma Griffin	Rev. Ted and Mae Hepner	Dylan Gowin
Marguerite Pulliam	Burla Lillie	Tom Newell
Jim Lawley	Brian Johnson	JW Lile
Chad Howerton	All Military	Our Community
Our Pastor	Children and Youth of our Church	Our Church



## SPECIAL MUSIC

On Sunday, October 6th, Rayanna Doudna shared a beautiful song with the congregation, titled Ode to Joy. Thank you for your share, Rayanna!

## SWEDISH DIET PROGRAM.

Ole was turning 78 and was overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

The doctor said, “I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds.

When Ole returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 60 pounds! “Why, that’s amazing!” the doctor said, ‘Did you follow my instructions?’”

Ole nodded...”I’ll tell you though, I thought I was gonna drop dead dat 3<sup>rd</sup> day.”

“From hunger, you mean?” asked the doctor. OH no, It wuz from all that skippin!.”



## SEVENTH ANNUAL LUMC FUNDRAISER AUCTION

We want to thank the contributors who donated items to the Seventh Annual LUMC Auction held in the church basement Saturday evening October 19, the Eddie Pickett Auction Company for conducting the auction, and the generous bidders who made it a success. The auction brought in a total of \$3204 that will be used for building improvements. Auction items consisted of over 100 donated items including meal certificates from local restaurants, crocheted items, dishes, cookie jars, homemade cookies, local honey, farm fresh eggs, pies, candy, theatre tickets to Branson and Silver Dollar City, a Chief’s basket, tools, a 1936 Lathrop phone book, a bottle from the old Lathrop Bottling Co., treatments for bugs, and even a septic tank pumping. Items contributed from local church members amounted to \$1,187. Each year Rachel Martin donates a picture that she has painted. This year’s painting sold for \$52.50. Other donations came from area merchants in Lathrop, Plattsburg, Polo, Lawson, Excelsior Springs, Cameron, Kearney, Liberty and Branson.

LUMC Board of Trustees

# ANNUAL FALL STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER with AUCTION



October 19<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a great night! Not only were the steaks and chicken good, but a great crowd came to enjoy our food and to buy our treasures. There were a few surprises, some items that were expected to sell for more money went for less, and other items sold for more than expected. Many 'bidding wars' broke out over some items, a few struggled for bids.

Lathrop UMC extends a Thank You to each and every person who was involved in this fundraiser in any

capacity, whether your part was large or small. It takes co-operation to make any project work.



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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM CHILDREN:

Never trust a dog to watch your food. 2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. 3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. 4. Stay away from prunes. 5. Never pee on an electric fence. 6. Don't squat with your spurs on. 7. Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. 8. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. 9. Never allow your three-year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. 10. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. 11. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. 12. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. 13. You can't hid a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. 14. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. 15. If you want a kitten start by asking for a horse. 16. Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. 17. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. 18. When you get a very bad grade at school show it to your mom when she is on the phone. 19. Never try to baptize a cat.



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*Have a cup of coffee and enjoy your day!*



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