



## THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS YOU FROM ITS PAGES



Snow...ice...cold...no school...really cold...staying inside...snow...ice...cold! Have you had the flu or a cold? Have you had cabin fever? The church has a cure for all of these and you might have heard the same advice from your mother: Try Chicken Soup. Now our church and its library is referring to the Chicken Soup books that we have in the narthex on the top library shelf. These books are special in many ways. After all you could start at the end and read to the beginning. You could only read the cartoons. You could read only the titles with the word “love” in them or “dog” or “celery”. Or you could just pick one up and read it the conventional way from the beginning to the end. When you read a Chicken Soup book you’ll laugh. You’ll learn. You might even cry or get upset because...you’ll learn that “Detention Can Be Fun”, “Angels Never Say Hello”, “The Cowboy’s Story”, “Why Wait...Just Do It!”, “How to Get an A on Your Final Exam” or about “Catsup Soup”. Our church library is blessed to have 7 different books. These include Chicken Soup for the Soul #1, 2, & 4, Chicken Soup for the Teenager Soul, for the College Soul, for the Woman’s Soul and for the Mother’s Soul. You don’t have to be a teenager to read the “teenager” book or a mother to read the “Mother” book. Guys, it’s OK you can read them too. You might even...well, you might even enjoy one or all of them. No one will know which book you choose. Grab one. Check out the “Table of Contents” or just thumb through. Enjoy yourself. You might just get rid of what ails you.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

or

SERVICE WITH A SMILE...

IT MAKES CENTS...

SWEET 16...

HE MAKES A CHANGE...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Who always has a smile? Who has helped the youth of our church with their piggy bank collection for YEARS? Who comes to church regardless of the weather? Who knows stories of Lathrop from long ago and probably more about what is going on right now that you and I? That person is Ralph Rupe. Although Ralph has lived most of his life in Lathrop, he was born in Polo, Missouri on February 16, 1921. He graduated from Polo High School in a class of 11. He married Helen Baskette and together they reared two sons (Mike and David). Ralph has always believed in service. He joined the United States Navy and reached the rank of Radioman 1st Class. During World War II he served as an Intercept Operator where he copied and decoded Japanese messages. He was primarily stationed stateside, but later in his military career found himself in Okinawa. After WWII, Ralph returned to Missouri. He worked at Harry Kerr’s Gas Station (now Steve’s Tire & Auto), in the Fagin Drug Store for 19 years (now the TMS Salon building), at the Bob Mick Ford Garage in Plattsburg, at the Lathrop Bank at Holt, and started RUPE MOTORS. Ralph has also SERVED on the Lathrop School Board, has belonged to the Lathrop Masonic Lodge 506 for 71 years, the Scottish Rite, the VFW, and been a member of American Legion Post 467 for 71 continuous years. Ralph literally makes a “change” in our church every Sunday. Ask the children. When you think about it, all those “article titles” are appropriate. Well for now let’s just end with...On your sweet 16 (of February) it makes cents to say to a wonderful guy with a smile for everyone, “Don’t change. Enjoy your day. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**”



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### February

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| 2 Groundhog Day   |                  |
| 4 February Birthday Breakfast   | 10:00 a.m.       |
| 4 Community Choir Practice at Lathrop UMC   | 7:00 p.m.        |
| 9 First Christian Church Sweetheart Dinner – call for reservations                          |                  |
| 9 Valentine’s Day Fundraiser – Tinnen Town Hall Event Center – 816-645-7381 or 816-592-0176 |                  |
| 10 Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service  | 12:00 Noon       |
| 11 Trustee’s Meeting  | 6:30 p.m.        |
| 11 Administration Board Meeting   | 7:00 p.m.        |
| 14 <b>St. Valentine’s Day</b>   |                  |
| 18 Presidents’ Day  |                  |
| 18 Community Choir Practice at Lathrop UMC  | 7:00 p.m.        |
| 20 Food Drop at Goppert Community Center  | 10:00-12:00 noon |
| 23 UMC & Masonic Lodge Chili/ Soup Dinner to benefit Backpack Buddies                       | 5:00-7:00 p.m.   |

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Donna Jelinek and Jessica Aldrich**



### FEBRUARY 2019

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 RAYANNA DOUDNA
- 2 REMY WOLFE
- 10 JILL BERGE
- 15 ABI STREETER
- 15 JACK STREETER
- 16 TYLER STREETER
- 16 RALPH RUPE
- 17 JENNIFER STARK
- 19 JAMES ALDRICH
- 25 SUELLEN POLLARD
- 25 STEVE JELINEK



#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 KEITH AND NORELLA BEANE
- 29 JARED AND HEATHER MAY



### CARES AND CONCERNS

- WILMA TIPPET
- HEATHER CARTER
- JON CARTER
- MIKE DICKERSON
- CARMEN STONE
- WILMA GRIFFIN
- TED AND MAE HEPNER
- DYLAN GOWIN
- MARGUERITE PULLIAM
- BURLA LILLIE
- JIM LAWLEY
- BOBI JO MCCOLLESTER

- Our Military
- Our Community
- Our Pastor
- Our Church
- Children and Youth of our church
- All people who have been affected by natural disasters

## UMC YOUTH GROUP HAS FIRST MEETING



The first meeting of the Youth Group a Back to School Party was held the last Saturday evening before break was over and was attended by 11 young adults, ranging from 6th thru 12th grade. The group played Wii Sports, Deuce, The Toilet Bowl Game and the Cellophane Ball game. They ate, played games and listened to music. A big shout out to all the adults that helped, the youth who attended and for bringing snacks or games. A big Thank you to Delayne and Lisa Wilson for the Cellophane Ball game and all the candy and Gift certificates. Everyone had a really good time! Next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar!



The UMC Youth Group is open to all students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Guests are welcome. The plan is to have 2 meetings per month with one being game night and one being a spiritual meeting (all dates have not been set yet).

We hope to see you there



**Committees for 2019**

**Worship**

- Chair: Jessica Aldrich
  - Marlorie Johnson
  - Mandy Beane
  - Trisha Marin
  - Music coordinators Suellen Pollard and Jennifer Howerton
- Heather May

**Music Celebration**

- TBN

**Education**

- Chair: Kathy Mydland
  - Donna Jelenik
  - Susie Wolf
- Steve Jelenik  
Pat Wagner  
Special Events: Kathy Gateley, Steve Wilson,  
Karen Gilzean, Mary Gowin, Jennifer Howerto

**Outreach**

- Ed Stark: Committee as needed

**Nurture**

- Mary Gowin
- Committee Chosen as needed

**Memorial**

- Wilma Griffin
- Porter Hensen

**Scholarship** (under finance committee)

- Pastors
- Ad Board Chair
- Finance Chair
- Cathy Payne

**Kitchen**

- Wilma Griffin ~ Chair
  - Barbara Hardin
  - Terry Carson
- Mitzi Hensen  
Sherry Carson  
Lisa & Delavne Wilson

**Safe Sanctuary**

Local Church Administrator ~ Kathy Mydland  
Committee

- Pastor
- Chairs of
  - o Administrative Council, Pastor Parish, Trustees, Education, Porter Hensen

**Local Church Officials 2019**

Members of the Administrative Council

Chair of the Administrative Council	Barbara Hardin	528-3444
Lay Member to the Annual Conference	Kathy Mydland	528-3780
Lay Leader	Kathy Gateley	528-4554
Secretary of the Administrative Council	TBN	
Pastor Parish Chair	Mitzi Hensen	740-3699
Trustee Chair	Terry Carson	539-0267
Chair of Finance	Lori Snodgrass	547-6688
Financial Secretary	Jelinek	678-2810
Treasurer	Lori Snodgrass	547-6688
Worship	Jessica Aldrich	539-8182
Education	Kathy Mydland	528-3780
Outreach	Ed Stark	528-3277
Nurture	Mary Gowin	885-1223
Memorial	Wilma P. Hensen	528-3184
Membership	Jessica Aldrich	206-1411
Scholarship	Lori Snodgrass	547-6688
Kitchen	Wilma Griffin	528-3184
Members at Large	Porter Hensen	740-3699
	Norella Beane	740-4419
	Sherry Carson	539-0267
	Rebekah Wilson	719-1972
Youth Members:	Rachel Martin	528-7037
	Jason Gowin	

\*The Administrative Council Meetings are "open" to all who wish to attend and to contribute conversation to the business of the council.

\*\*Nominated but not confirmed

**OVER BREAKFAST ONE MORNING**, a woman said to her husband, 'I bet you don't know what day this is?' 'Of course, I do,' he answered indignantly, as he slammed the door, and drove to his office. At 11 o'clock, the doorbell rang. The wife answered, and there at her front door was a UPS driver, in his hand was a box containing 12 red roses.

Later, at 2 pm there was another knock at the door, this time it was a deluxe box of Belgian chocolates.

Eventually the husband came home, tired after a hard day's work. His wife greeted him by saying: 'First the flowers, then the chocolates, I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day in my life!'

**THE OTHER DAY**, Louise and I got into some petty argument. (I say it was petty. She would have said it was Armageddon.) As is our nature, neither of us would admit the possibility that we might be in error. To her credit, Louise finally said, 'Look. I'll tell you what. I'll admit I'm wrong if you admit I was right.' 'Fine.' I said. She took a deep breath, looked me in the eye and said, 'I'm wrong.'

I grinned and replied, 'You're right.'

**DURING THE SOCCER MATCH** little Johnny sits in the front row. His friend Polly asks: "How did you get tickets?"

"I got them from my brother", respond Johnny.

Polly looks around and says, 'Where is your brother?'

"At home. Looking for his ticket." Replied Johnny.



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## VALENTINES EXCHANGE



A Valentine Exchange will take place again this year in the foyer of our church. Decorated Valentine sacks will be on a table for you to put your Valentine for the pre-school and elementary age children in just as you have done in the past. You may add treats, stickers, extra 'love notes', pencils, gum, erasers or whatever you would like to share. A list of names will be available at the church for those who want them. Names will be on the Valentine's sacks

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