



# LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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

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**No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

**1 John 4:12**

## FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

### RICHARD'S RAPS



The Trustees are charged with keeping the Church's buildings in good repair, and making improvements where needed to accommodate the congregation's ministries. As you might imagine, this is a challenge in a building that has faithfully served the Lathrop Community for ninety-six (96) years. While the Board has several projects pending these are its focus at

the moment:

- A restroom on the main floor
- Improvements to the Narthex (main entrance)
- Improvements to the sign out front
- Handicap parking and walkways
- Relocation of the Nursery

As you know, if you've attended worship in the past weeks, new technology has been added to the sanctuary. The 40-year-old sound system (that's right 40 years old ) has been replaced, and will be utilized in the social hall. New monitors were also installed on the front chancel wall. During the summer of 2019 the Board of Trustees applied for a grant to help offset the cost of the technology update. To finance the project the Church received a \$10,000 grant from the Northwest District of the United Methodist Church, and the fall auction and Steak Fry supplied most of the remaining expense. These upgrades will stop the buzzing in the sound system, allow us to bring our worship services into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, appeal to "Next Generation" folks (younger people are all about visual technology), allow our worship services to be shared with our members who are shut-ins and with folks in the community who just haven't crossed our threshold yet, provide enhanced capabilities to support funerals, and augment our worship and services to the community in ways we haven't even thought of yet.

I want to thank the members of the Board for all their work toward making this project become a reality. The members of the Board are Terry Carson, Pete Bonar, Wilma Griffin, Porter Hensen, Ed Stark, Gerald Snodgrass, Donna Jelinek, Chad Howerton, and Justin Pollard.

**And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

**1 John 4:16**

## THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS YOU FROM ITS PAGES



### **The Loving Heart**

By Roy Lessin

Big thoughts and a lot of love have been packed on small pages in a little book. This 5 1/2" by 5 1/2" square of pink holds scripture plus inspirational thoughts for women. Check it out. Feel good about being a woman!

### **You Can't Beat GOD Givin'**

By R. W. Schambach

The book is full of exciting testimonies of God's work. "If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving-large or small-it will be used to measure what is given back to you." Luke 6:38

### **TUCSON**

By Nancy Farrier

Travel back in time to the 1870s when a small fort protected settlers of the Arizona desert--and a small town called Tucson was beginning to flourish. Meet the women who made faith, hope and love blossom under the blazing sun.

### **Youth Library**

### **A Precious Moments Gift of Love**

By Precious Moments

If you have ever seen any of Precious Moments' artwork, you'll understand why this book is so special. Poems and art go together to explain how "YOU HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY HEARTS" or "TO TELL THE TOOTH YOU'RE SPECIAL". This really could be enjoyed by young and old alike.

### **Biscuit's Valentine's Day**

By Alyssa Satin Capucilli;

Pictures by Pat Schories

It's time for Valentine's Day and Biscuit is ready to help deliver all the little girl's special deliveries. The books flaps add to the adventure. Are you ready to join them?

### **The Valentine that Ate My Teacher**

By Dean Marney

Have you ever wished.....? Oh, you wouldn't want your teacher or substitute teacher to disappear. Would you? Lizzie seems to be involved in all kinds of weird holidays. What is going to happen this time? Will they be too late?

## **BELL CHOIR**



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### February

<b>01</b>	<b>Community Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>
<b>02-10</b>	<b>LUMC Meals on Wheels</b>	
<b>02</b>	<b>UM Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>February Birthday Breakfast</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	<b>Chiefs Sunday-Wear RED or your Chief's gear!</b>	
<b>03</b>	<b>Community Choir Practice @Lathrop UMC</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Community Choir Practice @Smithville UMC</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Valentine's  Day</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Presidents Day</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Combined Community Choir Practice @Lathrop UMC</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Combined Community Choir Practice at Plattsburg UMC</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

Ushers for February

Suellen Pollard and Madeleine Pollard

## February 2020



<b>2</b>	<b>Rayanna Doudna</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Keith And Norella Beane</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Remy Wolfe</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Jared And Heather May</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Ralph Rupe</b>		
<b>17</b>	<b>Jennifer Stark</b>		
<b>19</b>	<b>James Aldrich</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>Suellen Pollard</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>Steve Jelinek</b>		



Mike Dickerson  
Carmen Stone  
Friederun Boone  
Wilma Griffin  
Allen Bland

Wilma Christopher  
Rayanna Doudna  
Rev. Ted and Mae Hepner  
Dylan Gowin  
Marguerite Pulliam  
Burla Lilie  
Tom Newell  
Bill Ainsworth  
Jim Lawley

Brian & Malore Johnson  
Chad Howerton  
Our Church  
Our Pastor  
The Children and Youth of our Church  
Our Community  
All Military Personnel and  
Emergency Personnel

# 2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





**Two men were walking home after a party** and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?" "Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

**A salesman was assigned to secure an important client but failed in his mission.** He faxed his secretary and asked her to break the news indirectly to his boss. His note read, "Failed in securing client, prepare the boss." "He received the following fax from his secretary: "The boss is prepared ... prepare yourself."

**A counselor was helping his kids** put their stuff away on their first morning in summer camp. He was surprised to see one of the youngsters had an umbrella. The counselor asked, "Why did you bring an umbrella to camp?" The kid answered, "Did you ever have a mother?"



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