



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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

JULY 2018

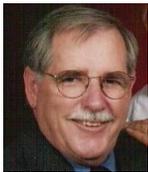
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How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Psalms 139 17-18

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

Richard's Raps



July is the month we focus on the word "FREEDOM." We think of the audacity, courage, and vision that the American patriots possessed as they declared their independence from the most powerful nation in the world (seemed foolhardy to most folks at the time). The "American Dream" cannot exist without America's citizens "nurturing" it with the same audacity, courage, and vision our founding "Fathers" gave to make the "Dream" a reality. I know we all love this nation, and pray for its "freedom light" to, ". . . shine from shore to shore." May each of us endeavor to be faithful citizens of this nation's march toward "liberty and justice for all." Someone rightly said, "Freedom isn't free." President Kenney in his inauguration address made this bold statement, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." Instead of the political infighting that seems so prevalent in government today, it would be refreshing (at least for me) for all concerned to take President Kennedy's words to heart and put them as America's credo.

Let Freedom ring!

TRUSTEES MEETING



The Trustees of the Lathrop United Methodist Church meet on the second Monday of each month. Their 'job' is to take care of our beautiful church, literally. All repairs and improvements are approved through this board. They are the people to contact if you see something you feel needs to be repaired or checked. They are also the people you thank for doing such a great job.

In the photo are: Chad Howerton (on the left with his back to us), Pete Bonar, Wilma Griffin, Donna Jelinek, Porter Hensen, Pastor Richard Ogden and Gerald Snodgrass. Absent: Terry Carson.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS FROM ITS PAGES



Devotions to Go Volume Three

Do you want an addition Sunday church service whenever you have the time, but it's not Sunday? In this small book you will find ninety short devotions with Scripture. They're ready whenever you are, but you have to have this book checked out.

The Quilter's Apprentice By Jennifer Chiaverini

Here you will find family, friendship and forgiveness in Waterford, Pennsylvania. Unable to find a job, Sarah McClure takes a temporary position at the Elm Creek Manor where she meets Sylvia Compton the reclusive owner. The past and the present...mistakes and strengths...both women find new beginnings.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



This month our featured person is “another country” girl. Her name is Friederun Boone and she was born in the little town of Rhode, GERMANY. Friederun was the next to the youngest in her family with two brothers and two sisters. Her father was a Lutheran minister. Her mother was the church's organist and choir director. When Friederun was 16, she moved to Missouri to live with her great uncle and great aunt. After graduating from high school, she began working her way through Rockhurst College. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology/chemistry. Although her husband Charley had been stationed in Germany while in the service, she didn't meet him until she started working in the quality assurance lab of the Colgate/Palmolive Co. He was a policeman and worked security on the Plaza. No, he didn't arrest her, but she must have been arresting because they were married for almost 36 years. They had three children together, J.D. (Lebanon, MO), Eva (Anchorage, Alaska), and Lisa (Northmoor, MO) and three grandchildren. She is very proud of her family. Lisa graduated from Research School of Nursing in May of 2018. She is also a licensed massage therapist with training in related fields. Eva is a physical therapist. Friederun stays busy. She is a member of the Sew and Sews and the Turney Mercy Sewing Circle. She has helped make baby sleep sacks, IV covers (over 200 are need per month), quilts, get-well-baby dolls, laundry bags, bandannas, colorful specialized Teddy Bears for Children's Mercy Hospital and splints for Doctors without Borders. Friederun lives on an 83-acre farm between Lathrop and Turney. Much of her time in the summer revolves around her garden. She has garlic, lots and lots of asparagus, apples, pears, cherries, raspberries, gooseberries, currants, tomatoes and flowers everywhere. In addition, she has chickens for eggs and raises beef cattle. This “country girl” is quite a lady and we are certainly glad that she found and settled in our Lathrop United Methodist Church, USA.

Practice the pause.

When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause.

When tired, pause. When stressed, pause.

And when you pause, pray.

DATES TO REMEMBER



JULY

- 1 July Birthday Breakfast 10:30 AM
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 
8 Fellowship Dinner following Worship 12:00 PM
9 **NO** Trustee's Meeting
9 **NO** Admin. Board Meeting
29 thru Aug. 3rd VBS "Crocodile Dock" at First Christian Church (See article below for times)

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BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Donna Jelinek
2 Payton Wolfe
2 Kendra Gagnon
3 Bill Ainsworth
5 Zach Doudna
5 Lacey Doudna
9 Quinton Wolfe
12 Kyle Beane
14 Breanna Gilzean
16 Lary Mydland
19 Gabrielle Hulett
21 Louise Sellers
25 Gerald Snodgrass
25 Jay Maddick
25 Cindy Elliot-Weers
30 Mark Snodgrass
31 Ed Stark

ANNIVERSARY



- 3 Chris And Kathy Gateley
12 Karen and Brandon Gilzean
14 Richard and Mary Ogden
19 Ted and Mae Hepner
22 Joe and Kendra Gagnon

CARES AND CONCERNS



- Lilly Harrell
Mike Dickerson
Carmen Stone
Brittney Kistner
Wilma Tippet
Heather Carter
Jon Carter
Dylan Gowin
Marguerite Pulliam
Keeton Webster
Cheryl Snodgrass
Ted Hepner
Mae Hepner
People of Puerto Rico
People in Hawaii
Our Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders
Our Church
The Children and Youth of the Church
Our Pastor
Our Nation and Community

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.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's time! Vacation Bible School will be here in a few weeks! Who, what, where, when and other details do you need to know.

Who: The First Christian Church and the United Methodist Church are working together again and are presenting **CROCODILE DOCK**, set in the "bayous" of the Lathrop FCC.

When and Where: VBS will begin with a kickoff on Sunday evening, the 29th of July and continue each evening through the third of August at the Christian Church.

First night: On *Sunday the 29th*, gathering time for kids will be 5:30 in the fellowship hall, this does include a light meal. If a child is **Not** pre-registered, parents can do so in the lobby. Pre-registration can be done through either church.

After the meal, students will follow their leader to the Sanctuary for an introduction to the theme and the mission project. They will begin learning the main theme song and see a skit with puppets. Parents are invited to sit in on this.

Each group will continue with its leader to the five stations they will be working in the rest of the week. These include crafts, science, recreation, music and story time.

Dismissal will be at 7:00 pm. *On Sunday only.*

Monday through Thursday the students will gather at 5:30 for a light meal. They will sit with their age group and their leader. They will rotate to the different stations and *dismissal will be at 8:00 from the Sanctuary.*

Through the week, they will be rediscovering how **God is with us and cares for us. They will learn of His power and how He does what he says he will do.**

Friday there will be a program followed by a carry-in meal.

The main course—hamburgers and hot dogs-- will be provided along with drinks and table service. Plan to bring a side dish and leave it in the kitchen.

Students and family please meet in *the Sanctuary at 5:30* for a short program. Parents and neighbors and friends are welcome. Fellowship and the meal will follow.

The Methodist minister, Richard, will be working with those students ready for confirmation class. They will meet at the Christian church during the same time as VBS. They will join the others for the meal at 5:30 and then go to their classroom for their class. He will be getting in touch with those students to provide more information.

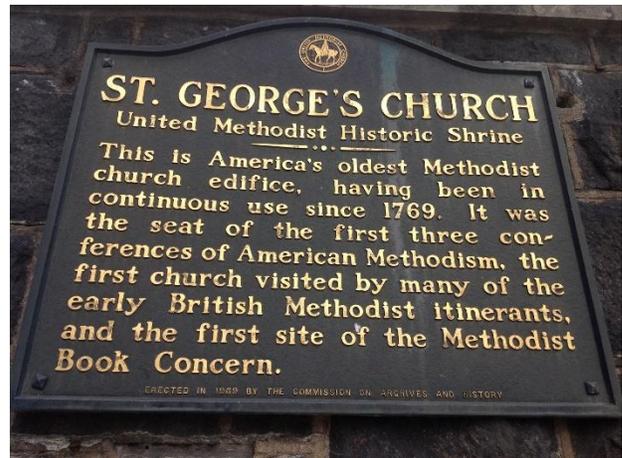
Please call *the Christian Church* during daytime hours at 816-528-3868 or *Kathy Mydland* at 816-528-3780 if you have questions. Thank you.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

On July 2, 3, 5, & 6th, the UMC will deliver Meals-On-Wheels. If you have never delivered meals before, don't be intimidated or worry that you will do something wrong. On the morning of your delivery, about 10:00-10:30, simply go to the Lathrop City Hall and pick-up the coolers and a list of names & addresses. Take both to Plattsburg to the Clinton Co. Senior Center and give both to the person in charge. There the coolers will be filled and returned along with the list. Back to Lathrop to deliver the meals to the hungry people who are waiting for you. The whole process only takes 1-2 hours of your time. Volunteers are always in demand, so if you would like to help with these deliveries on any of these days, please contact Wilma Griffin at 528-3184. Thank you and God Bless you for doing His work.

AMERICA'S OLDEST METHODIST CHURCH.

Called "The Cradle of American Methodism," St. George's is the world's oldest Methodist church in continuous service. Captain Thomas Webb, a veteran of the French and Indian War, organized a Methodist Society in Philadelphia. In 1763, the church belonged to a Dutch Reformed Congregation that became financially strapped. They ran out of funds to complete the structure and the church's trustees were put into debtor's prison. An impetuous and young speculator purchased the church for 700 pounds about five years later. This prodigal purchase incurred the wrath of the young man's father, who sold the church to the Methodists in 1769.



Several "firsts" are associated with Historic St. George's UM Church. In December 1769, Joseph Pilmore (one of Wesley's first missionaries to America) made the first public statement in America of Methodist principles and beliefs. A few days later, he held the first prayer meeting in America in the St. George's sanctuary.

The following year, on November 1, 1770, the first Watch Night service in America was held in St. George's, and a year later, Francis Asbury preached his first American sermon at St. George's.

In 1773, 1774, and 1775, St. George's hosted the first three conferences of Methodist preachers in America. Several years later, on November 7, 1784, Thomas Coke used the St. George's pulpit to publicly explain John Wesley's plan for a new American denomination, just prior to his meeting with Francis Asbury at Barratt's Chapel.

In 1789, the new Methodist Episcopal Church organized its publishing arm, then called the Methodist Book Concern, at St. George's Church.

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MAY STATISTICAL REPORT

2018

Average Church Attendance: 16 Average Sunday School Attendance: 24 Income: \$5,387 4 Weeks

2017

Average Church Attendance: 42 Average Sunday School Attendance: 26 Income: \$4,386 5 Weeks

2016

Average Church Attendance: 52 Average Sunday School Attendance: 31 Income: \$4,233 4 Weeks

2015

Average Church Attendance: 47 Average Sunday School Attendance: 33 Income: \$5,058 5 Weeks

Never let kindness and faithfulness leave you!!

Tie them around your neck as a reminder.

Write them deep within your heart.

Proverbs 3:3

Little Andy Was at His First Day of School

Mrs. Whyte, his teacher advises the class that each school day starts with the "Pledge of Allegiance"*** and instructs them to put their right hand over their heart and repeat after her. As Mrs. Whyte starts the recitation she looks around the room, 'I pledge allegiance to the flag.....', when her eyes are drawn to Andy who has his hand over the right cheek of his bottom.

'Andy, I cannot continue till you put your hand over your heart,' she demands.

Andy looks up and replies, 'It is over my heart.'

After several more attempts to get Andy to put his hand over his heart, Mrs. Whyte enquires, 'Why do you think that is your heart, Andy?'

'Well Miss,' answers Andy, 'because every time my Grandma comes to visit she pats me there and says, "Bless your little heart," and my Grandma never lies.'



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PLAY BALL

Nicholas took his four-year-old son, Bryan, to several baseball games where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung before the start of each game. Later, Nicholas and Bryan attended St Bartholomew's church on the Sunday before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, Bryan suddenly yelled out at the top of his voice, 'Play ball.'

TEACHER ERROR

The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Kaitlyn, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. "We live in a great country," she announced. "One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free."

Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, "I'm not free. I'm four."

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER