



LATHROP UMC

NEWSLETTER



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Worship 11:00 a.m.

JUNE 2017

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My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. (NIV)

Proverbs 3:11-12

FROM OUR PASTORS' DESKS

Richard's Raps



I write down all kinds of sayings and ideas from the sources I'm reading. I was looking through my present notebook at my scribbles, and thought I should share some of those unused little nuggets. Therefore, I decided I would do so for this month's article. So here are four little sayings I like:

- (1). "Total freedom is another word for crash and burn." (Leonard Sweet).
- (2). "God was inside me, but I was outside myself; and that's how we missed each other." (Saint Augustine)
- (3). "A man greeted a Cuban man with, 'Lovely day! I thank God for it.' The Cuban man answered back, 'I thank Fidel Castro for it.' The man answered back, 'Who will you thank when Fidel is gone?' The Cuban answered back, 'I'll thank God!'" (King Duncan)
- (4). "Jesus didn't come to make bad people good or good people better. He came to make people who are spiritually dead alive." (Haddon Robertson).

May God bless all of you during the month of June.

Ted's Ponderings



June is an exciting month. It includes the annual conference session for Missouri Conference, the first day of Summer, John Wesley's Birthday (1703) and of course Father's Day. I would like to focus on Father's Day.

A doting father used to sing his little children to sleep. He even learned a few lullabies to lend some variety to the task. This was something he could do at night to help his wife out. And he kept up this task until one night he overheard his four-year-old give her younger sibling this advice, "If you pretend you're asleep," she said, "he stops." That was the end of the lullabies. It is not easy being a father.

The role of a Christian father is more important in today's world than ever before. It is a different roll than in earlier generations. In most households today Dad is called upon to play more of a nurturing role in caring for children. If Mom works outside the home, Dad must take a more active role in doing household chores.

One cynic, speaking from his own experience, noted that children go through four fascinating stages. First they call you Da-Da. Then they call you Daddy. As they mature they call you Dad. Finally they call you collect.

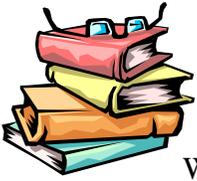
Whatever they call you, let's pray they might catch a glimpse of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.

Be good, Be well, Pray for one another daily !

**Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land
which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**

Exodus 20:12

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God's Power to Change Your Life By Rick Warren

Do you want to move out of a rut? Do you want to change? In this book Reverend Rick Warren gives practical guidance for specific types of changes based upon powerful truths from the Bible. Do you want to develop patience? What about having more self-control? Would you like to become more loving? There is hope. It is found in the Bible. Read. Pray. Be still and listen.

The Youngest Hero By Jerry B. Jenkins

Will an improbable dream come true? Is faith and love enough? Sometimes the person that you marry is not the person you think him to be. Miriam Woodell realizes just that and must leave her home in Mississippi and travel to the big, cold city of Chicago to save herself and her son Elgin. Elgin finds that he can continue to play baseball even here despite staggering odds. This prodigy continues to hone his talents. People are talking. Is there greatness in the future? Elgin must still come to grips with his father. Can he?

OUR BLESSINGS



Did you check out a hymnal? We looked here and we looked there and this is what we found when we randomly checked five. This hymnal was presented to the Lathrop United Methodist Church in Memory of: 1) Mr. & Mrs. Edna and Reo T. Elliot by John O. Elliot, 2) Carol Jean Smith by David Smith, 3) Mr. & Mrs. De Moss Crunk by Their Children, 4) Ida Mae Elliot by Marie Buck and 5) Thomas L. Walker by The Harold Walker Family. What did you discover?

Baby Bottles for Baby Grace were made available on Mothers' Day. When do you need to turn them back in?

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make for their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in 1907.

There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

We wish all of the fathers, step-fathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, step-grandfathers, foster grandparents and all who represent the father figure to others, a Happy Father's Day!

DATES TO REMEMBER



JUNE 2017

- 1-3 Lathrop Friendship Festival *ROCK the 80's*
- 3 UMC Potato/Salad Bar Fundraiser 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- 4 June Birthday Breakfast 10:30 am
- 4 Appreciation Tea Honoring Mae Hepner & Mary Ogden 12:00
In Fellowship Hall Following Worship Service
- 12 Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Administration Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day 
- 21 Summer Begins 
- 25 Fellowship Dinner
- Note: This will be Pastor Ted's last Sunday in the pulpit at Lathrop UMC. Join us and wish Ted & Mae a Happy Re-Retirement.*

Ushers for June: Bill and Jan Ainsworth

JUNE



BIRTHDAYS

2 Burla Lilley
5 Joe Gagnon
17 Logan Henry
10 Malore Johnson
13 Nickolas Stark
16...Brent Mydland



ANNIVERSARIES

10...Donald & Wilma Griffin
18...Kyle & Mandy Beane
24 Bill & Jan Ainsworth
28 Ed & Terri Stark
29 Troy & Jennifer Beane
10...Donald & Wilma Griffin



CARES AND CONCERNS

Jack Day Dylan Gowin
Wilma Tippit Lou Todd
Neoma Lottman Lillie Harrell
Billy Webster Jon Carter
Robert Ewens Shelby Ewens
Candy Fugett Marguerite Pulliam
Brittany Kistner Burla Lilley
Cheryl Snodgrass
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.

Honour thy father and thy mother: and,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
Matt. 19:19



*Please join us for an afternoon of tea, snacks,
fellowship, and fun in honor of:*

**Mrs. Mae Hepner
and
Mrs. Mary Ogden**

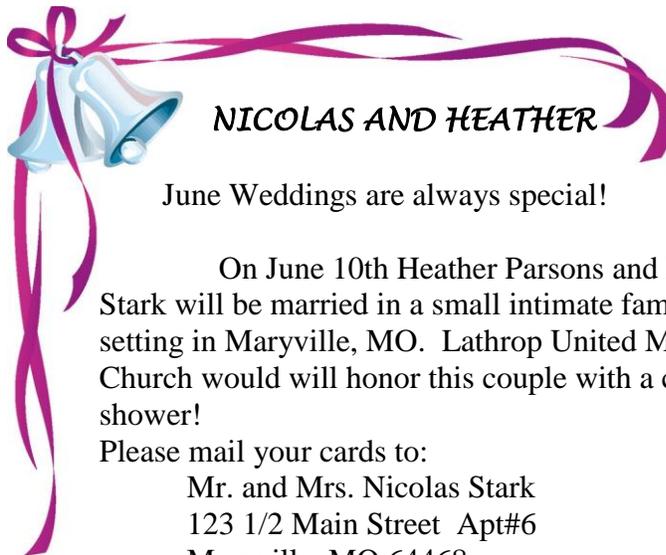
When: Sunday, June 4, 2017

Where: Lathrop United Methodist Church

Time: 12:30 to 2:00 (approximately)

(Immediately after worship service)

**We will have tasty treats/finger foods, a delicious variety of teas, and a game of
“Guess the Guest” (where we answer trivia questions about our honored ladies)**



NICOLAS AND HEATHER

June Weddings are always special!

On June 10th Heather Parsons and Nicolas Stark will be married in a small intimate family setting in Maryville, MO. Lathrop United Methodist Church would will honor this couple with a card shower!

Please mail your cards to:

Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas Stark
123 1/2 Main Street Apt#6
Maryville, MO 64468

*May you be Blessed with
LOVE and HAPPINESS*

PONDERING PASTOR TED



For the past nine years, we at the Lathrop UMC have been privileged to have the guidance and caring of two wonderful caring pastors. This month, on the June 25th we will be saying 'Goodbye' to one of them as Pastor Ted Hepner retires. In 2008, he graciously agreed to co-pastor our church with Pastor Richard Ogden, who will continue as our pastor. Both of these formerly retired ministers have led us, by example, down an amazing spiritual pathway. Along with Pastor Richard, Pastor Ted has helped mold us into L.U. M.P.S. (Lathrop United Methodists Praying and Serving), he has celebrated our birthdays, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, graduations. He has welcomed new families into our church and said good-bye to others at their funerals. He has worked with us on Chicken and Steak Dinners, Progressive Dinners; helped with: cleaning and painting at the Lathrop City Park, installing flag holders on street poles, a walk to raise food and funds for the Lathrop Food Pantry and Back Pack Buddies program, and to maintain, repair and update our building. Pastor Ted preached sermons and enjoyed picnics at Lake Lenore, the City Park and at the bowling alley, visited and danced with us at the Senior Prom at the convalesce center and visited with us in hospitals. He asked us to serve our God and church with our 5T's NOW (Time, Talent, Treasure, 'Tendance and Teamwork. Nurture, Outreach, and Witness).

To Pastor Ted and Mae Hepner, on behalf of your congregation, this editor would like to say: *Thank you! Thank you both for all of your years of dedication and service to us at the Lathrop United Methodist Church. Enjoy your re-retirement. We will always be L.U.M.P.S.!*



Lathrop United Methodist Church
POTATO/SALAD BAR

Baked Potato and Baked Sweet
Potato



**Load your own
Potato toppings**





Salad Dessert Drink

Sat. June 3rd 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Air Conditioned

Free Will Donation

FLAG DAY HISTORY



National Flag Day is when Americans celebrate the meaning of their nation's flag, honor the traditions associated with its care, and educate those around them to its significance. The Flag of the United States is to be honored and carries with it both history and tradition. On June 14, 1777 the Flag Resolution was signed, making the current stars and stripes the National Flag of the United States of America. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson called for the nation-wide observance of Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed congress' decree, making June 14th of each year National Flag Day.

THINGS DAD WOULD NEVER SAY TO HIS TEENAGE DAUGHTER:

"Can you turn up that music?"

"Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas."

"I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones."

"Here, you take the remote."

POP VS. PUP

While flying from Denver to Kansas City, Kansas, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son. Mom couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember — run to Dad first, then the dog."



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WHAT A CARD!

Father's Day was near when I brought my three-year-old son, Tyler, to the card store. Inside, I showed him the cards for dads and told him to pick one.

When I looked back, Tyler was picking up one card after another, opening them up and quickly shoving them back into slots, every which way. "Tyler, what are you doing?" I asked. "Haven't you found a nice card for Daddy yet?"

"No," he replied. "I'm looking for one with money in it."

STAGES OF FATHERHOOD

4 Years Of Age - My dad can do anything.

8 Years Of Age - My dad knows a lot.

12 Years Of Age - My father doesn't really know quite everything.

14 Years Of Age - Naturally, father doesn't know that, either.

16 Years Of Age - Father? he's hopelessly old-fashioned.

18 Years Of Age - That old man? He's way out of date.

25 Years Of Age - Well, he might know a little bit about it.

35 Years Of Age - Before we decide, let's get dad's opinion.

45 Years Of Age - Wonder what dad would have thought about it.

65 Years Of Age - Wish, I could talk it over with dad.

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER