



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

-- Psalm 16:1-2 NIV

FROM OUR PASTOR’S DESK



John Kennedy spoke words that have stuck in American minds and burrowed in American souls at his inaugural address. Words like, “Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.” It seems like eons ago since he spoke those words (it’s only been 58 years). A lot has changed in America since that day in

Washington. The nation seems to grow more divided every day. Society seems to be drifting to an “us and them” mindset, and “them” folks are bad folks. America needs men (and women) like Teddy Roosevelt talked about when he said, “. . . men who quell the storm and ride the thunder” to unite this nation with a vision big enough to bring us back together once again. America also needs strong Churches to infuse the love of God into the hearts of people. As we celebrate the 4th of July this year let us take time to “breathe a prayer” that God will send us political and religious leaders who will can “quell the storm and ride the thunder.”

On the lighter side of things Erma Bombeck wrote this about the 4th, “You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.”

Peace

UMC & FCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Are you ready to go? Go where? To **‘Mars and Beyond’** with the United Methodist and First Christian Churches combined Vacation Bible School. VBS will be August 4th thru the 9th. Registration is at 5:00 pm, on Sunday, Aug. 9th, at the United Methodist Church, with VBS starting at 5:30 – 8:00 pm . Monday thru Thursday classes will be 5:30 – 8:00.

Friday will be the program and a carry-in dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Come join in and Blast Off with the first VBS to land on the moon where kids explore where God's power can take them!



THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS YOU FROM ITS PAGES



The Messiah Stones

By Irving Benig

First, The Messiah Stones is a novel. It is a mystery. It is suspense. It revolves around college professor John McGowan and his wife Sarah. John inherits, from his long-lost father, a secret which will change their lives. John and Sarah travel to Jerusalem to investigate. Questions...searching. Will the second coming of the world's savior come at the end of the millennium?

Additions to the Youth Library:

Return to Hawk's Hill by Allan Eckert

Path of the Pale Horse by Paul Fleischman

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming

The Berenstain Bears and the Big Red Kite by Stan & Jan Berenstain

The Berenstain Bears' Home Sweet Tree by Stan & Jan Berenstain

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

WHAT'S YOUR CQ IQ FOR 2019 ?



- 1) Who retired from Yellow Transportation after 30 years of employment and 2.5 million accident-free miles?
- 2) Who was born on an air force base and served 17 years in the United States Air Force?
- 3) Who has gone on three mission trips to Jamaica and is now serving as a trustee of our church?
- 4) Who has been a member of American Legion Post 467 for 71 continuous years?
- 5) Who was born in Richmond but moved to Polo when he was one year old?
- 6) Who likes to restore old cars?
- 7) Who was a driving force in the establishment of the Spaeth/Van Buren Library & Museum here in Lathrop?

All of these people have been featured in a "LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER" since the beginning of 2019. Could you identify them? What was your Congregation Question IQ?



DATES TO REMEMBER



July

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| 1 VBS Preparation Meeting at LUMC | 7:00 p.m. |
| 7 July Birthday Breakfast | 10:30 a.m. |
| 8 NO Trustee's Meeting | |
| 8 NO Administration Board Meeting | |
| 14 Fellowship Dinner following Worship Service | |
| 17 Second Harvest Truck at Goppert Community Center | 10:00 am--12:00 |

Ushers for July

TBA

JULY



- 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



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

CONGRATULATIION TO ALL !

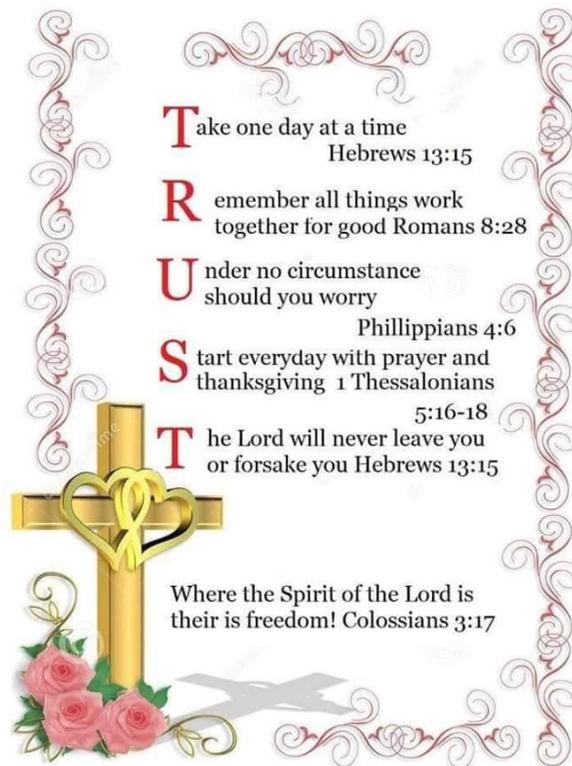
*Not once in the Bible does it say **worry about it,** **stress about it,** **figure it out,** but time after time it says to **Put your trust in God.***

Dear God, I know I am not perfect, I know sometimes I forget to pray, I know I have questioned my faith, I know sometimes I lose my temper, But Thank you for loving me unconditionally and giving me another day to start over.

Amen.



Wilma Tippet	Burla Lillie
Heather Carter	Jim Lawley
Jon Carter	Friederun Boone
Mike Dickerson	Brian Johnson
Carmen Stone	Tom Newell
Wilma Griffin	JW Lile and Family
Ted and Mae Hepner	Our Military
Dylan Gowin	Our Community
Marguerite Pulliam	Our Pastor
Karen Ripley	Our Church
Eva Frasier	Children and Youth
Bill Ainsworth	of our church
Jim Fox Family	



THE MEANING OF THE FLAG-DRAPED COFFIN.



Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation.

We are proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms.

Here is how to understand the meaning of the flag that is laid upon a military coffin and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers: Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

THE MEANING OF THE FOLDS IN THE FLAG

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Please share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of ' Liberty and Freedom.'

IN THE MEANTIME, MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS. ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

****Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

"You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!"

Horried, the little boy obeyed.

After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?"

"Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."

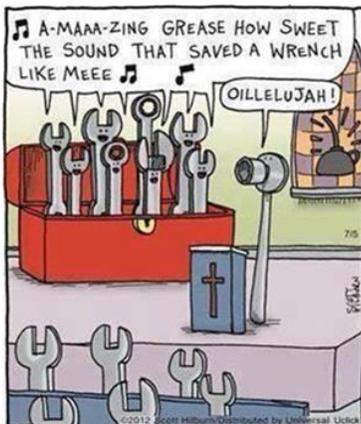
****A little girl from Missouri went to church for the first time ever when she was visiting her grandparents in Michigan. When the pastor announced it was time for the Lord's Supper, she was excited-and hungry. The congregation filed up to the altar rail, and the child watched in confusion as her grandparents received a wafer and small plastic cup of wine. She could hardly wait to get back to the pew to tell her grandma that Jesus wasn't from Missouri.

"How do you know that, dear?" asked her grandma.

"Because that was the poorest meal I've ever seen," she said. "Mama would've at least given everybody some corn bread and sweet tea."



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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.'

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir was practicing. Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed.

"Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the pastor heal you by faith?"

"No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER