



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



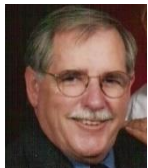
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Say also: 'Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.'"

1 Chronicles 16:34-35

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



I found this little writing by Robert Strand in some of my research a few weeks ago: "Jesus left His purse to Judas; His body to Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus; His mother to John the beloved disciple; His seamless robe to the soldiers; His peace to His disciples; His supper to His followers; His baptism to new believers; His love to the children; His healing to the sick; His teaching to the hungry in mind and spirit; His church to society; His Gospel to the world; His hope to the hopeless; His presence with all of God's children." At some point in life we all ask ourselves what we are going to leave behind when we die. Leaving money is one thing - really only a small thing. Leaving a life of love and service that has touched many people is a legacy worth striving to provide. As we look forward to the coming Advent and Christmas seasons may we strive to give something of ourselves to our family and friends as our gift to them, which will become an endowment they'll cherish.

WHAT A BLESSING!!!

WOW! October 13th was certainly a great evening to be at the Lathrop United Methodist Church. The food was delicious and the auction items numerous and of good quality and excitement was in the air. Lathrop UMC has been blessed with so many wonderful people. These people are too numerous to name and to thank individually. Blessings and Thank You to those who organized, wrote ads, donated food, contacted individuals and businesses about donating food and/or auction items, donated auctioneer services, clerked for the auctioneers, gave their time, collected food, collected auction items, cleaned the church, helped with clean-up afterwards. Also, those who served, cooked, made desserts, grilled, carried, mixed, chopped, prepped, brought friends, was a friend, greeted people, purchased auctioned items, bid on items, and to all who ate the food.

Without *your* help and time, it would have been impossible to have had a successful evening. Lathrop UMC is truly blessed!

**So I will not be silent; I will sing praise to you. Lord, you are my God: I will give thanks forever.
Psalms 30:12**

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ANY MINUTE

By Joyce Meyer & Deborah Bedford

Have you ever read a book by Joyce Meyer or heard her speak? This novel is a novel about faith...about change...about life. Sarah Harper is driven! Her life is hectic! Her life is messy! What about her son...her husband? Where do they fit in? Or do they? Then the unthinkable happens: Sarah's car plunges from a bridge into a river? She can't get her seatbelt unfastened! Will she survive? This isn't a typical "Joyce Meyer" inspiration book or is it?

CHOOSING GRATITUDE

By Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Are you programmed to express gratitude? Thank you. Two words. How often do you say them to other people? How often do you say them to God? If the choice is yours to whine or to worship, which would you choose? Thank you. You are surrounded by wonder...by beauty...love. Thank you, God. Help us to remember to choose gratitude.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Stark Family Update 10/26/2018:
by Terri Stark



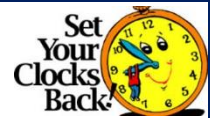
Ed & I have been empty nesters now since 2015 and things are going well. Even though our children are out of school, we still like to follow the NWMSU Bearcats and go to the games in Maryville whenever possible. In the past, we have even traveled to some of their out-of-state games. Who doesn't love a road trip! Ed is a current member of the Masons, Scottish Rite and Shrine Club so he spends some of his free time working events for these organizations. He likes to go to auctions and we both like to hit the antique stores and flea markets on occasion. We are down to 2 horses and 5 cats so they take up some of my time.

Jennifer graduated from NWMSU in 2015 and works for Tri-County Mental Health in Kansas City. She is a case worker in Platte, Clay and Ray Counties so she is on the road a lot for her work with her clients. She lives in Kansas City to be closer to work but would love to get back to the country in the future. She and her boyfriend have been together for 3 years now and are planning their future together. She has one cat, Jarvis.

Nick remained up at Maryville after he got out of school and works at Walmart. He met his wife there and they got married in June 2017. He still loves amusement parks and they spend some of their off-time going to Worlds of Fun. They even went to Cedar Point amusement park in Ohio for their honeymoon. They have one cat, Bella.

If you can't tell, we love our cats. Well, at least the kids and I do. Ed's more about horses.

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER

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| 4 | Daylight Savings Time ENDS | |
| 4 | Women's Book Study | 10:15 a.m. |
| 4 | Sunday School TP & Food Drive Contest Begins | |
| | Item to Collect— <i>Kleenex and/or Toilet Paper</i> (a) | |
| 7 | Early Advent Book Study w/Light Meal | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Lt, Meal at 6:30 followed by Book study at 7:00 p.m. | |
| 11 | VETERAN'S DAY | |
| 11 | Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall following Worship Service | 12:00 Noon |
| 11 | Women's Book Study | 10:15 a.m. |
| 11 | Sunday School TP & Food Drive Contest | |
| | Item to Collect— <i>Paper Towels and/or Toilet Paper (yes, again, it takes a lot)</i> (b) | |
| 13 | Trustees Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Administration Board Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Early Advent Book Study w/Light Meal | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Lt, Meal at 6:30 followed by Book study at 7:00 p.m. | |
| 18 | Women's Book Study | 10:15 a.m. |
| 18 | Sunday School TP & Food Drive Contest | |
| | Item to Collect— <i>Shampoo and/or Soap</i> (c) | |
| 18 | COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Hosted by First Christian Church with Rev. Ron Marlot sharing the word | |
| 22 | THANKSGIVING | |
| 25 | Women's Book Study | 10:15 a.m. |

a,b,c *Food stuff and/or cash may also be donated.. These items may be mixed or matched.*

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Bill and Jan Ainsworth



NOVEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Griffin Hensen |
| 2 | Robert Vaughn |
| 3 | Lilly Aldrich |
| 5 | Aaron Armstrong |
| 5 | Steven Beane |
| 13 | Jennifer Vaughn |
| 22 | Lanie Justis |
| 22 | Debbie Smith |
| 26 | Becky Lytle |
| 29 | Kathy Gateley |



ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 | I.D. And Debbie Smith |
| 28 | Gerald And Cheryl Snodgrass |



CARES AND CONCERNS

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| Wilma Tippet | Our Military |
| Heather Carter | Our Community |
| Jon Carter | Our Pastor |
| Mike Dickerson | Our Church |
| Carmen Stone | Children and Youth of our church |
| Wilma Griffin | All people who have been affected by natural disasters. |
| Ted and Mae Hepner | |
| Dylan Gowin | |
| Marguerite Pulliam | |
| Lilly Harrell | |
| Jim Lawley | |
| Bobi Jo McCollester | |

TP Drive and Other Necessary Items



A new contest between the Sunday School classes to raise donations for the Lathrop Food Pantry will begin October 28th and run for 4 weeks ending November 18th. This will be a different type of drive than before. This time instead of mostly food items, other *necessity items* will be collected.



Ex: Week 10/28 the main item will be Toothpaste and/or Toothbrush
Week 11/4 the main item will be Kleenex
Week 11/11 the main item will be Paper Towels
Week 11/18 the main item will be Shampoo or soap



Food stuff or cash may also be donated. All these items can be mixed or matched.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

11/1 Thursday

11/2 Friday

11/26—11/30



Megan Henry

Jennifer Howerton

To Be Announced

If you are interested in volunteering your time to deliver Meals-On-Wheels please call Wilma Griffin at 528-3184 or call the church office at 528-4280.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Lathrop Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 18th at the First Christian Church, and will start at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Ron Marlot will deliver the Word. This service is open to All who would like to attend.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that there are two different book studies going on through out the month of November. The Women's Book Study Group will meet at 10:15 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. The ladies will meet in the Northwest corner of the balcony and will be reviewing the study book "**The Slightly Bad Women in the Bible**" which focuses on five different women. The meeting will be led by Mary Ogden and SueEllen Pollard.

On Wednesday evenings at 6:15 there will be a light meal in the Fellowship Hall for all who are would like to come. Following the meal at 7:00, Pastor Richard will lead the group in an Early Advent Book Study. . . "**All I Want for Christmas -- Opening Gifts of God's Grace.**" Everyone is welcome to attend and to bring a friend.

You have done many things for us, O Lord our God: There is no one like you! You have made many wonderful plans for us. I could never speak of them all—their number is so great!

Psalms 40: 5

NOVEMBER 11, 2018



"God, please let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants."



The preacher's Sunday sermon was "Forgive Your Enemies." He asked how many of the congregation have forgiven their enemies? About half held up their hands.

He then repeated his question. Now about 80% held up their hands. He then repeated his question once more. All responded, except one elderly lady.

"Mrs. Johnson, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any." She replied.

"Mrs. Johnson that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-three," she replied.

"Mrs. Johnson, please come down in front and tell the congregation how a person cannot have an enemy in the world?"

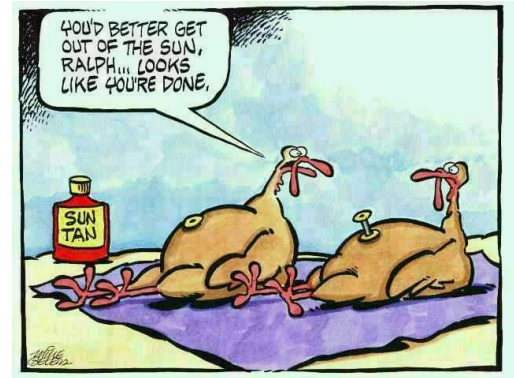
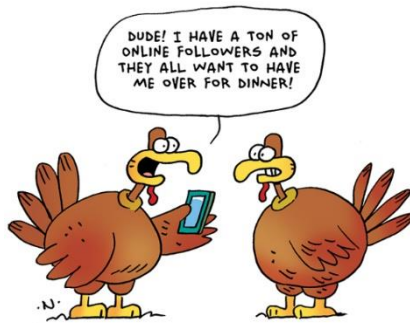
The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle and said, "I outlived them all!!!!"


A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."




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Wife: 'Do you want dinner?'
Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'
Wife: 'Yes or no.'

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific!!! Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus." "Forget the bonus," the turkey said, "All I want to know is, does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER