



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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

October 2019

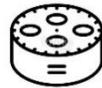
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When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou aren't mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Psalms 8:3-4

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



King Duncan tells the story of a girl named Mary who won one of ten music scholarship being given by a major university. The selection committee noticed that Mary was a good sight-reader and had excellent fingering skills on the piano. However, they noticed that her wrist was a little stiff. They believed that her stiffness in her wrist was due to her piano. So, they sent a repair man over to her house to loosen the keys. The girl met him at the door and protested his intrusion. Finally, Mary's mother allowed the man to come in to look at Mary's piano. Mary's piano turned out to be clothes pens glued on an old ironing board. Mary didn't have an instrument, she had dedication to talent, she had dedication to a vision. We often don't attempt to accomplish something because we don't have "this or that." Lathrop United Methodist Church has a great Pipe Organ and a dedicated person that plays it!!!! Sometime during an October worship service just allow your mind to block out the "world," and listen to Brenda play the organ. Then, take time to let Brenda know how much her dedication to her talent means to your worship experience.



ANNUAL FALL STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER with AUCTION



Are you hungry? Do you like a good bargain? If your answers were "Yes", then on Saturday, October 19th at 5:00pm, head to the Lathrop United Methodist Church. From 5:00 pm -7:30, there will be tender, juicy steak or chicken hot off the grill, baked potatoes, salad, homemade desserts and drinks. While you are enjoying your meal, you can 'shop' at the Silent Auction that starts at 5:00 and ends at 6:00. The Live Auction will start at 6:30 and continue until everything is sold.

There will be bargains galore! To name a few, there is a BBQ grill, Flower Pot and gardening items from Penrod's, 2-1day passes to Silver Dollar City, a Dura Flo heater, 4 tickets to Presley's in Branson, an Echo Dot, Fire Stick, Blanket, Honey, Homemade Pecan Pie and other Homemade Goodies, Clinton Co. Plat Book, Lathrop antiques, numerous gift cards from a variety of businesses, (D' Creamery, Smokey Joe's, Hunan Gardens, Jose Peppers, 2-Doors Down, Candyman, and more). If you have something you would like to donate, it's not too late. Donations are still coming in!!



All proceeds will go toward our building maintenance.



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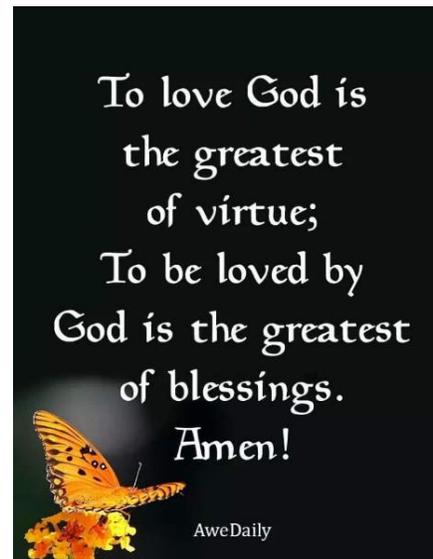
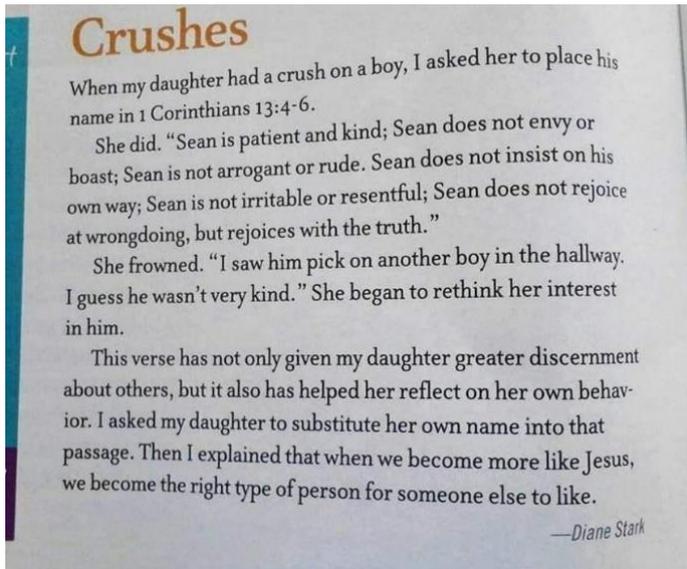


Oceans Apart by Karen Kingsbury

It was eight years ago. That's a long time. It happened in Hawaii. That's a different place. There was that stormy weekend! Now there is his wife, Michele, and his two daughters. Airline Captain Connor Evans is faced with a challenge...a decision that resulted from a long time ago. He had no idea. He had never been told. Now there is a will that says, "If anything happens to me, Connor needs to be contacted. His son will either become a ward of the state or go to live with him." Would Michele, Susan and Elizabeth accept Max? Max...none of this was his fault. FORGIVENESS...is it possible?

Additions to the Youth Library

When Will This Cruel War Be Over? by Barry Denenberg
The Great Railroad Race by Kristiana Gregory
So Far from Home by Barry Denenberg
(These are all books from the **Dear America Series**)



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Can you teach your granddaughter to can tomatoes? She can and has. Can you organize a croquet tournament for your family in your backyard? She can and has. Can you get a very big piano moved into your house? She can and has. Wait until you read the rest of her story in next month's "LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER".



DATES TO REMEMBER



October

6 October Birthday Breakfast	10:30 am
11 Veteran's Day	
11 Trustee's Meeting	6:30 pm
11 Administrative Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12 Festival of Sharing at Cameron UMC	
18 Second Harvest Truck at Goppert Community Center	10:00 am—Noon
21 Annual Steak/Chicken Dinner w/Auction	5:00 pm—7:30
22 Charge Conference hosted by Excelsior Springs UMC	6:00 pm—8:00
23 First Day of Autumn	
23 Advent Study w/Lt. Meal	6:30pm
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Ushers for September

Donna Jelinek and Jessica Aldrich

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- 5 Keith Beane
- 5 Melanie Dickerson
- 5 Gracie Dickerson
- 8 Wilma Griffin
- 8 Matt Hufford
- 9 Maddie Smith
- 9 Jennifer Beane
- 10 Monty Mydland
- 16 Tim Stout
- 16 Sam Streeter
- 20 Carol Maddick
- 21 Ryan Mydland
- 21 Chris Gateley
- 22 Steven Wilson
- 23 Roberta Vaughn
- 23 Kim Mydland
- 25 Caleb May
- 27 Rowan Hufford
- 28 Steve Wolfe
- 28 Pat Wagner
- 30 Mitzi Hensen
- 30 Isabel Maddick



13 Steve and Beka Wilson





Mike Dickerson
Wilma Griffin
Marguerite Pulliam
Jim Lawley
Chad Howerton
Our Pastor

Carmen Stone
Rev. Ted and Mae Hepner
Burla Lillie
Brian Johnson
All Military
Children and Youth of our Church

Friederun Boone
Dylan Gowin
Tom Newell
JW Lile
Our Community
Our Church

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW:

The hardest tongue twister in the world is: **"Pad kid poured curd pulled cod."**

I feel sorry for anyone that doesn't have a dog. I hear they have to pick up their own food if they drop it on the floor.

Betty bought a bit of butter. But the butter Betty bought was bitter. so Betty bought a better butter, and it was better than the butter Betty bought before.

Which witch wishes to switch a witch wristwatch for a Swiss wristwatch?

Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better

A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk

Why did the vampires cancel their baseball game?

Because they couldn't find their bats.

Where do baby ghosts go during the day?

DaySCARE centers.

Who did Frankenstein take to the party?

His ghoul friend.

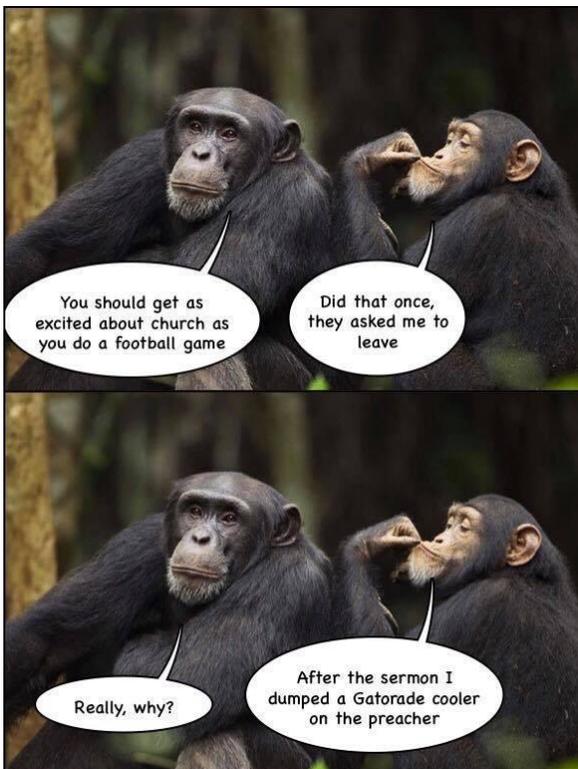
What did one jack-o-lantern say to the other jack-o-lantern

on their way to the party?

Let's get "glowing"!

What are the birds giving out for Halloween this year?

"Tweets!"



The Bigger Offering Plate

THREE TAX-WISE WAYS TO GIVE

"Will the ushers please come forward..." That single phrase used to be the primary (if not the only) way the church gathered the gifts of the faithful and funded the ministries of the church.

While the offertory remains a meaningful part of our worship, the practical ways that devoted disciples can give in support of the church have expanded. The 'offering plate' is bigger than ever, but church offices need to make sure that the folks in the pews know about the options and how to make those gifts happen easily.

Here is a short list of gifts that can grow your church's offering plate. Your Missouri UM Foundation can help you get the word out and assist your office and individual givers in making these gifts happen:

IRA Rollover Gifts

Individual Retirement Accounts are often among the largest assets that folks own in retirement. They can also be an excellent source for charitable giving under the new tax rules. Anyone over the age of 70 1/2 can make a 'rollover gift' directly to their church. This is helpful because after 70 1/2 folks with traditional IRAs must take annual 'required minimum distributions' and pay tax on those distributions as ordinary income. Rollover Gift counts toward the RMD but is not counted as income to the donor. This is especially helpful for folks who do not itemize deductions.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock

More folks own stocks and mutual funds than ever before. If those assets have been owned longer than a year and have gone up in value, then those shares can be very cost-effective charitable gifts. By giving the shares directly to the church, the donor avoids paying the capital gains tax. Therefore, the church gets a bigger gift, and the donor can deduct the full fair market value of the stock (if they itemize).

If you think that sounds too complicated for your church office, good news! Your Missouri UM Foundation processes these gifts as a service to all churches and their donors. The last five years the Foundation has processed over \$5.5 million in stock gifts for churches and donors across the state.

Donor Advised Funds

This can be a great way for a donor or a family to manage all of their charitable giving in one place.

A donor can create a DAF at the Missouri UM

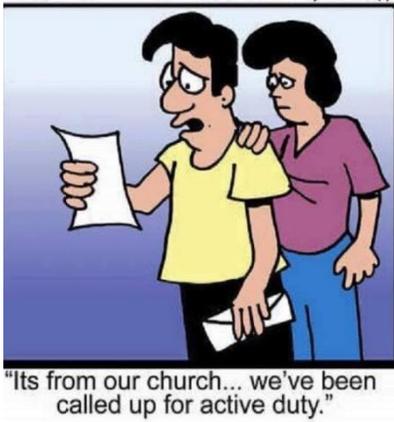
Foundation and contribute to it at any time. The donor can then decide later when and how much should be distributed from the DAF to their church or other public charities. The DAF is also a way to manage deductions. For example, a large gift in one year to a DAF might allow a donor to itemize that deduction and save on taxes that year. The DAF can then make

charitable distributions as recommended by the donor in subsequent years.

These are just three key ideas for making tax-wise gifts under the new tax rules that will grow your church's offering plate and help your givers be more effective stewards. Call the Foundation at 800-332-8238 or visit the website at www.mumf.org for more information about these types of gifts, as well as estate planning and 'life income' gifts. Free brochures can be ordered in quantity on these topics and look for our annual yearend giving brochure next month.

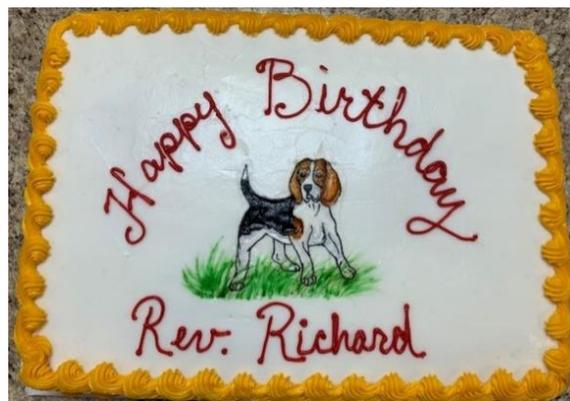
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Pastor Richard was honored last month for his birthday with cake and ice cream for all.



TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER