



LATHROP UMC NEWSLETTER



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

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Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Proverbs 30:5 (NIV)

FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK



Howard Olds writes, "Psychologists say – look within. Opportunists say - look around. Optimists say - look ahead. Pessimists say - look out. Christians say - look up. Fix your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of your faith." In September earth starts changing, a sort of "looking ahead" for harvest and the coming winter. In September, typically the Church changes from its summer slumber to a quicken pace. There will be many Church activities between September and the end of the year. Of course, we will start with ice cream Sundays on Labor Day weekend and end with Candlelight services on Christmas Eve. During all this activity let us not forget to keep our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith as the writer of the Book of Hebrews defines Him. Looking ahead we have many Church activities to enjoy; looking up we have a Savior to embrace. Peace and joy to you.



THE CHURCH LIBRARY BECKONS YOU FROM ITS PAGES



The Bluebird and The Sparrow By Janette Oke

Have you read any of the books in our church library written by Janette Oke? This one is about sisters: Berta and Glenna. This one is about growing up. This one is about opposites. This one is about making decisions. This one is about being the elder or younger sister. This one is about comparing. What really makes the distance between them?

Additions to the Youth Library

Beetles, Lightly Toasted by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Super Hoops Show Time! by Hank Herman

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Did you recognize last month's "Getting to Know You" couple? If you guessed Roger and Sandy Hart you were right. Sandy was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but moved to Chillicothe when she was 1. Sandy graduated from Chillicothe High School, but her education didn't end there. She has also graduate from nursing school (NCMC). This background led to work in 2 nursing homes and then 27 years of employment for the Livingston County Health Center. Sandy not only developed a love for people but also a love for dogs. She began to board and groom dogs while living in Chillicothe. Roger was born in Belle, Missouri. Ask him some time exactly where this happened. It really happened just that way! His father was a preacher. He and Sandy got together on a blind date. "She didn't really care much for me so I really had to try hard for date # 2. One the second date we went fishing and we pretty well told each other what we expected from each other." Perhaps that's the secret to a happy marriage because they have been married now for 40 years! They have 3 sons. Jonathan and his wife are blessed with 2 children: Linley (6) and Turner (3). "It's great when they come to visit!" Dane is 31 and Spence is 25. Roger worked in Chillicothe for Donaldson Co. for 30 years and Complete Home Concepts 1 year in sales. He has been working at Ford Motor Company now for 16 years. Sandy and Roger moved to Lathrop five and a half years ago. Sandy continues to drive to Chillicothe for her dog boarding and grooming business while Roger drives the other direction to work at Ford. Take time to visit with Sandy and Roger. They have many, many tales to tell. Learn about Solomon, Samson, and Evil, boats, pheasants, ducks and quails. Plus, an added bonus might include stories of Burla Lilly who is now.....106 years old. Think of how things have changed since she was born. Sandy and Roger Hart, thanks for making your home in Lathrop and being part of our United Methodist Church.



ANNUAL FALL STEAK/CHICKEN DINNER with AUCTION



The Fall Annual Steak/Chicken Dinner with Auction has been scheduled for October 19, 2019. The menu will be the same as in previous years. Proceeds will go toward our building maintenance. **Auction Items Are Needed!** If you have new or gently used items, products, services, gift cards, etc. for auction donation, or other questions, please contact Gerald Snodgrass or Lori Snodgrass. A letter or request is available to give to business you contact for donations, see Lori or Gerald. With your help this fun project will be a wonderful success.

DATES TO REMEMBER



September

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| 1 September Birthday Breakfast | 10:30 am |
| 1 Labor Day Build a Sundae | Following worship service |
| 2 Labor Day | |
| 9 Trustee's Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 9 Administrative Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 11 Remembering 9/11/2001 | |
| 15 Church at Lake Lenore | |
| 18 Second Harvest Truck at Goppert Community Center | 10:00 am--Noon |
| 23 First Day of Autumn | |

Ushers for September

Suellen Pollard and Madeliene Pollard

September



1	Charlie Gagnon	4	Pete And Brenda Bonar
5	Susie Wolfe	13	James And Jessica Aldrich
	Pete Bonar		
9	Cassidy Hensen		
9	Rawley Mydland		
13	Logan Streeter		
18	Katelyn Pollard		
23	Rachel Martin		
23	Terry Carson		
25	Marguerite Pulliam		
25	Brenda Bonar		
26	Reverend Richard Ogden		
28	Jonas May		



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| Mike Dickerson | Carmen Stone | |
| Wilma Griffin | Rev. Ted and Mae Hepner | Dylan Gowin |
| Marguerite Pulliam | Burla Lillie | |
| Jim Lawley | Brian Johnson | Friederun Boone |
| JW Lile | Chad Howerton | Tom Newell |
| Our Military | Our Community | Our Pastor |
| Our Church | Children and Youth of our Church | |

September 11, 2011



In you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

(Psalm 25:2-6, NIV)

UMC & FCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



To Mars and Beyond, this year's VBS theme, showed that with God's love and grace believers are able to go beyond all they could ask or imagine. Based on Ephesians 3:20.

The First Christian Church and The United Methodist Church pooled resources and worked to provide food, stories, singing, crafts, games, and some scientific reactions with the students.



Bible School ran from Sunday to Thursday. Each evening an average of about 30 students and an equal number of leaders and helpers enjoyed two- and one-half busy hours of learning and fun.

Friday evening the children presented a short program performing songs they had learned during the week. Fellowship and food were shared afterward.

We are blessed to work with our neighbor church and wish to thank both congregations for all of the donations and volunteers who made it a week beyond all that we could ask or imagine.





YOU WERE THERE



I've heard wonderful things about Vacation Bible School...the fun crafts and science experiences, the great songs and games, the Bible stories and lessons. These pictures show only a small part of the "happenings". Do you see YOU? You're there if ...you were the director, any of the leaders, helpers, cooks, participants or a parent who sent a child. Did you provide materials or food? You were there. Did you pray for the week to be a blessing? You were there. Did you participate by the giving of your Sunday offering? You were there. Were you at church on Saturday or in the congregation on Sunday to watch and listen to the children sing and spread an excited message of God's power? YOU were there and you made all this possible. THANK YOU!



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Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's 50 dollars." Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel. The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said. When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!"

Walter replied, "Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"

TAKE 5 MINUTES TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER