

THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



December 2025

Sunday Morning Worship Services

9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/ Church Website

Sally Landoll, editor

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for **Adults** led by Heather Schneider; for **children** led by Angela and Kim

Merry Christmas and Blessed December, dear friends!

As we enter this final month of the year, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each of you, for our church family, for our community, and for the faithfulness of God that has carried us from January to December.

This year has taken us through many seasons: seasons of reflection and renewal, and seasons of waiting on God for things yet to be fulfilled. From the hopeful beginnings of January to the reminders of God's perfect love throughout the year, and even the encouragement that God is still good when some of our plans remain incomplete. **God has been with us through it all.**

Now, in December, we are invited to pause, breathe, and remember the greatest gift ever given: **the gift of Jesus Christ.**

In the midst of our busy schedules, end-of-year pressures, and the emotions this season often brings, the message of Christmas remains simple and powerful:

"For unto us a Child is born... and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

Jesus came to bring us peace, hope, salvation, and light.

He came for the joyful and the weary, the strong and the struggling, the certain and the uncertain.

He came for you.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, may the peace of Christ settle in your homes, may His joy fill your gatherings, and may His love surround you and your families with renewed strength.

To the Lecompton community: thank you for your warmth, unity, and togetherness.

To Lecompton UMC: thank you for your faith, your generosity, and the grace with which you have embraced my family throughout this year. We are humbled and sincerely grateful.

May the God who has walked with us through every month now lead us into a new year with fresh strength, deeper faith, and renewed purpose.

Wishing you a blessed Advent, a joyous Christmas, and a Happy New Year 2026 in advance. JESUS LOVES YOU.

In His grace,

PASTOR: REV.ABRAHAM MUTAI LECOMPTON&BIG SPRINGS UMC



Happy Birthday !

Roxann Eveland April Jernigan Robbie Harrell Nick Cannon Margaret Fuston Ella Thacker Lori Gruver Jason Kellogg Ron Stauffer Venora Dark Shawn Howard Nicole Apprill Billie Blair Tami Rossillon Mike Stewart Pieter Berendsen Christopher Fogelsong Steve Marino Katie Howard Tulsa Dark **Beverly Thrower** Joyce Bloom Kelly Flanner Matt McPherson Jacob Morris Barb Babcock Eric Hastert Henry Apprill Amanda Hammond Jackson Hunt David Pekrul Laura Smith Shari Mullins **Brooks Christman** Marlene Jolly **Ernie Bahret** Andrew Fuston Annette Fuston

Katie Laudan

Robby Brigham

Collin Rossillon

Bret Sanford Zachary Starnes Rosalie Banks Mindy Kahle D. J. Stauffer





Andrew & Sally Landoll Steve & Bonny Fugett Ernie & Penny Bahret



Thank you to everyone who made our Community Dinners in 2025 successful. Our October dinner raised \$928.

Thank you those who have donated food, helped to cook, helped serve the food and of course those helping clean up. We have spent many hours in the kitchen and in Fellowship Hall.

We have also enjoyed all of our community members that have come to eat and fellowship with us. It was truly an honor to be there with everyone.

Blessings and see you again in 2026!

Weekly Bible Study Groups

Sunday Morning: 9:00 a.m. led by Heather Schneider

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Monday Morning: 9:00 a.m. led by Angela

2nd and 4th Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. on Zoom led by Allyson

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Nurture and Outreach Team News

By the Numbers in November:

Just Food Cruising Cupboard served 13 families, equal to 29 individuals.

Our Food Pantry served 58 families in November, which is 171 individuals. We were able to provide a turkey, chicken or other meat item for the holiday.

The Clothes Closet had about 25 families. Coats and jackests were out during the holiday sale and around 50-60 were taken.

Pantry Happenings:

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Cyndi Treaster, Sandy Jacquot, and Lynda Berendsen started off the day at 9:00 a.m. They filled shopping lists for two hours. Robin Sayler came in mid-morning started filling the grocery list. About 1 o'clock, Georgia Trammel and Trish B. came in. By the end of the day we had 42 lists for families. Just Food called and had a lot of items for pick up. Mary Jane picked up the items and Scott Norris and Austin Sledd helped unload and organize the items

Saturday, November 15th: Another successful pantry. Thank you to all of these people that helped: Mary Sue Sledd, Heather Schneider, Linda Smith, Kenny Smith, Grace, and Luke, Royall Hoffer, Russell Mathews, Julie, Austin Sledd and son Remi, Pastor Abraham Mutai, Sally Landoll, and Robin Sayler

Gina Clement, Karmell Thacker, Rhonda Banks, and Patti were all busy at the Clothes Closet. Thank you all for your help.

Next Cruising Cupboard is Thursday, December 4th 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Next Pantry is Saturday, December 20th 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.

The Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, December 20th 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Adopt-A-Family gift pickup is Saturday, December 20th 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. IF YOU COME BEFORE 9 A.M., YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WAIT UNTIL 9 DUE TO HELPING OTHER FAMILIES DURING FOOD PANTRY TIMES. PLEASE PICK UP GIFTS AT THE CHURCH BASEMENT

Adopt-A-Family gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 7th. Please make sure the gift tag is secured to the outside of the wrapped present.

Donations for the pantry

We have had several donations from community members. Mary Jane arrived at the pantry to find bags of groceries by the door of the pantry.

A person from Tecumseh also brought 2 flat carts full of food. Thank you so much for your generosity.

On November 1st, an anonymous donor donated over 160 items to the pantry they also helped to put them on the shelves. This was greatly appreciated.

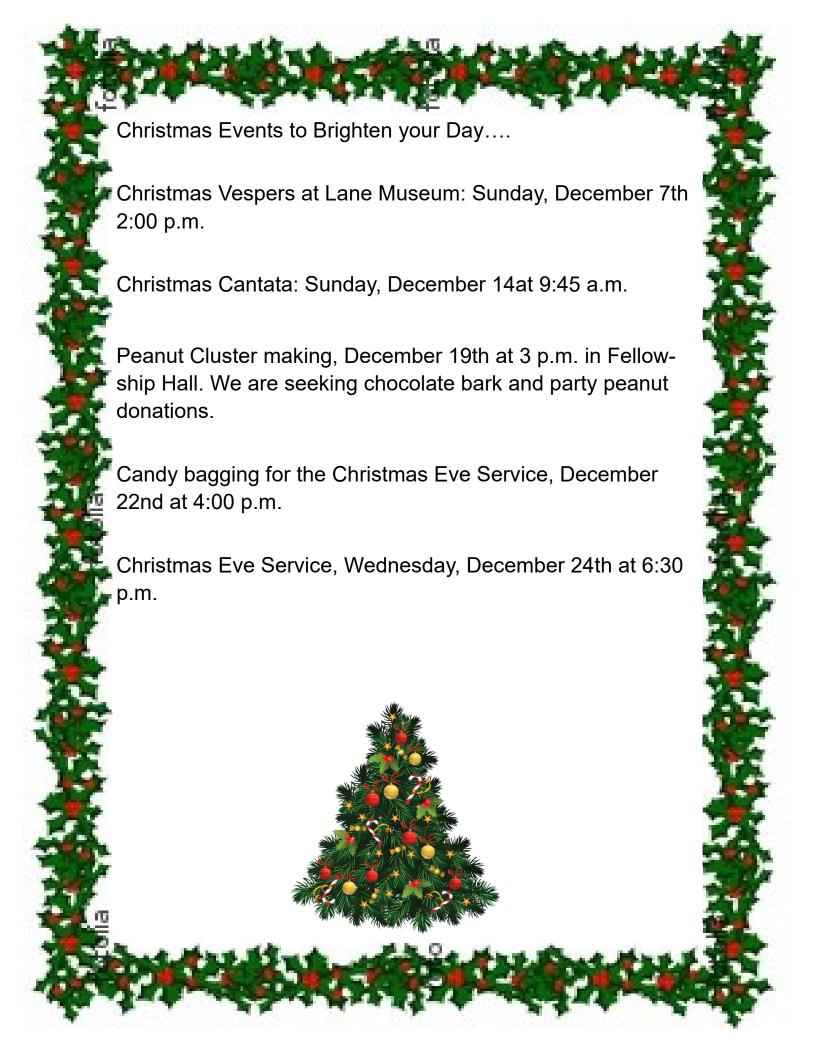
On November 16th, a lady that has a building at Bald Eagle Trading Post donated 3 large bags of food to the pantry.

November 17th, we received a large donation from the Douglas County Extension office and Live Well in Lawrence. There were about 4 carts of food.

Harvesters and other Organization Donations

November 5th: We received a harvester's delivery of 975 pounds this morning. Thank you to Ron Thacker and Scott Norris for getting everything inside and on shelves and in the fridges. We received a lot of bred items and were able to get those out to families quickly.

November 13th: Mary Jane went to the Harvester's pantry in Lawrence to pick up the holiday bird allocation

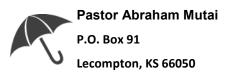


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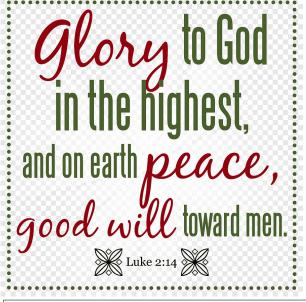
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Worship Services 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/ Church Website Sunday School 10:45 a.m.				Cruising Cupboard 4:30-5:30 p.m. LUMC parking lot	Š	
First Sunday of Advent						
7 Second Sunday of Advent Angel Gift Tags/ presents due Vespers 2:00 p.m Lane University	8	9	10	11	12	Bible Study with Allyson Christman 9:00 a.m. Zoom
Third Sunday of Advent Choir Cantata "Unspeakable Joy" 9:45 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19	Bible Study with Allyson Christman 9:00 a.m. Zoom God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. LUMC Basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon- Lecompton Pride Building
Fourth Sunday of Advent	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m. LUMC Sanctuary	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



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LUMC invites you to join us this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of the child that was sent to bring us:

joy, hope, peace, and love.

God incarnate on earth, Jesus Christ our Lord.