



# THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



**February 2026**

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**

Sally Landoll, editor

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

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

## HAPPY FEBRUARY!

As we enter February, I hope the challenges of winter have not been too difficult for you and that the most demanding days of the season are now behind us. For me, winter often invites reflection, and for many of us, it provides an opportunity to pause, evaluate, and renew our spiritual focus.

February, as the second month of the year, reminds us of continuity and forward movement. It represents the promise that what we began in January continues to unfold. With this in mind, we look ahead with hope, anticipating new seasons, fresh opportunities, and meaningful progress in our lives and in our walk with God.

I want to encourage you to remember that God remains present with us in every season, including those marked by uncertainty, difficulty, or unpredictability. Even in the cold and challenging moments of life, we can place our full trust in the Lord, who is faithful to guide, protect, and sustain us.

The Word of God assures us in Isaiah 41:13 (NIV):

*"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'"*

May this promise strengthen our faith and remind us not to be discouraged by any present circumstances, but to move forward with confidence in God's unfailing presence.

My prayer for you this month is that you will experience God's confidence, God's guidance, and God's providence in every area of your life. May our prayers align with His divine will, and may His grace continue to shape and direct our journey.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, and may Christ be your strength and victory in every season.

**JESUS LOVES YOU.**

**PASTOR: REV. ABRAHAM MUTAI**  
**LECOMPTON & BIG SPRINGS UMC**

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday, Sunday

**For I am the LORD, your God, who takes  
hold of your right hand and says to you,  
Do not fear, I will help you.**



-Isaiah 41:13-

## February Birthdays

Brad Goodrick  
Kerry Haynes  
Christina Pekrul  
Megan Clemons  
Tanya Hackathorn  
Michelle Robles  
Heather Schneider  
Bryan Hammond  
Gayle Acheson  
Brendon Neal  
Elizabeth Wells  
Jim Goodrick  
Rodney Hoffer  
Will Schrader  
Riley Mathews  
Kevin Powell  
Gregg Sledd  
Duane Schrader  
Darin Christman  
Kevin Dark  
Sally Thompson  
Alec Acheson  
Tyson Erwin  
Steve Howard  
Bella Haynes  
Aaron Kaser  
Jami Growney  
Cyndi Treaster



## February Anniversaries

Paul & Anne Kirk  
Rob & Donna Ernest



## Food and Fellowship



Community Dinner  
February 26th  
4 to 6.30 pm

Chili and vegetable soup – cornbread –  
desserts. Ice tea, water or coffee

Dine in or carry out  
**Proceeds for the LUMC local church  
ministries**

Thank you to all of our helpers for the January dinner: Robin Saylor, Angela Carter, Haley Sledd, Mary Lou Morris and Deb Fuston served up a lot of plates. A special thank you to Mary Sue Sledd, Linda Smith, and Heather Schneider for serving, cleaning up, and washing dishes. It is a group effort.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our dinner.

*Faith*  
**FAMILY**  
*Friends*

## Weekly Bible Study Groups

**Sunday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. led by Heather Schneider  
heather2680@gmail.com

**Monday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. A Walk through the Bible led by Angela

**2nd and 4th Saturday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. on Zoom led by Allyson Christman allybtcam@gmail.com.

## Nurture and Outreach Team Happenings

### By the Numbers...

The Cruising Cupboard served about 13 families, equal to about 30 individuals. Thank you to Charles and Annie for bringing out the cupboard. Thank you to Linda Smith for hanging around in the very cold air.

We helped 55 families, about 145 individuals, in January at the Food Pantry.

The Clothes Closet served about 12 families with lots of clothing items.

### February Dates

**Just Food Cruising Cupboard:** Thursday Feb. 5th, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot.

**Food Pantry:** Saturday, February 21st, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the church basement.

**Clothes Closet:** Saturday, February 21st 15th, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Lecompton Pride building.

### Work leading up the pantry...

**Tuesday, Jan. 13:** Cindy Treaster and Sandy Jacquot arrived around 9 a.m. and started filling shopping lists. Later, Robin Sayler, Mary Lou Morris, Jacque Hale, and Georgia Trammel come into fill more shopping lists. In total, 42 lists were completed. Thank you all very much.

**Saturday, Jan 17th:** Despite the cold weather, we had about 40 to 50 families come to pick up. Thank you to Mary Sue Sledd, Heather Schneider and Linda Smith for getting the extra shopping items out and for checking in the families. Thank you to Kenny Smith, Austin Sledd, Andre Sledd, Roy Hoffer, and Robin Sayler for getting the cold items and taking the food out to the families. A special thank you to Austin Sledd and Andre for coming early and helping get all of the dairy products ready for the day.

The Clothes Closet was also busy today. Thank you to Gina Clement and Karmell Thacker for their leadership.

Both of these ministries continue to be blessed with everyone's contributions.

Linda Smith and Robin Sayler are busy getting the pantry ready for the annual monitor visit. Thank you both for making sure our paperwork is in order.

### January Deliveries

**Jan. 7th:** Mary Jane made a trip to Just for various items. She was able to get everything inside and put away. As she was finishing up, a gentleman and son stopped by for ideas on what the pantry needed. Our pantry continues to be blessed in so many ways.

**Jan. 9th:** Just Food supplied frozen Starbuck sandwiches for the January pantry

**Jan. 14th:** Thank you to Kenny Smith, Ron Thacker, and Scott Norris for getting the Harvester's delivery inside and onto shelves, pallets, freezers, and fridges. We received 1493 pounds of product this morning. Thank you all for your help.

Jan. 16th: Robin Sayler assisted Mary Jane at the Harvester's Mobile pantry in Lawrence. They picked up a lot of nice items for the pantry. They came back with 800 pounds of grocery items. A special thank you to Robin for all of her time and effort.

Gratitude

**"Give thanks  
to the Lord  
and proclaim  
his greatness.  
Let the whole  
world know  
what he has  
done."**

1 CHRONICLES 16:8

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# BLEEDING KANSAS

## PROGRAM SERIES 2026

CONSTITUTION HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE | HISTORIC LECOMPTON

2 p.m. Sundays • Suggested donation \$5 adults

**JAN 25 “Kansas Day”** Join us in commemorating the 170th anniversary Constitution Hall’s construction, 165th anniversary of Kansas Statehood, and 250th anniversary of the founding of the Nation. Remarks by **Patrick Zollner**, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society, and **Sara Bell, PhD.**, Museum and Education Div. Director, Kansas Historical Society. Special program by **Dan Rockhill**, JL Constant Distinguished Professor of Architecture, University of Kansas, focusing on the restoration efforts that preserved Constitution Hall as the State Historic Site we know and love today.

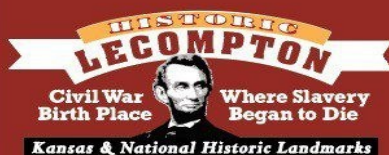
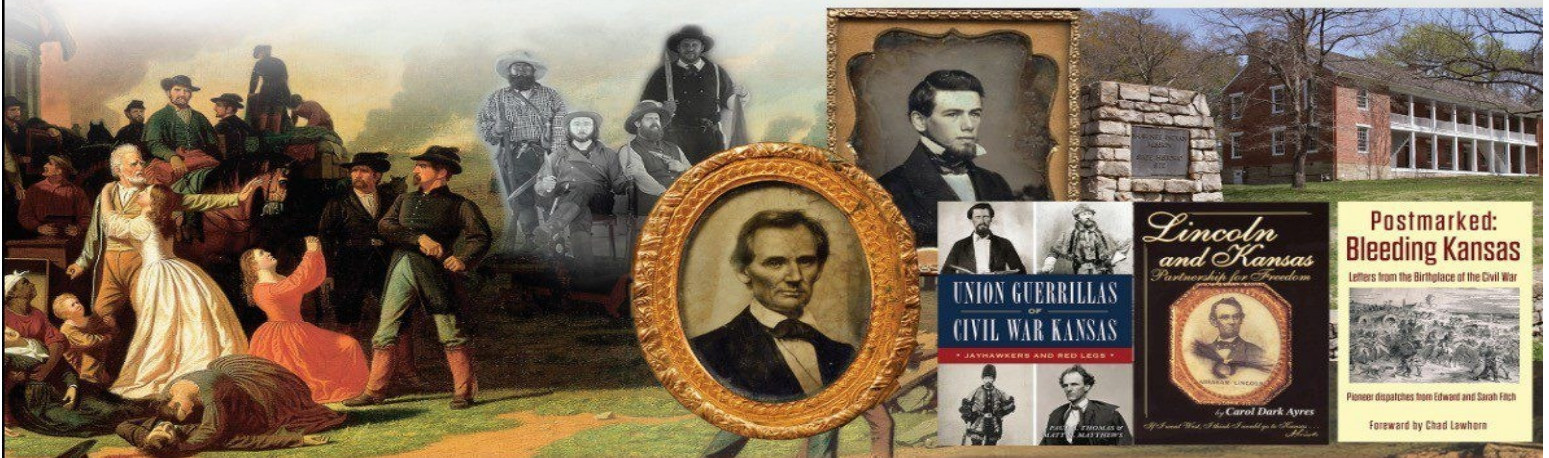
**FEB 1 Postmarked: Bleeding Kansas**, by *Chad Lawhorn, Editor and Publisher, Lawrence Journal-World*  
Chad Lawhorn discusses his 2013 book that republished the Bleeding Kansas era correspondence between early Lawrence settler and Free State supporter Edward Fitch, and his wife, Sarah Fitch. Culminating at the 1863 Lawrence massacre, the Fitch letters offer a frontline view of the border conflict in Kansas before and during the Civil War as it was seen by those who lived it.

**FEB 8 Jayhawkers and Red Legs: Union Guerillas of Civil War Kansas**, by *Paul A. Thomas and Matt M. Matthews, authors.* Before and during the American Civil War, Kansas anti-slavery militants patrolled the Kansas-Missouri border. Known as “Jayhawkers” and later “Red Legs,” they raided anyone they believed sympathetic to the pro-slavery cause and southern secession. For many, these irregular warriors were heroes fighting for a Free Kansas and the preservation of the Union; for their victims, these men were little more than opportunistic thieves. Authors Paul A. Thomas and Matt M. Matthews seek to find out who these men really were in their new book.

**FEB 15 Bogus Legislature and Border War: The Politics of the Shawnee Indian Mission and Thomas Johnson**, by *Jennifer Laughlin, Site Administrator of Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site.* The Shawnee Indian Mission, built in 1839, served as a trade school near the Missouri border on the Shawnee Reservation. In the 1850’s, it became a major epicenter of Kansas territorial politics. Thomas Johnson, the Methodist Minister and Superintendent of the School, was himself a leader of the pro-slavery movement during Bleeding Kansas, fueled by his own personal ideologies and close proximity to Westport. Business, culture, assimilation, religion, politics and controversy all found a place on those two-thousand acres until Johnson’s death in 1865.

**FEB 22 “Suffer and Be Strong”, The Wakarusa War of 1855**, by *Eric Smallwood, Site Administrator of Constitution Hall State Historic Site* Five years before South Carolina seceded from the Union, military units of northern and southern Americans faced off against one another on the field of battle over the political issue of slavery for the first time, in the opening act of what we now call “Bleeding Kansas”. Though it was nearly bloodless, the “Wakarusa War”, as it would come to be known, was a dark omen of things to come for the next decade of American history, and was where many of the leading figures of Bleeding Kansas began to gain their fame.

**MAR 1 Lincoln in Kansas**, by *Carol D. Ayers, M.L.S., M.A., and author.* In December 1859, Abraham Lincoln traveled to Kansas to give his first campaign speech for the presidency and to help Republican candidates vie successfully in the upcoming election. Though often overlooked, this visit held important historical significance. Lincoln was very connected to Kansas as it formed its first Republican Party, and was supportive of its victorious fight against slavery within its borders.



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# FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>Sunday Morning Wor- ship Ser- vices 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Face- book Live</p> <p><b>Bleeding Kansas Series</b> 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>1</p> <p><b>Bleeding Kansas Series</b> 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reading the Bible with Angela 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Cruising Cupboard</b> 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. LUMC Parking Lot</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>15</p> <p><b>Bleeding Kansas Series</b> 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Reading the Bible with Angela 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Blue and Gold Scout Banquet 5:30– 7:00 p.m. LUMC Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> 5:30 p.m. LUMC Sanctuary</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Food Pantry</b> 7:30 a.m. To 10:30 a.m. LUMC basement</p> <p><b>Clothes Closet</b> 9:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. Lecompton Pride Building</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>SCOUT SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>Bleeding Kansas Series</b> 2:00 p.m Constitution Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Reading the Bible with Angela 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Community Dinner</b> 4:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Bible Study with Allyson Christman</b> 9:00 a.m. Zoom\</p>

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### Scout Sunday

Celebrated at LUMC on **Sunday, February 22nd**

### Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet

Monday, February 16th from 5:30-7:00 at LUMC Fellowship Hall

If you would like to support our scouts and see the awards they have earned through the sponsorship of LUMC, please come and bring a covered dish to share!

If you would like to sign up for an electronic version of The Umbrella or if you have news to send, email Sally Landoll at:

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