



# THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

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**January 2021**

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**

**9:30 a.m. Facebook Live**

**Children's Message is Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live**

Sally Landoll, editor

## **"It has been an honor..."**

When Donna and I were appointed to Lecompton UMC in the summer of 2017, my goal was to stay until I retired from full-time ministry in the UMC. That goal will be reached as of June 30, 2021.

It is a bit earlier than we anticipated because, at 63, I am still just a spring chicken. (Ha!) However, with the additional stress the pandemic has placed on all of us, it feels like two or three years has been squeezed into this past nine months. We have aged, and not necessarily like fine wine. So, with the blessing of the Bishop, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and the LUMC Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (PPRC), we will step aside and step away at the end of this appointive year.

Bishop Saenz' appointive cabinet has already begun the discernment process by which new pastoral assignments are made for the upcoming appointive year. As the Topeka/Flint Hills District Superintendent, Rev. Jenny Collins is part of that cabinet. She and I have discussed the great work which continues to be done in the Lecompton UMC mission field, its history, and the future possibilities. It is my pledge to you to work with Rev. Collins, the PPRC, and the incoming pastor to make the transition as smooth as possible.

As some of you know, we have purchased a home in Excelsior Springs, MO, which is about 15-20 minutes from our kids and grandkids in Liberty, MO. They say three moves is as good as a fire. If that is the case, Donna and I have been thoroughly scorched in our time together! Hopefully, this will be our final move before they put us away for good.

It has been an honor to be your pastor and a part of this unique community. Early in my pastoral career, I learned that the two are not mutually exclusive. A pastor does not serve just a church. A pastor serves the mission field which includes a church. Donna and I will always pray for you and for the expansion of the Kingdom of God in and around Lecompton, KS. Please include us in your prayers, as well as the Bishop and his cabinet during this process. This will be, without too much question, the most difficult appointive year in the UMC's history in the past 50 years.

We are not done yet, though! There is still lots of work to do in the next five to six months, as we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community.

Blessings on your head!

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Whoever pursues  
righteousness  
and love finds  
life, prosperity  
and honor.

-Proverbs 21:21



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*Happy  
Anniversary*

Bob & Mary Sue Christman  
Jeff & Tammy Morris



### **Spreading the Good News**

Pastor Rob's Podcast "Turning Home" is receiving a lot of listens from people around the world. Where are some of these listeners you might ask? Well, here are some of the locations and number of listeners:

Clichy, Ile-de-France— 27  
Germantown, MD— 15  
San Francisco, CA— 6  
Gravesend, NY— 3  
Gilbert, AZ— 3  
Moscow, Russia— 3  
Austin, TX— 3

Lawrence, KS— 18  
Topeka, KS— 6  
Lake Stevens, WA— 6  
Diemen, Holland— 3  
Chicago, IL— 3  
Clearfield, PA— 3

### **Wednesday Night Study with Deb**

Book Study at 6:00pm Wednesday evenings. Meeting in the Progressive classroom in the basement. Social distancing and masks are REQUIRED.

### **Saturday Morning Study with Allyson**

"The Very Good Gospel" by Lisa Sharon Harper is being read and discussed on Saturdays at 9am via Zoom. Contact [allybtcam@gmail.com](mailto:allybtcam@gmail.com) if you'd like to join.



## Nurture and Outreach News

December is a busy time for the Nurture and Outreach Team and they would like to extend their thanks to the community at large for their participation in the Adopt-A-Family mission, the Choice Food Pantry, and the Clothes Closet. These ministries take a lot of time for everyone involved and could not be done without the support of our community.

For the December Pantry on Saturday, December 19th, we had over 52 families pick up their food boxes and 19 of the Adopt A Family families come to get their gifts. All families received several boxes of food and one of those boxes included a ham and other meat items. We had a mixed box containing fresh produce, fruits, dairy items, and more meat items. Each Adopt-A-Family family received a blanket and a bath towel. Families also received a half gallon of milk and bread products. Hats, gloves, and other assorted clothing items were also available for families to take as needed.

Harvester's and Just Food have really come through for our food bank. Time and again, they deliver much needed items in just the right time.

Although delayed, Harvester's delivered over 3,300 pounds of items for the pantry. They delivered dairy and meat items that we were able to give out right away. They also delivered the items that we typically have to go and shop for, so this delay saved us some time. Thank you to Mary Sue and Ron for unloading and unpacking the refrigerated and freezer items.

Just Food provided milk, senior commodity boxes, diapers, and many other high need items. Thank you Rose, for picking up those items and bringing them to the church.

The week leading up to the Pantry and Adopt A Family was busy with wrapping gifts, checking our lists more than twice and filling shopping lists for pick up. Lots of helpers make the work manageable. Thank you to all the wrappers, double checkers, and box stuffers. This ministry is one that takes a lot of energy and we appreciate all the willing helpers.

On Saturday morning, we had Greg and Mary Sue plus their two grandchildren, Kenny and Linda, Heather, Robin, Deanna, Maddy, Pastor Rob, Mary Sue, Linda and Mary Jane.

The monetary funds to serve our families has always been a blessing, but the community really came through in force this year. Since everything for Adopt A Family had to be purchased by a few people, those funds were put to good use to serve 20 families this season. We were certainly blessed to be able to make the holidays a little better for these families.

2021 is currently an empty page, but who is to say that some of our ministries might well fill the pages of your new year. The Nurture and Outreach Team is always looking for volunteers. Here is a little more information on the ministries they work on:

### The Choice Food Pantry

This ministry serves those living in the Perry-Lecompton School district or in the 66050 zip code area. The Nurture and Outreach group is busy accepting donations, shopping, and organizing the pantry for the third Saturday of each month. Volunteers are always needed for the Saturday pickup day as the time from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. is busy with restocking and assisting those families who come for their food items. If you are in need of assistance or would like to offer your assistance, please call Mary Jane Hoffer at 785-887-6395.

### LUMC Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is another way that you can volunteer. The Clothes Closet is always in need of clothing items, bath or kitchen towels, linens, or curtains. If you have some gently used items or new items that you would like to donate, you are always welcome to drop them off at the church. If you are wanting to assist with organization on one of the days the closet is open, please let Mary Jane Hoffer or Karmell Thacker (785-766-6603). The Clothes Closet is located on the 3rd Floor of the Lecompton Pride Building.

## A Special Gift for Adopt-A- Family

A donor dropped off the below item with this card.



**A very special boy will be very happy this Christmas! Thank you to the anonymous donor, your gift was appreciated.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 <b>Saturday Morning Study</b> 9:00 a.m. Zoom
3	4	5	6 <b>Kid's Message</b> 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live <b>Bible Study with Deb Fuston</b> 6:00 p.m. Progressives Classroom	7	8	9 <b>Saturday Morning Study</b> 9:00 a.m. Zoom
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