



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

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402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



June 2021

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

9:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook Live

“Moving on”

Reality has set in. We are moving! That fact wasn't really real until boxes began to appear everywhere. Boxes filled with things to be moved away, to be given away, to be thrown away. I sit among them now, hoping they go to the right places! They are labelled with black magic markings: “office”, “kitchen”, “downstairs”, “upstairs”. Some have been crossed through a time or two, from previous moves. And now, to a new reality.

The reality is...I've moved before, but never retired. As consolation, it is a retirement to Paradise! I've taken a half-time appointment to Paradise UMC near Smithville, MO. Supposedly, this will satisfy my preaching habit and still allow plenty of time for fishing, golf, piddlin' around the house, and playing with grandchildren.

Our reality here began in the summer of 2017. I could give you some statistics, like new members, baptisms, finances, improvements, etc., from then till now—(we're really good with stats in the UMC!)—but I won't. Really, they don't mean as much to me now as they did then. One of the best things I have learned from the game of golf is this: leave the course in better shape than you found it. Hopefully, that is the case as Donna and I leave this course to you.

The reality is...we've spent 40% of our time in ministry here with you in Lecompton, USA, and it is difficult to imagine a new reality. If the pandemic has taught us anything, though, it's that we can survive new realities, new ways of doing things, if we have hope for what we don't see and wait for it with patience. In other words, trust in the reality that is God.

Please welcome the Kim's with the same grace and love you have shown us over these past four years. They are like brand new shiny pennies, bursting with energy and excitement straight from the Holy Spirit! I can't wait to see the new reality they will bring to LUMC and this mission field!

We will be just up the road a few miles and will look back over our shoulders from time to time to see how you're doing. You will be remembered fondly, prayed for often, and loved always. Really.

Blessings on your heads!

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Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD,
plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.

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Happy Birthday!

Brenda Bohannon
Samantha Hackathorn
Tre Haynes
Mitch O'Trimble
John Fuston
Katie Stewart
Sean Welch
Jeannie Vestal
Bo Hartford
Cheyanne Morris
Todd Christman
Steven Kirk
Zach Hathaway
Sarah Howard
David Robles
Graci Folks
Tammy Fowler
Evelyn Willis
Lily Haynes
Donna Feistner
Anne Hathaway
Maddie Welch
Trisha Hoffer
Barth Burgin
Carl Bahnmaier
Kevin Maxey
Mark Bartling
Justin Mullins
Colten Dark
Hannah (Denton) Stark
Jessica Hodson
Kaleb Confer
Jamie Maxey
Jack Newlin
Debi(Bauman)Christiansen
Brad Christman
Shawn Martin
Tim Morris
Jessye Schumann
Mary Lou Morris
Brett Hoffer
Robin Saylor



Riley Hoffer
Daniel Howard
Weston Klein
Nick Morris

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Sherilyn Driver
John & Susie Hackathorn
Bob & Janet Bauman
Bob & Nicole Apprill
Eric & Roxann (Mullins) Eveland
Frank & Angela Carter
Kevin & Tammy Fowler



Don't Forget Territorial Days 2021 is June 12th from Noon- 7:00 p.m. Events include mural dedication, hay bale toss, frog and turtle races, cornhole, disc golf, cake walk, kids games and more! The Territorial Day committee is also looking for volunteers for the event and can offer free vouchers to Empty Nesters and Aunt Netties for volunteering! Contact Morgan Shockley- Haney at 785-760-7263. See you there!



Perry City-Wide Garage Sale Weekend Friday, 6/4 and Saturday, 6/5

**Huge Sale with 53 families and 3 Estates Donating
219 Oak Street
Perry UMC Activity Center**

Friday- priced as marked
Saturday- 1/2 price from 8-noon
\$1 bag sale from noon to 4 p.m.

Biscuits & Gravy with coffee/homemade cherry sweet rolls for the morning,
lunch Sloppy Joes/chips, water

Preorder your homemade cherry sweet rolls to cathouse4000@hotmail.com

Nurture and Outreach Team

By The Numbers:

For the month of May, we served **43 families** equal to about **130 individuals**.

Thank you to Kathy Paslay, Robin Sayler, Susie Hackathorn, and Lynda Berendson for filling the shopping lists ahead of time. This is really helpful.

The Clothes Closet will be open on June 19th from 9:00 a.m.—Noon. The Turning Point organization continues to assist us with this mission. Thank you all.

Many thanks...

To Mary Sue, Linda, Rose, Pastor Rob, Robin and many others for helping out before, during, and after the Pantry.

Pantry day started around 6:30 a.m. and involved filling lists, delivering boxes to vehicles, and restocking shelves. We were a little low on helpers, but we managed to work it all out. This was Pastor Rob's last pantry. He will be missed next month.

Thank you, Pastor Rob, for all your support of this ministry.

Choice Food Pantry

The next pantry and Clothes Closet will be June 19th.

For the May pantry we were able to give away milk, eggs, bread, meats from Just Food. We also picked up mixed boxes of Farmers to Families, bread, and milk from Harvesters the day before the pantry. Thank Mary Sue, Haley, and Re-

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♥ Deuteronomy 12:15



Thank you to Mary Jane Hoffer, Mary Sue Sledd, Linda Smith, Karmell Thack and the rest of the Nurture and Outreach Team for all you do for the Lecompton United Methodist Church and for the community!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Service 9:30 a.m. In person and on Facebook Live	31	1	2 Kid's mes- sage with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study with Deb 6:00 p.m.	3	4 Perry City Wide Garage Sale	5 Perry City Wide Garage Sale Saturday Morning Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom
6	7	8 The Best Yes Small Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Room behind the piano	9 Kid's mes- sage with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study with Deb 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Territorial Days Downtown Lecompton Noon- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Morn- ing Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom
13 Retirement Re- ception for Pastor Rob Immediately fol- lowing 9:30 a.m. service	14	15	16 Kid's mes- sage with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study with Deb 6:00 p.m.	17 Flag Day	18	19 God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry 7:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Church Base- ment LUMC Clothes Closet 9 a.m.—Noon Lecompton Pride Building 3rd Floor Saturday Morn- ing Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom
20 Father's Day	21	22 The Best Yes Small Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Room be- hind the pi- ano	23 Kid's mes- sage with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study with Deb 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Saturday Morning Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom
27 Special Guest Speaker Jacob Martin, Director of Youth Dis- cipleship at Topeka First UMC, will be giving the ser- mon on this day!	28	29	30 Kid's mes- sage with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study with Deb 6:00 p.m.	1	2	3 Saturday Morning Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom

New Pastor and Wife coming to Lecompton in July!

Pastor Kim and his wife Yeokyeong will reside in the parsonage close to the church. We are blessed to have another pastor living in the community, as this is becoming the anomaly for small town appointments in our area. Pastor Kim indicated his ministry passion is working with a community and he was particularly excited about our food pantry for the community. Yeokyeong and Pastor Kim both enjoy music and are looking forward to being a part of the music ministry. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Kim and Yeokyeong. They will be arriving in our community on July 1st. Their first Sunday will July 4th.



News Stories from the Great Plains UMC Conference Website

The Conference website had a couple of news stories I thought you might be interested in reading. To read them in their entirety go to: [News \(greatplainsumc.org\)](https://www.greatplainsumc.org/news)

Summer camps return for '21 in several different forms

Written by David Burke on 5/12/2021

After a year of virtual camping, outreach efforts, and no camping at all, the five camps of the Great Plains Conference are making a comeback for the summer of 2021.

Camp Chipewa, near Ottawa, Kansas and Camp Horizon, near Arkansas City, KS are both offering DIY- "Do It yourself"— camps this summer in June and July. Rather than bringing in campers from throughout southern Kansas to interact with each other, groups are encouraged to come to camp as cohorts from their own church. For more information visit www.campchippewa.org 785-242-6797 or www.horizoncenter.org 620-442-5533

Re-engaging after our pandemic induced exiles

Written by Todd Seifert on 5/11/2021

As we come nearer to being able to return to life from our in-home exiles, Todd Seifert, conference communications director, has embarked on a new series for the "In Layman's Terms" podcast focused on rebuilding our society and our spiritual disciplines.

Using the stories from the Old Testament history books of Ezra and Nehemiah, the goal is to share stories about how people and churches are preparing to re-engage with their congregations, their communities, and with God through their own faith practices.

Are you or your church doing something to prepare? Help him tell more stories of re-gathering with beloved church members and connecting with people not yet part of the family of believers by sending an email to Todd at tseifert@greatplainsumc.org. He plans to provide more episodes in June.

For now, catch up by listening to some of the recorded episodes at [IN LAYMAN'S TERMS \(podbean.com\)](https://www.inlaymans.com)

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PASTOR: One who serves with patience, love, and sacrifice; a coworker of God.

THANK YOU

FOR YOU LEADERSHIP,
YOUR FAITHFULNESS,
AND YOUR HEART

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

**JOIN us in a celebration of Pastor Rob's service
here at Lecompton United Methodist Church
Reception for Pastor Rob will be Sunday, June 13th
immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service**

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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