



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Changhyung Kim

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



March 2024 Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

9:30 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/ Church Website

Sunday School for **Adults** led by Heather Schneider; for **children** led by YK, Angela, and April

Sabbath!

This month's Pastoral Article began with a question from a church member.

"Hey Pastor, Working on the sabbath? How does one that is a rancher or a farmer abide by this when we need to care for the cattle?"

I'm sure rancher or farmer, as well as every Christian who has to work on Sunday, has considered this question. My wife is also a medical worker, and there are days when she has to work on Sunday! How do we celebrate the Lord's Day, and what does the Sabbath mean in our lives today?

Considering that in the past, most small businesses and shops were closed on Sundays, we live in a completely different reality these days! There is no "this is how you should do it" answer to this question. Shabbat is a topic that needs to be interpreted from many different angles, all of which individuals or families need to take into account and apply in a way that is sustainable for them.

I'd like to introduce a few perspectives on the Sabbath.

Lord day vs Work day

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy" (Exodus 20:8) The first perspective on keeping the Sabbath as a holy Lord's day is the choice between a holy Lord's day and a money-making day. Making money is never a bad thing; labor is a noble thing that involves responsibility and love. But making money often drives us to seek more and want more. That's the inherent power of capitalism and money. Because of this, making money can lead us to value money more than God, and that's very common. "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (Matt 6:24) The key is to proclaim and live out that God is always more important in our lives than money.

There are several ways to accomplish this. You could do what Chick-fil-A did and close your business on Sunday. But if working on Sundays is unavoidable, I recommend making sure you have worship and holy time and creating special discipline in how you spend your money. For example, you can use the money you earn on Sundays for a special purpose, or you can use it more actively from a generosity perspective.

However, I disagree with the literal, legalistic observance of the Sabbath. The strongest model for rejecting it is Jesus. *Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" (Luke 6:9) So, keeping the Sabbath holy goes beyond the small concept of a cessation of economic activity to a proclamation that God is the master of the universe, and is more deeply connected to our calling to share divine life.*

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Pastoral Message Continued

Sabbath is a REST

The first Sabbath is found in God resting on the last day after creating the heavens and the earth. In the Old Testament, God gave the Israelites the Sabbath because there was no rest and restoration in their lives. They had lived as slaves in Egypt for 400 years and had lost all of Sabbath and rest. The aforementioned work of making money does not bring rest and sabbath to our lives; its very nature, which makes us seek more, easily leads to exploitation and burnout and overwork, and that can apply not only to others but also to ourselves. God wants us and makes us to be well rested, restored, and sometimes pause to live out our journey. Therefore, the Sabbath is not a passive, repressed day that prevents us from doing work, but an active day of rest and restoration.



Happy
Anniversary

Craig and Sherri Neill
David and Michelle Fuston
David and Lauren Brown



CHILI FEED AT LUMC Fellowship Hall, March 16, 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M

Gregg Sledd will be making his famous Fire House Chili
Free will donations to the church general budget

Dine in or carry out available Drinks and
desserts available as well

Thank you all for a successful taco dinner in February. We had many helpers for the dinner and enjoyed seeing everyone that stopped by. Thank you all for your support of these community dinners. We raised \$1015 for the General Fund. Our church is very blessed.

Church-Wide work day, April 27th at 9am. There is a To-Do list posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

All helping hands are welcome!

Beginning April 1, there will be a \$50 suggested usage fee for anyone wanting to use the Church/Fellowship Hall for events, ie., birthdays, anniversaries, showers, family dinners, etc. To book a date for use, please contact Kim Stewart at 785-213-5760 or kimstewart5@yahoo.com

Weekly Bible Study Groups

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

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

Wednesday Evening, Starting Feb. 21st: 6:00 p.m. led by Pastor Kim

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

Rhonda Banks
Barbara Sanford
Jonathan Mathews
Carlene Barkley
Randy Hartford
Chad Dark
Brad Sledd
Jacob Hetrick
Lori Jeter
Debbie Fuston
Doug Bahnmaier
Melanie Cox
Abbi Folks
Charity Morris
Dawn Smoker
Kelli Hartford
Julie Kellogg
Frances Sanford
Michelle Simmons
Charlene Winter
Emily Fogelsong
Tim McLees
Sherri Neill
Mary Sue Christman
Linda Foltz
Thom Gibson
Norma Jeane Miller
John Bylaska
Mary Ice
Caden Rossillon
Dorran Mullins
Sarah Stauffer
Bethany Wells
Chantel Heinen
Samantha Newlin
Bradley O'Trimble
Penny Bahret

Nurture and Outreach Team News

By The Numbers:

Total Households served by the Pantry in February: 62

Total Individuals: 163

The Clothes Closet was also open. They had 10 families come in and shop. Thank you to Gina Clement, Karmell Thacker, and all of their helpers.

Noisy Sunday Donations:

January: \$158 February: \$107.51



Work leading up the pantry...

Tuesday, February 13th: We filled 46 shopping lists that were turned in early. Thank you to Robin Sayler, Mary Lou Morris, Jacque Hale, Georgia Trammel, and Linda Gerdes. You ladies are amazing.

Pantry Day, February 16th: It was another successful pantry. A big thank you to Mary Sue Sledd, Heather Schneider, Linda Smith, Kenny Smith, Pastor Kim, Royall Hoffer, Robin Sayler, and Sally Landoll. All had their jobs to perform this brisk morning. The Clothes Closet was also busy. Thank you everyone for all your help.

Harvester's Deliveries...

Wednesday, February 7th: LUMC received 698 pounds of product from KC web order and 335 pounds from the Topeka shoppers floor. Thank you to Robin Sayler, Jamie Maxey and her two sons Levi and Jace for getting everything into freezers and onto shelves or on pallets. Robin also stayed to rebag some products. We are one step closer to being ready for filling shopping lists.

Wednesday, February 14th: We received 652 pounds plus a few cold items from the Topeka shoppers floor. The second delivery from the KC web order came later in the day. Thank you to Robin, Jamie and Katlin for organizing, moving, and emptying pallets. Mary Jane was able to get the frozen items into the freezers.

Wednesday, February 21st: Thank you to Scott Norris and Robin Sayler for the assistance in bringing in the Harvesters delivery. We were able to get some items rebagged and produce was put out under the carport for families to use.

Good health, good LUCK
& happiness
For today and every day.



Irish Blessing

Each year, Mary Jane Hoffer receives a report from Harvester's on the distributions made to our church and organizations in the Douglas County area. This is an excerpt from that report.

Report from Harvesters
Agency Data Table: County and Agency Data
Calendar Year 2023

	Lecompton United Methodist -
Total households served	788
Total individuals served	6,065
Adults	1,250
Children	737
Seniors	4,078
Total pounds acquired from Harvesters	51,611 pounds
Total meals distributed from food acquired from Harvesters through <u>Lecompton United Methodist</u>	43,009 meals (One meal= 1.2 pounds of food)
Total meals distributed from food acquired from Harvesters in Douglas County, KS	1,489,288 Meals (One meal= 1.2 pounds of food)

Trends:

Total Agency Distribution	Households
2021	705 households
2022	738 households
2023	788 households

Understanding Agency Data Table:

In 2023, your agency acquired 51,611 pounds of food and household goods from Harvesters valued at \$99,609.10.

Note: The value of food is determined by Feeding America based on the average wholesale value of food acquired from all sources. For 2023, that value was \$1.93/ pound.

There are 19 Harvesters network partnering food programs operating in Douglas County, KS.



The choir will be singing in some of our Sunday services throughout March and will share song selections during the Easter Service.

HOLY WEEK Schedule

ALL Services are open to Big Springs and Lecompton communities

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28th, 6:00 p.m., Big Springs UMC

Good Friday Service, March 29th, 6:00 p.m., Lecompton UMC

Easter Sunrise Service: 6:45 a.m., Lecompton Democratic Headquarter.

Easter Sunday Morning Service: 8:30 a.m. Big Springs UMC / 9:30 a.m. Lecompton UMC

EASTER EGG HUNT

Ages: PreK-5th Grade

Saturday March 30th 10:00 am Sharp	Lecompton City Park
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> PLEASE BRING YOUR BASKET <

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:30 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live	26	27	28 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	29	1	2
3 Bleeding Kansas Program 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall	4	5	6 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	7 Cruising Cupboard 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. LUMC Parking Lot	8	9 Saturday Book Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom
10 Daylight Savings, set clocks forward one hour	11	12	13 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	14	15	16 God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. LUMC basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building 3rd Floor
17	18	19	20 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	21 LUMC Community Dinner 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. LUMC Fellowship Hall	22	23 Saturday Book Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom
24/31 March 24, Palm Sunday March 31, Easter Sunday See note about Holy Week services	25	26	27 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	28	29	30

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Fall Back, Spring Forward

Daylight Savings happens on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 a.m.
Remember to set your clock forward one hour before going to
bed on Saturday night.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke
alarm!



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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