



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Rob Ernest

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



May 2021

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Facebook Live

“I am the good shepherd...”

This article is being written before the last Sunday in April. The Gospel lectionary reading for that Sunday is John 10:11-18. Many know verse 11 by heart, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” The “I am” in that statement is, of course, Jesus comforting his followers with the knowledge that he will always be there to protect them from the wolves of the world even to the point of laying down his own life for them.

Donna and I have recently added a shepherd to our lives. His name is Buddy, and he is a miniature Australian Shepherd, although I have since learned that the breed did not originate in Australia, but rather right here in North America. He is full of vim and vinegar and needs lots of exercise and activities so that he doesn't get bored and chew up everything in sight. Just perfect for an old couple on the brink of retirement, right? Ha!

He does live up to the “shepherd” in his title. His instinct is to herd us by nipping at our heels and circling us until we go where he wants us to go. And he is the most content when we are all together in one “pen”. He also has shown some protective instincts towards us. Our 7-year-old grandson, Braylon, loves to play-wrestle with me. We were involved in a heated match last weekend when Buddy let it be known with a growl and a bark at Braylon that he was concerned for my welfare. (It won't be long until that concern will be well founded!).

We hope Buddy will grow into an even better shepherd. We're gonna need all the help we can get herding those two grandkids of ours (and I tend to wander off from time to time, so there's that...). He'll never be as good as The Good Shepherd in this Gospel lesson, though. I don't anticipate the need for him to ever lay down his life for mine, although he might just do it. He seems to have the instinct for it.

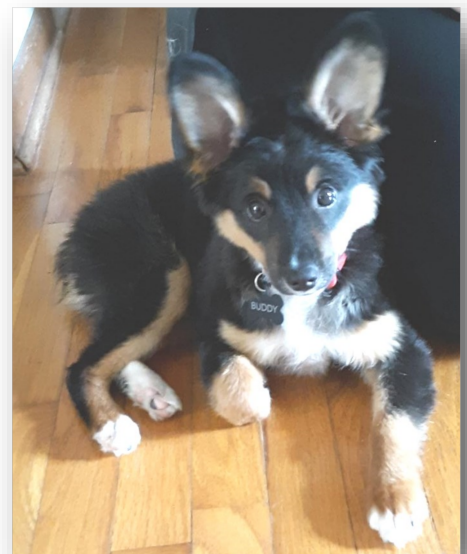
Christ did, by the way, lay down his own life for me...and for you. It was not instinctual. Even though he was fully divine—fully God—he was also fully human, and human beings don't give up their own lives instinctually. To give up one's own life for another is a conscious decision with which even Jesus wrestled. But he did it, and then he took it back again. He had/has the power to do that, which makes him not only a “good shepherd”, but the best shepherd of all.

We think Buddy is going to be a good dog, even a good shepherd.

Even so, it is comforting to know that we have the best shepherd of all watching over us!

Blessings on your head!

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Happy Birthday!

Sabine Schrick
Linda Stauffer
Joshua Morris
Chet Bartling
Lauren Acheson
Dalton Bahnmaier
Chris Fuston
Russell Hoffer
Will Maderos-Treaster
Michelle Cox
Jeff Goodrick
Annie Dark
Jeff DeJaynes
Sierra Morgison
Jennifer Folks
Marissa Bartling
Adam Schrader
Lindsay Bohannon
Earl Bahnmaier
Vickie Marino
Sheila Robles
Susan Wood
Colleen Gehrke
Katheryne Wells
Becky Downs
Linda Smith
Joanna Hetrick
Stephanie Fogelsong
June McAfee
Brooklynn Powell
Ed Daniels
Amanda Hunt
Amira Sayler
Bonner Dark
Adam O'Trimble



Happy Anniversary!

Dave & Barb Babcock
Judy & Junior Jones
Kevin & Stephanie Confer
Jeff & Kristi Hartley
Russell & Mary Jane Hoffer
Dennis & Amber Madden
Bryce & Gina Schumann
Mike & Kim Stewart

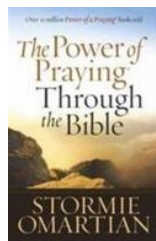
Bible Study Groups

Tuesday Night (every other week)



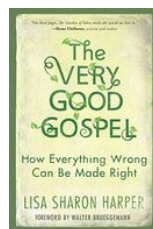
“The Best Yes Small Group Bible Study” by Lysa TerKeurst is being led By Jocelyn Magaha at 5:30 p.m. in The room behind the piano. Contact her at assistantmag@gmail.com

Wednesday Night



“The Power of Praying Through the Bible” by Stormie O’Martian is being led by Deb Fuston in the basement gathering room at 6:00 p.m. Social distancing and masks are required.

Saturday Morning



“The Very Good Gospel” by Lisa Sharon Harper is being led by Allyson Christman on Zoom beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Nurture and Outreach Team News

By The Numbers:

Our food pantry served **48 families** which equates to **151 individuals** during the April Pantry



With Gratitude to all...

As always we have had many helpers working behind the scenes to make the April Pantry a success. Thank you Robin Sayler, Georgia Trammel, Janie Grandstaff, Jacque Hale, June McAfee for preparing the boxes ahead of time and restocking the shelves. This assistance makes the Saturday morning go easier. Thank you to Rose and Mary Jane for picking up the perishable items and senior commodity boxes the Friday before pantry day. Thank you to Mary Sue, Heather Schneider, Linda and Kenny Smith, Pastor Rob, and Robin for all the assistance on Saturday morning. The tasks seem to never end, but the Saturday morning pantry began at 6:30 a.m. and everyone was done by 11:00 a.m. Everyone involved does their part to make things go smoothly. If you are ever in need of something to do the 3rd Saturday of the month, consider stopping by and lending a hand to this mission.



Blessing Boxes

The Blessing Boxes are definitely a blessing to many in the community. They are needing refilled several times a week at all three locations. We are trying to stock with many individual items and single serve items. We have used some of our donations from Harvesters to keep the boxes stocked. Thank you to all who help support these boxes.

The Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is open again and taking donations. They can use Junior clothing for girls and boys. They could also use men's sizes medium, large, and extra large. Of course any clothing in good condition is accepted. Also household linen items or towels would be helpful.

The Rummage Sale was a success; proceeds may be used to purchase some needed items for the closet. Thank you to our 3 helpers from Turning Point and our other community helpers. Thank you to Karmell for her devotion to this mission.

What donations do we receive?

We are now getting a Harvester's delivery twice a month, which provides us with frozen meat items like: hot dogs, bone in ham, assorted chicken items like legs, quarters, or breasts, boneless pork chops, beef and pork patties, and ground beef. We also get some frozen vegetables and fruit from them. Then we also shop at the Harvester's shopping floor to pick up items like bread, cheese, etc.

Just Food in Lawrence also provides assistance. We get canned items, half gallons of milk, eggs, diapers, and the senior commodity boxes.

Then, we have generous donations of money and food items from the community. These funds and items are used to supplement what we get from Harvester's and Just Food. Thank you for all those donations.



New Pastor and Wife coming to Lecompton in July!

The Lecompton Pastor Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Changhyun Kim will be appointed our pastor beginning July 1, 2021. 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.



*"Tend the flock of God
that is in your charge...
And when the chief
shepard appears,
you will win
the crown of glory
that never fades away."
1 Peter 5:2,4*





| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary or on Facebook Live | 26 | 27 | 28 Children's Time with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study 6:0 p.m. Basement Gathering room | 29 | 30 | 1 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Children's Time with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study 6:0 p.m. Basement Gathering room | 6 | 7 | 8 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom |
| 9 Mother's Day | 10 | 11 | 12 Children's Time with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study 6:0 p.m. Basement Gathering room | 13 | 14 | 15 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom PLHS Graduation 10:00 a.m. |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Children's Time with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study 6:0 p.m. Basement Gathering room | 20 | 21 | 22 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom |
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| 30 | 31 Memorial Day | 1 | 2 Children's Time with Pastor Rob 11:00 a.m. Facebook Live Bible Study 6:0 p.m. Basement Gathering room | 3 | 4 | 5 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Zoom |

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Saturday



June 12th!

**HISTORIC LECOMPTON
TERRITORIAL DAYS
2021**

**Frog & Turtle
Races**

**Carnival
Games**

**Disc Golf
Tournament**

**Corn Hole
Tournament**

...and much more! Stay Tuned!

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