



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

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402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



May 2022

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 In-Person/ Facebook Live/On

“Contemplation Prayer & Spiritual Discipline“

“Contemplation is not a form of waiting that is stalling or procrastinating, nor is it sitting with empty heart or succumbing to acedia, the devil of the noonday sun. The waiting that is needed is contemplative prayer that prepares us for a deeper yes to God daily.” (Heuser Roger and Norman Shawchuck, Leading the Congregation” 47)

For Christians, prayer is like breathing, bringing life into the journey of faith. Through prayer, we can know God's plan and heart beyond our thoughts and circumstances and gain new courage and hope. In addition, prayer is the most important means of grace that leads to deep conversation and intimate relationship with God. This month I would like to introduce contemplative prayer, one of the methods of prayer. Silence, meditation, and waiting can be aspects of prayer that are unfamiliar to us. But contemplative prayer, accompanied by silence and deep meditation, invites us into a deeper world of spirituality. As Heuser notes in his book, Contemplation is not about trying to empty our minds in vain. Rather, it is to quietly wait and prepare for God's heart and will to be fulfilled in our lives through prayer. Through contemplative prayer, the center of prayer is shifted from my needs and demands to God's will and heart. Father Thomas Keating taught the following about Centering Prayer (Contemplative prayer):

1. Choose a word.

This word, called a sacred word, should represent your intention to consent to God's presence and action within you. Choose a word in prayer by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. A word of one or two syllables is best, such as God, Jesus, Abba, Father, love, listen, peace, mercy, let go, faith, or trust. Instead of using a word, you may prefer to notice your breath or to glance inwardly toward God's presence. Whatever you select, don't change it during the time of prayer because that would be engaging thoughts.

2. Introduce the word.

Sit comfortably and with your eyes closed. Briefly take the time to settle yourself. Then silently, inwardly, introduce the sacred word.

3. Settle deeply into prayer.

Continue to sit quietly, simply resting in God's presence. As you sit, you may notice sensations in your body, feelings, images, reflections, or other thoughts. As you become aware of these things, gently return to the sacred word.

4. Gently conclude the time of prayer.

At the end of the time of prayer, remain in silence with your eyes closed. Once the prayer is over, gently return to the room by opening your eyes. You may want to end the time of prayer by reciting the Lord's Prayer aloud. (This is especially common if you are praying in a group setting.) (<https://www.faithward.org/centering-prayer-rest-in-god/>)

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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



Happy Anniversary!

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

Community Dinner

Thursday, May 26th

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

LUMC Fellowship Hall

Hot Beef Sandwich, Green Beans, Home-made desserts

Freewill donation

Donations benefit our Scholarship Fund

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians
4:6 (niv)



Weekly Bible Study Groups

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

Wednesday Night: 6:00 p.m. at LUMC Basement led by Deb Fuston

Thursday Night: 6:00 p.m. at LUMC Room behind the Piano led by Pastor Changhyun

Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. on Zoom led by Allyson Christman allybtcam@gmail.com

Nurture and Outreach Team News

By The Numbers:

Our food pantry served **58 families** which equates to **161 individuals** during the April Pantry. The May pantry will be May 21st from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the LUMC basement.

Cruising Cupboard

The Cruising Cupboard assisted 11 families equal to 21 individuals in April. The next Cruising Cupboard will be May 5th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the LUMC parking lot.

Behind the Scenes...

As always we had many busy days leading up to the pantry.

Tuesday, April 12th and Wednesday, April 13th, Jacque Hale, Georgia Trammel, Mary Lou Morris, Susie Hackathorn, Robin Saylor and Lynda Berendsen filled 42 shopping lists for Saturday morning.

Thursday, April 14th brought our Harvester's delivery and Robin Saylor, Thomas and Ron Thacker brought in the food and restocked the shelves in preparation for Saturday.

On Friday, April 15th, Highland Dairy arrived with our dairy products for Saturday. A trip to the Harvester's shopping floor brought more items. Finally, a trip to Just Food helped round out our offerings for the pantry.

On Saturday, April 16th, a last minute trip to pick up bread items and white cheddar mac and cheese finished the shopping.

We had a lot to offer our families on Saturday morning including their choice of half gallon whole or 2% milk, cottage cheese, assorted 6 oz. cartons of yogurt, sliced cheeses, soft butter spreads, or butter sticks. We also had some 14" flour tortillas and eggs. For meat items, shoppers could choose a pound of burger, package of hot dogs, or a package of ham end pieces. We also had bags of partially cooked sausage/pork patties, and a choice of half spiral ham, half of a home not sliced or a whole chicken. For fruits, they had the choice of frozen raspberries or blueberries. We also had bananas from Just Food and a case of apples to share.

Thank you to Heather Schneider, Linda Smith, Kenny Smith, Robin Saylor, Pastor Kim and YK for helping out on Saturday.

The Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet helped 3 families in April. The Closet will be open on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please no clothing donations at this time.

The Rummage Sale was a success, \$500 was raised. Thank you to Karmell Thacker, Gina Clements, Lynda Berendsen, and Rosalie Banks for all the work of moving clothing items to and from the stage and hallways. Gina, Karmell, and others worked many hours to make this event happen. Thank you all!

Special Thanks to Gina Schuman and Two Trails Beef for the generous donation of 170 pounds of ground beef to the pantry. The beef was prepackaged in one pound freezer packs. This will make distribution that much easier. Thank you for this donation Gina and family, your blessing will go a long way!

Thank you to the community for your continued support of the pantry with you time and monetary donations.



Historic Notes

The present Lecompton United Methodist Church began as a United Brethren Church, then after a merge with the Evangelical Church was the Lecompton Evangelical United Brethren Church. Eventually after another merge or two, became the Lecompton United Methodist Church. Following is a continuing excerpt from the Lecompton United Methodist Church History written by Joe and Ruth (King) Stauffer in 1991. The original document is in the archives at the Territorial Capital Museum in Lecompton. [The former Lane University building]. This segment contains a description the church split because of disagreement over allowing members to join secret societies [lodges, etc.]

"In 1888, Pastor Jeff Lewis reported on a growing church, from 321 members to 377 in just one year. There was a Sunday School membership of 200. The following year it dropped sharply due to outside influences. The General Conference voted to allow church members to belong to secret orders, so that they could carry life insurance for their families' protection. Each local church was to be allowed to vote on the ruling. The Lecompton Church voted 87 for the resolution and 28 against it; so, it was accepted as an order of the church. Twelve or fifteen old members and their families immediately withdrew their memberships and were called 'seceders.'

The seceders convened an annual conference at Lecompton. September 26, 1889. That increased the spirit of dissension. An injunction was served by them [seceders] upon certain individuals, the pastor included, restraining them from using the Lane Chapel until a final hearing could be held November 11, 1889. This kept the pastor, J. H. Snyder from holding his last church service of that period. The succeeders then organized the Radical United Brethren Church and built themselves a wooden church on the north edge of the Lane University dormitory property (Hotel Rowena) and held church services there. That building later burned and was replaced by a stone structure which is the current Lecompton Community Building.

In 1889, [after the final hearing and injunction was lifted] Dr. Snyder was reassigned to the Lecompton charge and the year progressed without any further repercussions from the previous year's troubles. At this time, the [United Brethren] conference acknowledged that the local church had a \$3,000 interest in the Lane University College Chapel. However, there had been some uneasiness in the church group because Rev. Weller, the college president, wished to remove the college from Lecompton, destroy it, or start another college in another town. Weller was replaced as president and he went to Enterprise, Kansas to start Enterprise College. That college was not accepted by the conference and so lasted only about a year.'

This is the last excerpt of the 1991 King/Stauffer History by Elsie Middleton, Church Historian
[] Editor's note for clarification.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Services 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 In-Person/ Facebook Live/On Demand	2	3	4 Deb's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. LUMC Basement Gathering Room	5 <i>Cruising Cupboard</i> 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	6	7 Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Deb's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. LUMC Basement Gathering Room	12	13	14 Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom PLHS Graduation 1:00 p.m.
15	16	17	18 Deb's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. LUMC Basement Gathering Room	19	20	21 Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. LUMC basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building 3rd Floor
22	23	24	25 Deb's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. LUMC Basement Gathering Room	26 Community Dinner 4:00-7:00 p.m. LUMC Fellowship Hall	27	28 Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom
29	30 Memorial Day	31	1 Deb's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. LUMC Basement Gathering Room	2	3	4 Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom

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