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Lecompton United Methodist Church

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**November 2020**

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**

Sally Landoll, editor

Facebook Live starts at 9:20, service begins at 9:30

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**“Celebrating the Life of Our Church”**

As I mentioned in the last writing, our annual Charge Conference is this month. For our church, it is a time to collect for history and the Great Plains Annual Conference what we did this past year and try to prepare for what we are going to do next year. Again, I will miss being with our members on the ride over and back, worshipping together, and seeing folks from the other churches which would be represented. And I will...miss all of that.

Unfortunately, I will not miss the paperwork. It survives, even during COVID. Forms, copies of forms, copies of copies of forms, committee meetings, team meetings, minutes of meetings, numbers, averages, budgets, mission, plans, visions, nominations, policies, care of members, care of assets, parsonage reviews.... One would think after 10 years on the job, this would become old hat, but it has not. Not that these things are so difficult that a numbskull like me cannot do them, I just don't like to. God called me to preach, teach and advance the Gospel, not to fill out reports and analyze statistical data.

On the other hand...

It is good to know that LUMC has provided new ways to worship during this pandemic season. Through Facebook Live, YouTube, podcasts, the website, and call-in availability, many who would have never heard the Gospel now have and can.

It is good to acknowledge the adaptability of LUMC's God's Choice Healthy Food Pantry and Clothes Closet so that these essential ministries continue to feed the hungry and clothe the naked; and that we can learn new technologies by which to conduct meetings and stay in touch with each other.

It is good to report that necessary work is being done to the physical plant while it stands idle, that eight people have joined the LUMC membership rolls since our last Charge Conference, and that four members have been added to the Heavenly membership roll.

These are just a few of the items which you might find on the 2020 Charge Conference Report.

Of course, like any good Methodist, I enjoy a good executive summary of budgetary information as much as the next good Methodist. So, if you would like to see what goes into the making of an annual Charge Conference Report, last year's is available on the website, [www.lecomptonumc.org](http://www.lecomptonumc.org), and this year's is coming soon. A printed copy can be yours upon request!

Still, as difficult as it is for me to say, I will miss Charge Conference the way it used to be. But I can always do without the paperwork.

Blessings on yer noggins!

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Birthday !*

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Josh Hackathorn Ryan Stauffer  
Justin Marino Nicole Stauffer  
Alissa Stark Gary LaDuke  
Roxann Eveland Kristy Sanford  
Terri Morris Kevin Kibbee  
Marla Bailey Janelle Carey



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Sarah Wise  
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Mikaela Daniels  
Cameron Christman  
Jessica Christman  
Tyler Christman  
Amy Bunce  
Travis Collins  
Dylan Schumann

*Happy  
Anniversary*

Rance & Sharron Roberts  
Keith & Lila Van Horn  
Paul & Sharon O'Trimble  
Dwight & Gwen Denton



## Fellowship

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Debbie Fuston is hosting a group in the city park AND ZOOM at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The book currently being studied is "Lead Me, Holy Spirit" by Stormie Omartian. We will explore other options as darkness is coming sooner and the weather is getting colder.

### Saturday Morning Bible Study

Allyson Christman is hosting a book study using Zoom. The current book study is "Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart For Racial Reconciliation" by Latasha Morrison. Join us via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.



**Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st. Remember to Fall back one hour on Sunday morning.**

### Lecompton Pride Rummage Sale

The Lecompton Pride group is gearing up for the 2021 Rummage Sale in March. If you have items that you would like to donate, you can drop off at the East side of the building, as weather permits. We cannot accept computers, tv's, or car seats. Please do not leave broken or damaged items.

Thank you,  
Kathy Paslay

## Nurture and Outreach Team Ministries

The Nurture and Outreach Committee: Mary Jane, Linda, Mary Sue, Mary Lou, and Karmell

### Supporting the Lecompton Community

Our monthly food pantry assisted **50 families** which equates to **155 individuals** in our community this last month.

We are able to provide fresh produce from local farmers like Carolyn and Bob and Jamin. Just Food and Harvester's provides many fresh items as well. The pantry also provides meat items, canned foods, as well as many other staples.

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry.



### Thank You to Our Volunteers

The pantry was a hopping spot. We had Mary Sue Sledd checking families in. Heather Schneider, Deanna Gowing Posik, Linda Surritt Smith, and Rob Ernest were delivering orders to vehicles. Heather commented as she was shopping for one family that she felt like she was on Guy's grocery game rushing to fill orders.

Our helpers are a blessing, their willingness to fill orders, take orders out, and keep the shelves stocked make the process go smoothly and we have a lot of fun too.

Blessings to All!

### Adopt- A-Family 2020

We are working with the elementary schools to gather kiddos names for our annual Adopt-A-Family mission. Due to the uncertainties with when we will be back in the church, we have decided not to do the angel tags this year. We are asking for cash donations to be able to purchase the gifts for the children. After a lot of discussion, we decided this was the safest way for all.

We would like to have all the donations by November 9th, if possible. Adopt- A-Family requests will be in by November 6th.

Gifts will be picked up December 19.

Donations can be mailed to the church, please no cash:

P.O. Box 91

Lecompton, KS 66050

Write Adopt-A- Family in the comments section on the check.

Thank you for your support

### The Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is now open on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

There were a few visitors this past month. Thank you for your support for this ministry as well.

**Thanksgiving Turkeys and Chickens have been ordered in preparation for the November Food Pantry. Donations make these purchases possible. Thank you!**

### Drive- Thru Pantry

We are planning on having the Drive Thru Pantry on Friday, October 30th, but will have to play the Winter months by ear. Please contact Pastor Rob or Mary Jane for future dates.

## Daily Devotion from The Great Plains Conference website:

### Lectionary Text

#### Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

It has been a most difficult year for all our world, and I was touched by this reading from Psalm 90 as I read through the lectionary selections. My eyes kept jumping to the verses that read, "You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'" "Sweep them away; they are like a dream... in the evening it fades and withers."

I find comfort in knowing I am not alone. Millions of people through thousands of years, like me, have the same inclination to complain about current conditions, while around me, manna is fluttering down, water is flowing out of rocks, and quail are running around my ankles.

As a selfish and stiff-necked people, (I love using words from scripture), we are aghast and insulted that anyone or anything would dare to upset our daily routine! Indeed, how are we to wear our fall fashions with a pink and blue mask left from the summer on our faces?

And yet, as we read again the words, we can slide back into the comfort of a loving God. "Lord, you have been our dwelling place for all generations. You satisfy us with your steadfast love, so that we might rejoice and be glad." Close your eyes and lean into God's embrace. I feel my shoulders relax and my spirit soar as prayers and songs of thanksgiving emerge as my focus narrows on the verses of blessings.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases..." "You have made me glad, you have made me glad. I will rejoice for you have made me glad." Indeed, the favor of the Lord is upon us. God has not moved from our homes or removed the Holy Spirit from our lives. Settle back, dear friends, into the strength and joy of our God.

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### Prayer of Reflection

Precious, loving God, your steadfast love never ceases, and we thank you for your comfort and care. Strengthen us when we are weak, silence us when we whine, and lead us into the everlasting joy of your presence. Amen.

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