



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



**November
2025**

Sunday Morning Worship Services

9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/ Church Website

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for **Adults** led by Heather Schneider; for **children** led by Angela Carter

Sally Landoll, editor

Greetings to you all!

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



A Time for Thanks and Reflection

As we step into the month of November, we find ourselves in a season that invites reflection and gratitude. It is a time when we can pause and consider the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, even amid challenges. We are reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." These words are a beautiful call to live lives marked by gratitude, regardless of the circumstances we may find ourselves in.

November brings us into a special time of thanksgiving. This is the month where we intentionally focus on what we are thankful for: family, community, our church, and, most of all, God's never-ending grace. As we gather around tables with loved ones, let us remember that our shared blessings are not only material but also spiritual. In the warmth of fellowship, the kindness of strangers, and the support of each other, we experience God's love in tangible ways.

I encourage each of you to take time this month to reflect on the ways God has worked in your life.

Opportunities for Service and Outreach

As a church, we are called not only to be receivers of God's grace but also to be His hands and feet in the world. In the coming weeks, there will be various opportunities for us to serve the community. I encourage you to take part in our outreach initiatives, whether it be through food drives, visiting those in need, or simply reaching out to someone who may be lonely or struggling.

Let us remember that our Thanksgiving table is not only for those we know, but also for those who are on the margins, who may have no family to share a meal with or no home to gather in. This is a perfect time for us to open our hearts and doors, extending the love of Christ to others.

A Call to Prayer

Finally, I ask you to continue lifting each other up in prayer. Our church family and the wider community need God's presence and guidance now more than ever. Let us pray for peace, healing, and unity in our homes, in our country, and in the world. Let us also pray for strength and courage, that we might be faithful witnesses of God's love and grace in every place we go.

May God bless each of you this November and beyond. May we live lives marked by gratitude, service, and hope as we continue to journey together in faith.

GOD LOVES YOU.

Blessings

Rev. Abraham Mutai

Lecompton & Big Springs UMC

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday, Sunday

*Happy
Birthday !*

Mekenze Christiansen Patricia Christman
Josh Hackathorn Ryan Stauffer
Justin Marino Nicole Stauffer
Alissa Stark Gary LaDuke
Roxann Eveland Kristy Sanford
Terri Morris Kevin Kibbee
Yeokyeong Kim Janelle Carey

Gianna Kim
Marla Bailey
Darrell Cox
Brian Hastert
John Hackathorn
Jeff Mullins
Kaydence Stark
Bob Delg
Ina Brooks
Nicholas Fuston
Conner Hartley
Calvin McPherson
Brady Roberts
Gwen Denton
Debbie Walburn
Gwen Pennewell
Barbara Jernigan
Austin Sledd
David Powell
Shelby Zacher
Gary Freeman
Dan Foltz
Allissa Christman
Claire Fuston
Glenna Powell
Lindsey Robles
Tiffany Gomel
Megan McAfee
Sarah Wise
Mary Ann Stewart
Mikaela Daniels
Cameron Christman
Jessica Christman
Tyler Christman
Amy Bunce
Travis Collins



*Happy
Anniversary*

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



**Election Day Dinner
Tuesday, November 4th**

3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

We will be serving Turkey, Ham,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing,
Green Beans and Desserts

Dine in or Carry out

Free Will Donation

The monthly Community Dinners will take a break during November and December. Thank you to all of those who have donated food, helped serve, helped clean up, or supported these dinners with your time. We are so blessed to have a community that supports our church. Thank you everyone.

Weekly Bible Study Groups

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

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

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

Checking Account- General Budget

Balance	1/1/2025	\$ 22,773.73		
Deposits in 2025	10/12/2025	\$ 84,889.99	Total General Budget for 2025	\$ 119,925.83
Expenditures	10/12/2025	\$ (96,814.71)	Current Expenditures for 2025	\$ (96,814.71)
Total-New Balance	10/12/2025	\$ 10,849.01		
less Communications Team		\$ (1,093.90)		
balance		\$ 9,755.11		\$ 23,111.12 remaining expenditures

We are a little over \$23,000 short in deposits here in October compared to our 2025 budget of \$119,000 with our expenditures for November and December 2025 still outstanding.

As always, with insurance and other costs we will start the year with expenses around \$15,000 for January.

LUMC leadership asks for your continued prayers, your presence, your service, and your support as we strive to keep our faith community sustained.

Please prayerfully consider an end of year donation to LUMC.

Thank you.

Rhonda Banks



How is our money spent?

As you consider an end-of-the-year gift to the church, a look at where our money is spent might help.

As you might expect our expenses for utilities, insurance, maintenance and improvements are expected to increase next year.

Pastor's Salary, insurance, travel reimbursement , continuing education , parsonage	45%
Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance, Improvements	30%
Ministries, Mission Shares, Education, and Administration	25%



Nurture and Outreach Team Ministries

Thursday, October 2nd: The Just Food Cruising Cupboard served 12 families, equal to 21 individuals. Thank you to Just Food for their continued support. It has been six years since the first Cruising Cupboard came to Lecompton. Thank you for your continued support

. Upcoming dates:

Cruising cupboard: Thursday, November 6th
4:30 to 5:30, LUMC parking lot

Food Pantry: November 15th, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m

Clothes Closet: November 16th, 9 to noon

Special Deliveries

October 7th: Mary Jane was able to visit Just Food and get a wonderful assortment of items for the pantry. The staff there was very kind and loaded up her Explorer. Ron Thacker, Karmell, and Austin Sledd were on hand to assist with unloading all of the items. They put items into freezers, fridges, and onto pallets. Thank you all for your help.

October 17th: Mary Jane and Robin were able to go through the line twice at the Harvesters Mobile for pantries in Topeka. They came away with around 1,100 pounds of product. Scott Norris met them at the pantry to assist with unloading and putting items away.

Sandy Gantz came by the Pantry with some meat items.

We are so blessed by the support we receive for this ministry

Pantry week...

Tuesday, October 14th: Mary Jane began the day at 8:30 by organizing and preparing for the group to come in a shop for families. Robin came in mid-morning to start filling shopping lists and restocking items. Mary Lou and Trish arrived around 1 and started filling lists. Mary Jane left to go to Just Food and they filled up her car again. Scott Norris met Mary Jane to assist with unloading. Trish and Mary Lou were able to finish shopping for all of the lists. We are truly blessed.

Saturday, October 19th: We had a successful Pantry this morning. We had a lot of items for families to shop from: russet potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, breads, and many other items. Most of the families also received a box of Hostess cupcakes. We were able to offer frozen ground beef and waffle fries in addition to our normal cold items today. We helped over 40 families this morning and will have helped close to 60 families by the end of the month. Thank you to Mary Sue Sledd and Heather Schneider for checking in our families. Thank you to Robin Saylor, Russell Mathews, Roy Hoffer and Pastor Abraham for taking out the items. Thank you Linda Smith for helping get the cold items out and getting the dairy out of the crates. We now have space in the freezers for our holiday meat allocation from Harvesters. This day is always a team effort. Thank you everyone for your help.

Adopt-A-Family

Tags will be on the tree by Sunday, November 16th.

If you would like to adopt a whole family, please let Mary Jane know by November 14th. Please include if the size of family you would like, so Mary Jane can match the best family to meet your request.

Any tags not taken by Sunday, December 1st will be removed from the tree and the committee will shop for them

Wrapped gifts are due back to the church wrapped or in gift bags by Sunday, December 7th. Please attach the family gift tag on the outside of the gift.

Thank you all for your support.

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26 Worship Services 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/ Church Website Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	27 A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Ange- la Carter	28	29	30	31	1
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9	10 A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Ange- la Carter	11	12	13	14	15 Food Pantry 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. LUMC Basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building
16	17 A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Ange- la Carter	18	19	20	21	22 Group study with Allyson 9:00 a.m. Zoom Decorating for Christmas 9:00 a.m. Church Sanctuary
23/30	24 A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Ange- la Carter	25	26	27	28	29



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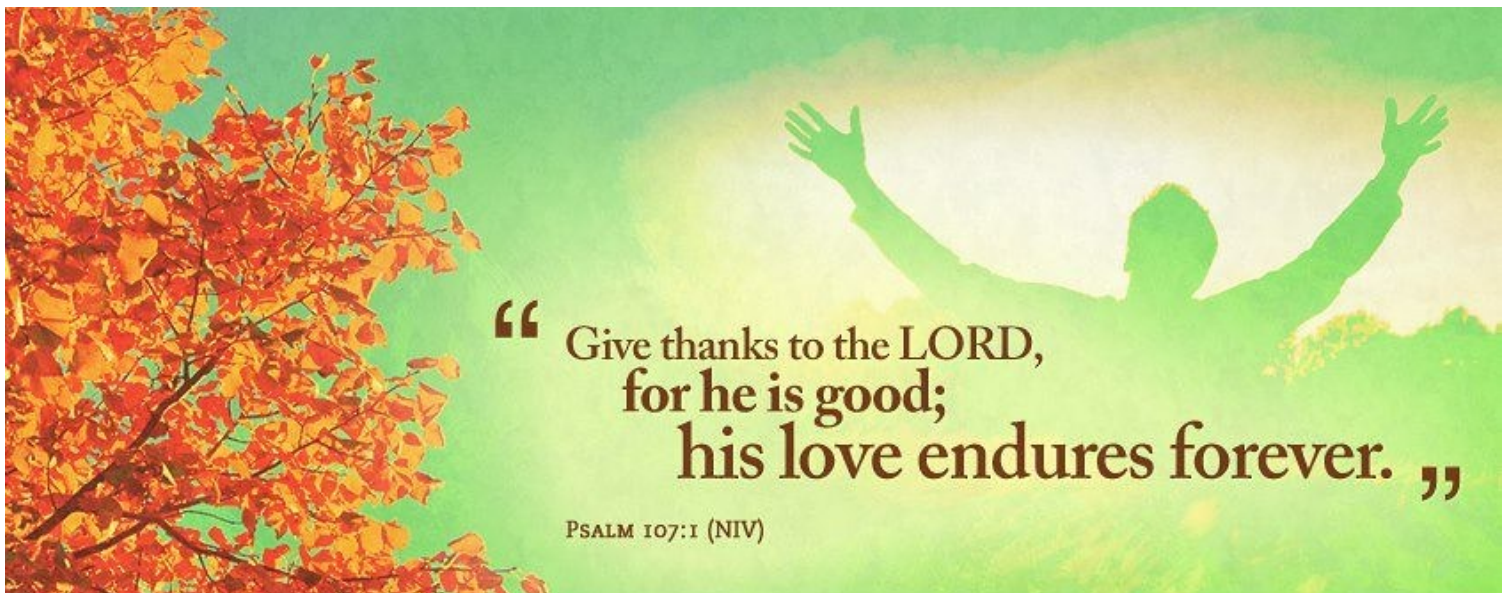
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Please Send to:

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2nd. Remember to Fall back one hour on Sunday morning.



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