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Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

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**November
2026**

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

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, Mary Sue Sledd, and Haley Sledd

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 Hetrick
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

*Happy
Anniversary*

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



**Election Day Dinner
Tuesday, November 3rd**

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.

If anyone has old quilts that need a new life, Deb Fuston is working on a new project. She plans to make tote bags out of them to donate for next years Silent Ticket Auction.
Quilts can be left in the room behind the piano. Thank you.

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

Nurture and Outreach Team Ministries

Thursday, October 1st: Despite the rainy weather, Just Food served 15 families, equal to 22 individuals. In addition to the Cruising Cupboard, Mary Jane was also given an abundance of bread items to share with these families. Our pantry continues to be blessed by their support.

Pantry week...

Tuesday, October 13th: Even though the day got off to a late start, 39 shopping lists were completed by the end of the day. The day started with Robin Sayler and Hannah from United Way. Then the afternoon crew came in. Trish, Jacque Hale, and Georgia Trammell were busy completing lists while Mary Jane re-bagged some items. The day ended with Robin Sayler and Mary Jane restocking the shelves.

Saturday, October 19th: We had a successful Pantry this morning. Mary Sue Sledd and Haley Sledd checked the families in. Rob, Russell Matthews, Austin Sledd, and Pastor Abraham took food out to each of the families. We served between 55-60 families this month. Thank you to everyone for their help and support.

Adopt-A-Family

Tags will be on the tree by Sunday, November 8th. 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, November 22nd 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 6th. Please attach the family gift tag on the outside of the gift. Thank you all for your support.

Upcoming dates:

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

Food Pantry: November 21st, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet: November 21st, 9 to noon

The last two Community Dinners of 2026 were successful. We had lots of helpers that contributed to our success. Thank you to Robin Sayler, Karmell Thacker, Mary Lou Morris, Debbie Fuston, Linda Smith, Mary Sue Sledd, Heather Schneider, Kenny Smith, and Frances Snell.

These dinners take a lot of time for cooking, serving, and cleaning. It could not be possible without these volunteers. Thank you all.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26	28	27	28	29	30
Worship Services 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/Church Website Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter					
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Daylight Savings Time ends fall back one hour	A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter	Election Day Dinner 3:30-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall		Just Food Cruising Cupboard 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. LUMC Parking Lot		
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter		Veteran's Day			Group study with Allyson 9:00 a.m. Zoom
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	A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter					Food Pantry 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. LUMC Basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building Church Workday 8:00 a.m. Meet In Fellowship Hall
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	A Walk Through the Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter			Thanksgiving Day		Decorating for the Christmas Season 8:00 a.m. Church Sanctuary Group study with Allyson 9:00 a.m. Zoom
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Get Involved!

"Every member has a gift to share. Here are the teams that make our church family run — find where YOU belong!"

<p> Administrative Board The heartbeat of our church! This team makes the big-picture decisions — from planning programs to managing our mission. They make sure everything we do reflects our calling. <i>You might love this if: you enjoy leadership, big-picture thinking, or want to help shape the direction of our church.</i></p>	<p> Board of Trustees Our building caretakers! Trustees keep the church property safe, well-maintained, and ready to welcome everyone who walks through our doors. <i>You might love this if: you have a background in real estate, construction, facilities, or just love keeping things in great shape.</i></p>	<p> Finance Good stewards of our gifts! This team manages the church budget, making sure every dollar we give is used faithfully to further God's work. <i>You might love this if: you have a head for numbers, budgeting, or want to help ensure our resources are used wisely.</i></p>	<p> Pastor-Parish Relations (PPRC) The bridge between our congregation and our pastor. This confidential, caring team supports our pastoral staff and makes sure everyone — pastor and people — thrives together. <i>You might love this if: you value pastoral care, conflict resolution, and building strong relationships between leadership and congregation.</i></p>
<p> Nominations Our talent scouts! This team prays, discerns, and identifies the right people for the right roles — helping everyone discover how their gifts can serve our church. <i>You might love this if: you love mentoring others, identifying strengths, and helping people find their calling.</i></p>	<p> Lay Leader The voice of the congregation! Our Lay Leader is the go-to representative for all church members — a bridge between the laity and church leadership. <i>You might love this if: you are a natural spokesperson, love people, and want to champion the voice of the congregation.</i></p>	<p> Annual Conference Delegate Our ambassador to the broader United Methodist Church! This person attends the regional annual conference and brings back inspiration and news from the wider UMC family. <i>You might love this if: you love travel, learning about the wider church, and being a voice for Lecompton UMC beyond our walls.</i></p>	<p> Media Team Our storytellers and tech crew! The Media Team handles sound, video, livestreaming, social media, and visual displays — helping our worship and message reach everyone in the pew and beyond. <i>You might love this if: you enjoy technology, photography, video, social media, or helping others experience worship more fully.</i></p>
<p> Worship The team that crafts our Sunday experience! The Worship committee plans services, coordinates music, scripture, and liturgy — helping every person encounter God in a meaningful way. <i>You might love this if: you have a heart for music, liturgy, creative arts, or helping others connect with God through worship.</i></p>	<p> Ministry Where faith meets action! The Ministry team coordinates the hands-on service and spiritual programs that help our congregation live out the gospel every day of the week. <i>You might love this if: you love organizing service projects, supporting church programs, or simply rolling up your sleeves to help.</i></p>	<p> Nurture & Outreach We grow together and reach out together! This team cares for the spiritual growth of our members while also extending love and support to our neighbors in the community. <i>You might love this if: you enjoy visiting, encouraging others, community events, or welcoming newcomers into our church family.</i></p>	<p> Membership / Historian Our keepers of connection and memory! This team maintains membership records, welcomes new members into the fold, and preserves the rich history of Lecompton UMC for future generations. <i>You might love this if: you love people, organization, local history, or helping newcomers feel at home.</i></p>
<p> Social Actions Caring for our community around the table! The Social Actions team prepares and serves dinners for community members following funerals and during other special events, offering hospitality, comfort, and connection when they matter most. <i>You might love this if: you enjoy cooking, serving meals, welcoming guests, or helping bring people together through food and fellowship.</i></p>	<p> Christian Education Lifelong learning in faith! This team plans and supports Sunday school, Bible studies, youth education, and other opportunities for every age to grow deeper in their walk with Christ. <i>You might love this if: you love teaching, learning, working with children or adults, or helping others dig deeper into scripture.</i></p>		

There is a place for you here! *"We are many parts, but all one body In Christ."* Every gift matters. Every person matters. Speak with our Pastor or Lay Leader to get started — we can't wait to serve alongside you! 

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