

Pastor's Post

Having just finished our mission trip to Puerto Rico a few weeks back my thoughts keep returning to the little island of Vieques. Life seemed simpler there for me even if it was perhaps only an illusion! There seemed to be less decisions that needed to be made, no meetings to prepare for, and no worries about deadlines! It was as simple as waking up, praying and eating breakfast, working on the home we were restoring, showering and eating supper and going to bed. Nice and easy routine! Mixed in throughout the day were conversations with other team members and people we met along the way. Nobody knew or perhaps even cared whether or not I was a pastor!

This is not to discount the work of a pastor but a reaffirmation for me that I am called first and foremost to be a Christian and to live out my calling in real and authentic ways! I saw that modeled repeatedly by every member of our team! We were drawn deeper into Christian community as we shared prayers together, ate together, and worshipped together (even if it was in a different language!)

I believe that the church operates best when all of its members are in mission in their context and then gathers for worship and fellowship on Sundays. Our worship becomes an expression of our joy in Christ for guiding our footsteps during the week. Our eyes have been opened to the reality that He is present in all places and available to everyone who will but open their hearts to Him. That is something worth praising!

I am really challenged on Sundays when I have this mindset versus having to share announcements, share important dates and events, and try to orchestrate the life of the church. Yet I realize that Sundays are when we have the most folks present in one place and information reaches the most ears! We all have our burdens to carry!

As always I am honored and proud to be your pastor! Terry

Pastor Terry has a new cell phone number!
660-251-1136

The church no longer has a FAX number.



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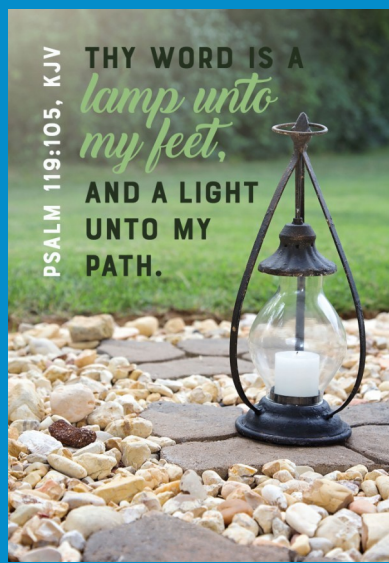
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Music Director

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Custodian



SNIP-ITS FROM MARY'S DESK

Hi Church Family,

Cold, snow, rain, Burr! It's winter in Missouri, But when the outside is cold the inside feels so good. What a blessing to be warm!

Our church continues to be blessed with new church ministry ideas, a growing youth group, and people willing to step out of comfort zones to help. that being said here are some up coming ministries and events:

January 26th the youth will be hosting a fellowship event with the Raintree Community Christian Church with fellowship, food and games.

February 8th Our Women of the Church group will host a Valentine Luncheon with soup, sandwiches, dessert and fellowship. We would like to see this grow so come and see how it works!

February 16th Youth will have a Cool Cupcake Contest starting at 10 am. I have to admit I don't know exactly what this will be like so am interested in learning the whole process!

February 19th 6:00—8:00 pm an evening with the Pastor event. This will be a time to sit down with Pastor Terry and share ideas, concerns, and a time to get to know each other better and fellowship in a relaxed setting. We will require a RSVP as we will need to know how many to prepare for. Watch for further details.

February 20th The new LET'S GET REAL study and fellowship group Led by Tanya Vernon at 7:00 P.M. She is thinking of meeting every other week but of course will want the participants input.

February 27 The Pastor will be leading a new 4-week class 7:00-8:00 pm on the book "Extravagant Generosity".

March 17th LUMC Quarterly Family Fellowship Dinner hosted by Teri James, Pam Johnson, and Cheryl Cooley and crew and what a great job they do!!

A youth serve mission event in March .Details to be worked out.

A big thank you to our men's group for the help in the WELL youth center in building a stage and repositioning video equipment, etc.

A big thank you to Tina McFadden for being our volunteer Leader for VBS this year as it will be held at our church. First planning meeting will be February 12, 6:00 pm here at LUMC.



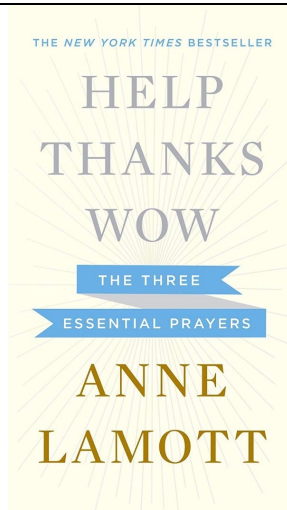
Something new is on the horizon...a women's group of a different kind...Soul Sisters. The intent of this new group is not to take away from any group currently meeting but to provide another option for women. Our target group is women still working and perhaps those who no longer have young kids or any kids at home (empty nesters). Our group will kick-off it's first gathering Thursday, February 28 @ 6:30 p.m. at Teri James home. We plan to meet every 4-6 weeks with varying degrees of activities. Our gatherings will include a devotional followed by fellowship of some kind. We do plan to move the gatherings around

to include dinner, movies, concerts, etc. Our goal is to bring women with similar interest together and discuss faith, family, work, etc. Please mark your calendar and plan to join Pam, Teri and Cheryl for our kick-off night.



- 1 Tucker Herbst
- 2 Pat Arthur Woolston
- 5 Sharla Boynton
- 5 Kyla Jenkins
- 6 Valerie Laddusaw
- 7 Stephanie Goddard
- 7 Debbie Hatfield
- 8 Elizabeth Coggins Hoffman
- 8 Heather Taylor
- 9 Buddy Black
- 11 Seth Seitz
- 11 Byron Tretter
- 13 Lyndsay Reynolds
- 13 Joe Chandra
- 15 Matt Coggins
- 17 Betty Smith
- 17 Susan Worthington
- 19 Patrick O'Brien
- 20 Kay Alder
- 24 Mylan Huffman
- 25 Juliann Zweifel
- 25 Clayton Worthington
- 28 Sullivan O'Brien

If your birthdate is not listed,
please contact the church office.



The Let's Get Real Book
Club and Fellowship
will begin
Wednesday, February 20
at 7:00 pm

Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott is our first selection. The books will be available for pick up soon - we'll let you know when they've arrived. This activity is open to everyone. Please invite anyone who you feel would enjoy this time of discussion and friendship. Join us for this Christ-centered, laid back time for growth and support.

December 14, 2018

*To Rev. & Mrs. Cook and the rest of my church family,
Thank you for every act of kindness during my illness.*

God Bless, Mable Hawkins

(Sorry, Mable, I missed putting this in last month!)

**Our Worship services are available LIVE on
line (10:45 am Sundays)
at www.lexmoumc.org under
"MEDIA".**





MISS A SUNDAY? The videos will remain accessible
for at least a month after their broadcast.

**Don't have internet or a computer? DVD's are available
on the table in the church entryway.**

Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Tootie Mason,
John Knox Village, Lee's Summit
Dawn Meierer,
Carrollton Care Center
Mary Stephenson,
Lexington Care Center
Alice Wiley,
Lexington Care Center
Roberta Wyatt,
New Haven Living Center, Odessa

A decorative header for the February 2019 calendar. It features several pink hearts of different sizes and two pink envelopes, one of which contains a heart. The word "February" is written in a large, elegant cursive script, and "2019" is written below it in a smaller, simpler font.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																	
<i>Sundays:</i> <i>9:30 am</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>School</i> <i>10:45 am</i> <i>Worship</i>					1 Girl Scout Cookie Distri- bution—FLC	2 10:00 am Al-Anon 2:00 pm Choir Room Reserved (Coen) 																																																	
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A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.

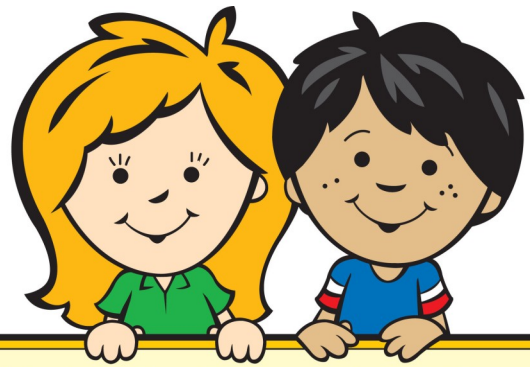


What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



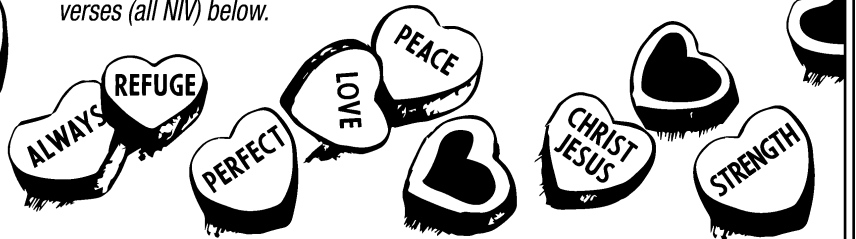
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WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18