



JULY 2017

SUNDAY

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

6:00 pm

Youth Group

MONDAY

Noon Prayer Group

1:00 pm

Quilting for Homeless

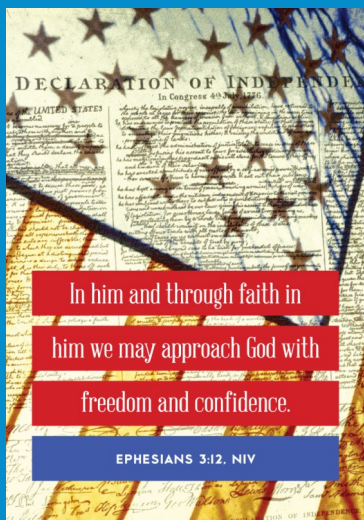
2ND/4TH THURSDAY

6:00 pm

Men's Study

SATURDAY

10:00 am Al-Anon



Lexington United Methodist Church

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This past month Myself, Mary Biesemeyer, Rowdy and Annie Yates attended the Missouri Annual Conference in Springfield. This year there were various workshops and plenaries to choose from. I felt like it was a very meaningful conference. Annie Yates will be reporting for our Lexington church and Mary will do so for Grace church. I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed for my fifth year in ministry with you! There were many appointment changes this year with numerous retirements as well. I believe Bishop Farr reported 63 full time moves and many part time appointments. With that on my mind I pulled a book off of my shelf titled *Circuit Riders to Crusades, essays in Missouri Methodist History* by John O. Gooch. This book was a gift from the Commission on Archives and History, Missouri Conference at my ordination. There are some very interesting stories and memoirs contained in the pages of this fine read! The Missouri Conference was formed in 1816 and included all of Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri. Its western boundary was given as "the farthest cabin towards the setting sun"! That first year there were only 8 circuit riding preachers to cover the entire region. This next paragraph explains why we are appointed: Methodism was based on a strategy of itinerant ministry, that is of sending preachers where they were needed. Bishops Asbury and McKendree used their preachers the way good generals use their troops: looking for opportunities to advance and flinging the resources at their disposal to meet those needs. Methodism attacked the frontier, where people lived on scattered farms or small villages. Itinerant ministry provided preaching, the sacraments, and church structure to small communities that would not have been able to attract-or pay- a minister from one of the more settled denominations. Methodist circuit riders were young, single men. Most often they came from an agricultural or artisan background. Their salary was \$80 a year and with that they had to buy a horse, saddle, bridle, clothes and so on. They usually relied on the settlers for food and shelter. It mentions that often their full salary was not paid! They were assigned a new circuit each year. The typical circuit was 200-600 miles long. The preacher was expected to make the circuit every two to six weeks! Most sermons were not on Sunday but when the preacher arrived. Word would go out that he was in town and the service would be that evening after the field work was finished or 5 am. The next morning before work began! These sermons were practical, moral and dramatic! Their emphasis was on free will and God's grace which fit the people of independent nature quite well. Here we are 201 years later and yet some things remain a constant! We are still sent and we are still preaching relevant, moral sermons that emphasize our free will to choose a savior and God's grace! I look forward to this upcoming year to both serve and be in service with you!

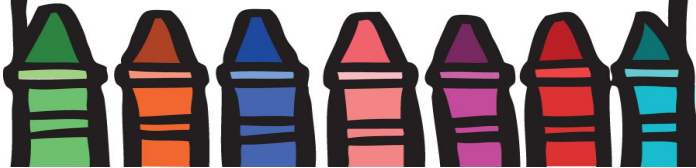
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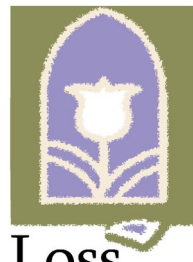
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- 3 Joshua Laddusaw
- 3 Joshua Casto
- 5 Steva Vialle
- 8 Stephen Backs
- 11 Larry Brooks
- 11 Roy Singleton
- 14 Maxine Palmer
- 19 Kathy Uptergrove
- 21 James Worthington
- 23 Melissa Ray
- 23 Jerry Warner
- 25 Sandra Barber
- 27 Glen Smith
- 28 Lea Ann O'Brien
- 30 Janae Fuller
- 31 Kathy Smith
- 31 Hayley Noynaert

The Ministerial Alliance is joining together to provide school supplies for area children this year. Supplies will be given away to families at the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, downtown Lexington. We are collecting school supplies towards this effort. Basic supplies (#2 pencils, notebooks, crayons, etc.) may be brought to the church; or if you'd like to give a cash donation your check should be made out to LUMC marked "School Supplies" and we will purchase needed items.



Members in Care Centers & Homebound

Betty Davis (home)
James Lauderdale (Care Center)
Tootie Mason (John Knox Village, Lee's Summit)
Dawn Meierer (Carrollton Care Center)
Mary Stephenson (Care Center)
Alice Wiley (Care Center)
Roberta Wyatt (Care Center)



Loss in the Church Family

Pat Fisher died on June 27. A Memorial Service will be held here at LUMC on Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 am.

Robert "Joe" Butler died on June 29. Services will be held here at LUMC on Friday, July 7 with visitation at 12:30, funeral at 1:30 pm.

We are still collecting books for Love Packages!

From Nigeria:

Thanks for your help and assistance to our ministry. We were taking some Christian materials to Jalingo a Muslim strong hold in Adamawa state. I was arrested and detained for three days in the police cell but to God be the glory, I was released with all the literature. The Lord has opened another two more states to us, one in Ilorin Kwara state and another in Damaturu. These places are Muslim strong holds and the Lord is giving us support of me in the ministry of literatures. Reports came to me from various missions field, that many who have accepted Christ are given Bibles and new testaments and literatures are distributed. Love Package has been of great blessing to many who live in a place where no Christian literature is available. Through Love Package the new born in the kingdom of God and those who desired a Bible to own are getting it free of cost. In fact Christian literature is very scarce. I therefore appreciate Love Package for making it available for us to help the needy who cannot afford to get or buy one.



*Women of the Church
Carry-in Luncheon
Noon, Friday, July 14*

**Our Worship services are available LIVE on line (10:45 am Sundays)
at www.reachingforyou.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.



Fireworks Sale will be open:

9 am–10 pm

Saturday July 1, Sunday July 2, Monday, July 3

9 am–Midnight on Tuesday July 4.

Remember to sign up to help out! Sign up sheets at church or online:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/508094fafac2faafa7-fireworks>

*Congratulations to
Haylee & Bradley Cooley
Heather & Drake Taylor
Jennifer & Josh Coen*



Dear Pastor Cook:

Thank you so much for allowing the Wind Symphony to use the church's beautiful sanctuary for our rehearsals and concerts. The room is wonderful, and creates the perfect atmosphere for our concerts.

At yesterday's concert, we put out the offering trays for free-will gifts to be donated to the Church. I have enclosed a check for the \$60 that was donated.

With the closure of Wentworth, my job situation is up in the air. I am hoping to stay in the area, but if circumstances do not allow this, I have already been discussing the leadership change for the group. I will definitely keep you advised as the situation progresses.

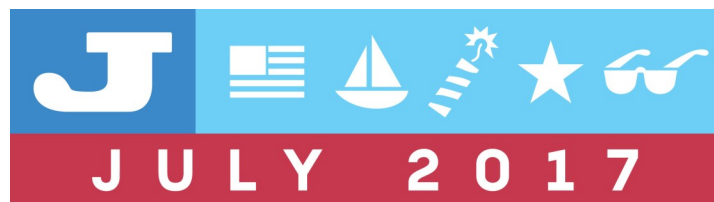
Sincerely, Chris Wagne, DMA, Music Director

Read at 2017 Missouri Annual Conference "Celebration of Ministry"

The Reverend Ronald (Ron) Page passed away July 13, 2016. He was born February 3, 1940, in Clayton, New Mexico. Ron and Kay Hubbard were united in marriage August 11, 1958. He graduated from Mesa Junior College, the University of North Colorado, and Iliff School of Theology. Ron served the following churches in Colorado: De Beque, Grand Valley, Platteville, and First United Methodist in Longmont. He then moved to Missouri and joined the staff of Central Methodist (College) University. Following his time at CMU, Ron served at Lexington and retired in 2005. Kay lives in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

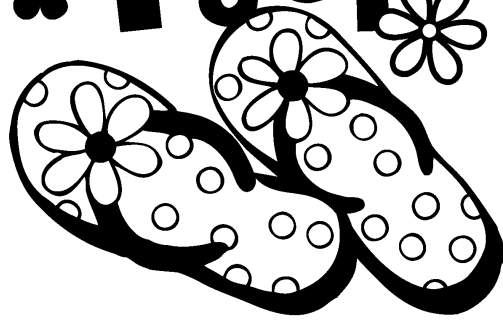
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Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

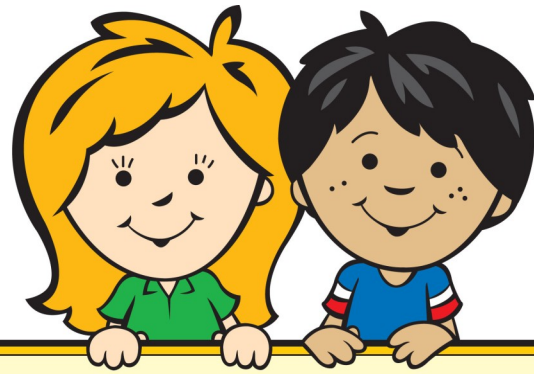
What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

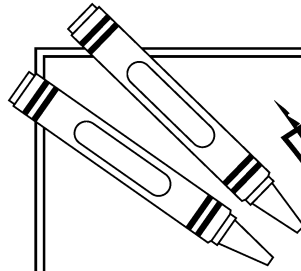
What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



KIDS PAGE



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

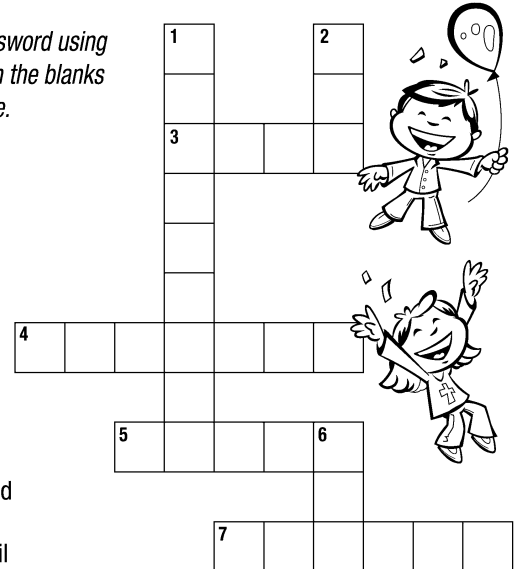
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV