



First United Methodist Church
of
Leavenworth
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The Jubilate



Sharing the good news of our congregation & community

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm Friday 9am-12p m

March 2021

THINK ON THESE THINGS



In my quest to read through the whole Bible in a year, I hit the dreaded graveyard of Leviticus. Many would-be readers try and die in this book. One reason is because the detailed account of laws is so out of place in our modern society. It seems to lack grace. Another is the flawed strategy of trying to read every word. Between you and me, Leviticus is a book I skim in portions. Some reading is meant to be sipped, not gulped. So, what does Leviticus have to do as my journey as a Christian? Why should I care?

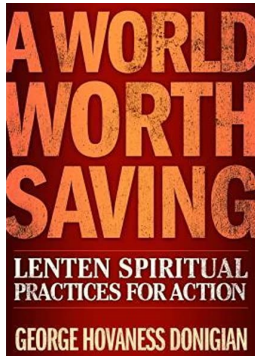
The central theme of the Law is our relationship with God. That still matters to us! The foundational quality found in the Old Testament is holiness. Chapter 11:44-45 "I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy." Holiness, then, can be transferred from God to us. We might use other phrases like becoming like Jesus, Christ-like, mature in our faith but it comes down to being holy, not just doing holy things. Qualities like love, forgiveness, generosity, compassion, and reverence still make a difference to anyone who wants to follow God through Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. David Kalas wrote, "The law of God is kind of like a sand wedge. It's designed to help get you out of a place where you were not supposed to go. But you have to play where we are and how we are." (p. 72, *Gospel According to Leviticus*). Some aspects of the Old Covenant Law clearly are NOT renewed in the New Covenant. Ritual law like animal sacrifices don't apply because of Jesus and the cross. Civil laws were written for ancient Israel's citizens. Parts of the Old Covenant are renewed like ethical treatment of others is seen the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus quoted Leviticus 19:18 in creating the Great Commandment "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." If there was ever a message that translates to the 21st Century, we need reminded of this truth today.

During our Lenten journey, sin and its remedy matters to us. God created a way through the suffering and death of Jesus to atone for our sins. We need forgiveness when we get in places or do things we know are wrong. Whether intentional or unintentional, we need to find our way home again. God created a way in ancient times and today. True, the Old Covenant is no longer our Covenant. Jesus created a New Covenant through his body and blood. Remember your communion liturgy! But, loyalty to God is still expected in a covenant relationship. How one shows it may change but the need for God has not. We are God's people in every generation. We still need relationship with God. Maybe Leviticus has more grace than I first expected it did?

Pastor Dave

Youth and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



This year for Lent, the young adults' group is reading *A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action* by George Hovaness Donigian. When we met to discuss what we wanted to do next as a group, there was a desire to find a study that would inspire us to action and help us to look at the world around us in ways that encourage us to lift up the least and the last like Jesus did. So, when I found this book, I felt like I'd hit the jackpot. The book talks about fasting from apathy, serving others, starving our guilt, seeking justice, healing the world, and refining friendship; topics which are not necessarily your traditional Lenten discussion points.

So far, we have just read the first two chapters: "Fasting from Apathy" and "Serving God by Serving Others," but I'm already getting a whole new perspective on Lent that I've never considered before (and I spend exponentially more time thinking about spiritual practices and the church calendar than the average American. Ha!). What I've learned so far is that traditional fasting is about the relationship between us and God. That makes sense, right? Because fasting is an act of grief over our sins and a way to rely on God in our emptiness. But we can take fasting a step further and focus on not just the relationship between us and God, but also the relationship between us and other people and the world that we inhabit.

The main assertion of this book is that the world is worth saving. We know that because it's exactly what Jesus does. So often, I think we focus on getting out of this place and going to heaven when we die, but we forget that God intends to renew the world that we are on. We will get a new heaven and a new earth. And that new earth is not a brand-new earth, but a renewal of the one we're already on. This is not just a future event, either. God is in the business of renewal from the very beginning. God is present and among the Israelites throughout the Hebrew Bible and God sends Jesus to renew us in the Gospels. I've been reading Acts recently and we see that renewal once again when the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles at Pentecost and they are empowered to go out and rejuvenate the world around them in their own time.

We are called to that very ministry now in 21st Century America. Our calling didn't die out somewhere between the First Century and now. We are still to be bringing God's love and grace to everyone and everything around us every day. And that's the whole point of fasting from apathy; it provides us with the "oomph" that we need to get out, look for the places of pain and hurt in our world, and use the gifts that God has blessed us with to make a difference. It's a calling to recognize that yeah, the 24-hour news cycle is depressing and yeah, sometimes it feels like nothing we do can put even a tiny dent into the world's problems, but that when we do it anyway, each and every action we take to make the world a better place for someone else is an opportunity to participate in the renewal that God has already begun. When things get rough, we cling to the hope that comes from the ending of the story: evil may feel like it's winning the battle, but God's love wins the war.

Kristen Howell, Director of Young People's Ministries



March

BIRTHDAYS



1st	Amanda Parks	18th	Blake Galley
3rd	Elleanna Banker	19th	Chase Cole
4th	Amy Baehr	21st	Klaus Sanford
	Noah Expose		Garrett Wecas
	Cynthia Walley	22nd	Tim Burkett
5th	Martha Nielsen		Kathi LaMoe
	Tracy Resch		Roy Ramsey
8th	John Hardaway	23rd	Sara Mulford
	Alisha Holyfield		Maxine Schroyer
	Aidan Johnson	24th	Christel Ludwig
9th	Easton Bakke	26th	Annette McCollum
	Ashton Sargent	27th	Marlin Holyfield
10th	Kim Baker	28th	Christian Bakke
11th	Aaron Brown	29th	Katie Smith
13th	Jimmie Stallings	30th	Alexis Cole
14th	Debra Eyerly		Christine Varnal
15th	Steve Short	31st	Amy Zschoche



March

ANNIVERSARIES



THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

March 16	Dwayne & Rebecca Beasley	35 years
March 18	Dae & Jennifer Ko	19 years
March 21	John & Verna Raines	29 years
March 28	Bob & Kay Hale	63 Years



This calendar is subject to change—please check our online calendar at www.fumclvks.org/calendar for up-to-date info

Join us for
SUNDAY SERVICES:
at 10:00am in person
or online at
www.fumclvks.org

	1 1pm AIR Ministries	2 10am Women's Bible Study	3 1pm Heart & Soul Bible Study 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	5	6 
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AIR MINISTRY

Mondays

1 - 4 pm

WANT TO HELP?

We are purposely keeping our weekly volunteer pool small to limit exposure. But there are still ways you can help.

- Please help us spread the word about AIR ministry to the public. If you know someone living with dementia, please encourage them to try AIR ministry.
- We use individually packaged snacks each week. These can be home made or store bought. We will freeze extra goodies for the future.
- We could use help with supplies for craft projects and service projects. We would especially like to have some wood craft pieces cut for our friends to assemble. Other supplies include:
Hot Chocolate packets
Microwave popcorn
Small packaged cookies
Peanut Butter & Jelly
White bread
Small Hand Sanitizer

REOPENING MARCH 1

As vaccines become more readily available, we are planning to reopen AIR ministry on March 1. Participants must still wear a mask but don't need to be a church member to attend.

AIR ministry is an arts, inspiration and respite ministry for people living with dementia. Each week we have art and service projects. We play games and enjoy each other's company. We also have a care givers blessing time at the same time.

The schedule is below. Anyone with early to moderate dementia is invited to join us. If you know someone that could benefit from this ministry or would like to volunteer, please contact Libby or Sandy at swood@fumclvks.org.

SPRING 2021 SCHEDULE



March 1 - 1960's Day



March 8 - Wild West Day



March 15 - St. Patrick Celebration



March 22 - March Madness



March 29 - National Vietnam Veteran's



April 5 - Baseball's Opening Week



April 12 - Garden Day



April 19 - Field Trip to Prairie Town



April 26 - Pretzel Day



May 3 - Cinco De Mayo Fiesta



May 10 - 1950's Sock Hop



May 17 - Field Trip to Arboretum



May 24 - National Scavenger Hunt Day



May 31 - Memorial Day - NO AIR

Seniors

IN THE Spotlight

The Jubilate



Barbara Peiper and her husband Dick have lived in Leavenworth and been members of FUMC for over 30 years. Before this they moved over a dozen times due to Dick's military career, including a memorable 3 years in Heidelberg, Germany.

Barbara met her husband through mutual friends and it was "love at first sight". February is a landmark month for them because they will celebrate 60 years of marriage (18), Barbara's birthday (17), Dick's birthday (21), and a daughter's birthday (13).

It seems only fitting that Barbara is our Senior Spotlight for February. Her Angel is Margaret Songer.



Miriam Cade celebrated her 95th birthday on February 9th.

Happy birthday Miriam!

Pictured with her is daughter Donna.

Bob Cowan celebrated his 95th birthday on February 4th by playing "Over the Rainbow" on the trombone. Pictured with him are son Conrad, Cindy White, Marsha Gaffin & Thaneshia Lindsay. Bob thanks everyone for the birthday cards which really brightened his day.





I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers for my speedy recovery. I'm feeling very grateful for my church family.

Chris Eckley

Dear FUMCL Saints—

Thank you for generous donation to the Deeper Window Association of Leavenworth, Kansas. Our goal remains the same. The pandemic has only delayed, not stopped our aim to assist families living in Leavenworth County brave the challenges presented by the diagnosis of dementia. Currently, we are able to offer three hours of care partner respite and three hours of opportunity to those living with dementia through our "Let's Roll with Sister Vicki" mobile respite project. Sister Vicki of Sisters of Charity Leavenworth provides transportation to weekly outings that are typically outdoors or scarcely populated indoors.

We are hopeful that consumer confidence will increase in the coming months and our dream to offer more services will be realized.

Thank you for entrusting The Deeper Windows Association with these precious funds. Blessings to you all as FUMCL shines brightly as a beacon of hope, goodwill and Christ's Love in Action in Leavenworth County.

In His Love, Jose' & Elaine Belardo—TDW Foundation



Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope

Needs volunteers to help with overnight shelter.
(Previously 40—now down to 9.)

Meals are also needed for their lunches.
Contact them at 913-306-5264 for more information



The goal of our children's ministry is for every child 4 to 12 years old to know that Jesus loves them and so do we.

Kids First Worship is meeting during the worship service. Kids sit with their parents until the Children's moment and then we go to room #105 in the Education building. Parents pick up their children there after the service. We are also sending home packets for families that are not ready to come to live services with Bible comics, activity pages and crafts every 5-6 weeks. If you would like to receive a packet, contact Sandy Wood at swood@fumclvks.org.

February 14—April 4

We are joining over 300 churches around Kansas City studying the book of Mark through the OneKC project during lent. Both adult worship and kids lessons will study similar topics so you can discuss what you are learning as a family. Check out OneKC.Bible to find a reading plan for lent and other resources.



NURSERY IS OPEN

Our nursery is open for children from birth to 3 years old. The nursery is located in the basement of the main building. Our staff has been trained to provide safe care for your children.



ESCAPE THE UPPER ROOM

EASTER PUZZLE ONLINE

The children's page of the church website has an Easter online puzzle called, "Escape the Upper Room". Answer the Bible questions to open the next level and eventually solve the puzzle. There is a small prize for escaping. You'll find the puzzle link at the bottom of the children's page of the church website, fumclvks.org/children.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

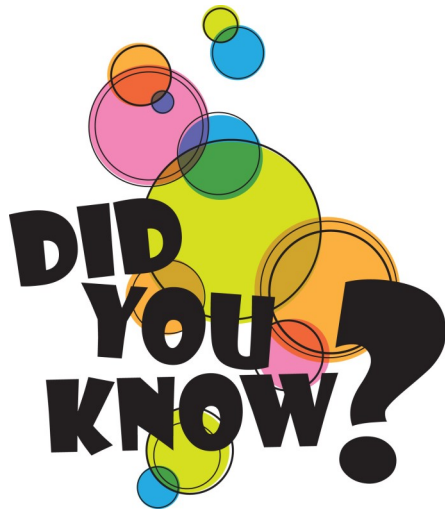
Camp Horizon is a Methodist children's camp located in Arkansas City. Their summer camp schedule is at www.horizoncenter.org. Camp Chippewa in Ottawas will make a decision about it's summer camp schedule in March. You can find information at their website www.campchippewa.org. If your child is interested in attending summer camp we have church scholarships available to help with the cost. Contact Swood@fumclvks.org for info.



SMILE, YOU'RE ON CAMERA

We are making a special video for Palm Sunday. We're asking each family to make a 30 second video of your children waving the palm leaf in your packet. Sound does not matter because there will be music playing behind the video. Please send the videos to sshade@fumclvks.org by March 14.





Did you know we have a wonderful museum in our town that celebrates the African American history in our area?

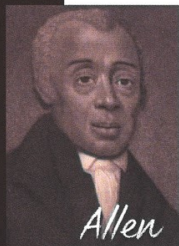
They recognize the struggles and celebrate accomplishments of their culture in a building built around a home owned by a Buffalo Soldier.

The Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum

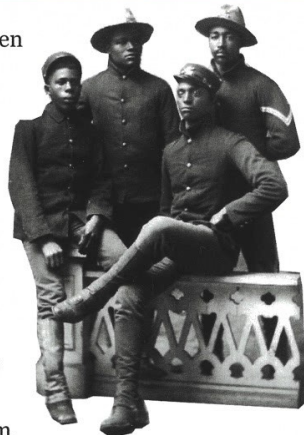
LEAVENWORTH

The Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum was opened in 1992 to honor African American history in Leavenworth, Kansas. It opened in the former home of U.S. Army

Captain, William Bly, a Buffalo Soldier during World War I, and which is decorated to look as it would have in the early 1900s. In 2002, an addition was built to the front of the original home to display more items and artifacts teaching about African American history in Kansas.



The Cultural Center and Museum is named for Richard Allen, who founded the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.



Museum Hours & Tours

Monday—Thursday 11am—4pm

Friday 11am—3pm

Closed major holidays

Memberships available

Tour #1: Museum Tour - \$5 for adults, \$3 for children

***Group Tour #2: Museum and Underground Tunnel Tour - \$20**

***Group Tour #3: Museum, Underground Tunnel and Fort Leavenworth Buffalo Soldier Tour - \$25**

Tour length: 2 hours Cost \$6 for groups of 20 +. Meet Buffalo Soldiers, members of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Association, and hear the stories of those from the past.

Ask about extended tours to the Underground tunnels. Additional fees apply.



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We're on the web!
fumclvks.org

www.facebook.com/LeavenworthFirstUMC
(worship services livestream every
Sunday on either site)

worship
WITH US

We are open for worship in person
Sundays at 10am

Worship is still available through our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/LeavenworthFirstUMC
and our webpage: fumclvks.org/live

When our attendance grows, we will transition back to 2 services.