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November 2025

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Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

All Saints Day is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. We remember those who have come before us: our relatives, friends and church family who died in the last year. Reading the names during worship services is a sacred honor. It is a bittersweet day in that respect. While we rejoice in knowing they have moved forward to become part of the Great Cloud of Witnesses, we are sad because we miss them. Saints are people who showed us the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ while they were with us.

This church day is also a chance to reflect on the question, “**What do I want to be remembered for?**” I believe the answer changes as you grow and mature in different seasons of life. At one time, it was about accomplishments and achievements. Now, I believe it is far more important to be remembered for the kind of person someone was. What qualities and virtues were displayed by this person? What of this person lives in me? What do I hope has “rubbed off” on me from knowing this person? Our lives are far more than the results that we achieved. Time erases much of our success, but the memories of a person grow sweeter as the years pass.

Legacy is much more than what you leave behind. It is about what moves forward into the lives of others. November is a month of remembering. All Saints Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving have a similar theme to them. Gratitude for those who have come before and being thankful for what we have been given. Reflect on the blessings others have brought to your life and strive to become the type of person that leaves a legacy of mercy, grace and joy in others.

David Landis



The Hladky family has been a part of our church family for several years, but on Oct. 19, they made it official. Rocky III, Rocky II, Paisley and Delaney were baptized. Leslie was already baptized and she joined the church. We are so glad they are a part of our church family.



2nd	Pamela Gephart	16th	Sandy Davis	25th	Valynn Schmierer
	Lea Ann Weilbacher	17th	Kay Hale	26th	Michael Ralls Jr.
3rd	Kyle Lauber		Sara Kobe		Rhonda York
4th	Jeff Andrews		Pete LaMoe	27th	Jeff LaMoe
	Cheryl Rader	18th	Cindy White	28th	Madison Christy
7th	Sy Nyhart	20th	Kristen Howell		Madison Mohan
8th	David Landis	23rd	Jo Burkett		Kaelyn Mohan
12th	Marsha Gaffin		Dan Wiley	30th	Nancy Hicklin
14th	Kevin Bond	24th	Emma Yates		



3rd	Ed & Bernie Garven	25 years
13th	Bill & Sheila Bailey	60 years
24th	Dave & Cathy Landis	46 years



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The Caring Congregation



Have you ever been ambushed? Maybe you're riding on a stagecoach, carrying this month's payroll to the bank. You're surrounded by outriders, each armed with double barreled 12-gauge shotguns. Suddenly, out of nowhere a group of men with bandanas covering their lower faces, waving guns and riding fast horses appear. The stagecoach screeches to a halt. The outriders lower their shotguns. The horses whinny in fear. The leader of the bandits approaches the stagecoach. Opening the door, he screams "Give me the money!" You have no choice but to surrender. Where are Zorro or the Lone Ranger or Roy Rogers when you need them? **YOU'VE BEEN AMBUSHED!**

Okay, this was a little extreme, but we are all subject to ambushes. Maybe someone near and dear to you said something so totally and outrageously hurtful that it cut you to the heart. How could they have even thought much less said that? Or maybe a "well meaning" acquaintance, upon seeing your distress said something really insensitive which only made things worse. These remarks can cause real damage if you internalize them and believe them.

I was recently ambushed. A person I've known for years "innocently" and "just trying to help" made a comment about me that was extremely hurtful. For a while it even caused me to question my ministry and mission. My heart heard "You're really bad at this, why do you even try? You're too old, you're no longer relevant." The thing is, I had heard this person do the same thing to others, so I should have known to discount the words, but I didn't. It hurt too much.

The Bible has a solution to this. It's called putting on your armor. Ephesians 6 says "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. So that when evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

See, I knew how this person was. But I neglected to put my armor on. If I'd been prepared I would have been easily able to deflect the barbed words. I would have known that, as a daughter of the Most High King, I had the approval of the only One whose opinion mattered. I could have completely disregarded those words and continued going about living my best life instead of wallowing in self pity.

So, I had my pity party, then I armed myself and got on with it. And the next time you get ambushed, I hope you remember the words in Ephesians too. It certainly makes life easier.
Shalom, Marsha

Dear FUMC family,

I want to thank all of those responsible for the lovely meal and program for the Octogenarians recently. The food was delicious, the favors were lovely, but most of all the best part was being together!!! My daughter, Maggie and I enjoyed visiting with the people at our table. We did not know them, but that soon changed. Looking forward to next year and hopefully a repeat. Thanks.

-Marcia K. Myers



Calling all prayer warriors! You're invited to join the powerful ministry of prayer. This ministry is open to all within our congregation. We meet every Tuesday at 9 am in Wesley Hall. We will pray as the Holy Spirit leads us, with a prayer guide sheet that leads us through the process. Let us know how to pray for you. Email the church at prayers@fumclvks.org.

When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul, I will make myself available to you,' says the Lord" Jeremiah 29:12-14



Though I am in my 8th year of youth ministry, it feels like this year has been totally different than any youth year before. From a curriculum standpoint, we tried something entirely new to start the year in that we had special guests come talk about different life experiences; homelessness, mental illness, addiction, Autism. Then, a few weeks ago, I came to the realization that because so much of our youth group has never been to church before, they literally had not ever been told the story of our faith. This resulted in us deciding to take a second non-traditional curriculum choice through December -- we're offering Confirmation through youth group on Sunday evenings. So much of what we talk about in youth group only makes sense if you know the basics, so we thought we'd just focus on the basics for a bit. Then, at the end, all of the students in the youth group who have not been previously confirmed can make the decision for themselves whether or not they would like to be confirmed as "adult" members of the congregation. It's a lot of fun to be able to introduce people with no or minimal prior knowledge of the faith to what makes following Jesus so wonderful.

In addition to our confirmation curriculum, we have a lot of events coming up. On Nov. 1, we'll participate in the serve day and then head out to go visit the Toy and Miniature museum. I'm looking forward to showing the students all the toys I grew up with that are now "antiques." Sigh. Dec. 29 through Jan. 2, is our winter serve trip to San Antonio. There's still time to sign up for that, but I need to know soon if people are planning to attend.

We're wrapping up the Fruit of the Spirit in youth Sunday School. Outside of youth activities, Steven and I are visiting our youth at their extra curricular activities. We have attended a volleyball game and a football game for the band's halftime show. Next month, I'm excited we'll get to see some of our kids in a play!

I am so blessed to get to work with our teenagers and with our amazing staff. I look forward to all the youth group will learn together this year. Our group is growing rapidly, a good problem to have, but one that has impacted our food budget so if you like to cook or bake and want to donate a dish or side or whole meal to the youth group, please reach out and sign up. We would LOVE that.

Young Adults are back to our normal schedule of first and third Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will have a Saturday outing later in the month to go check out the Titanic Exhibit at Union Station. We have a group chat where we send updates and reminders. If you're 18-35 and want to join us, we'd love to have you! Please reach out to me, Kristen Howell at khowell@fumclvks.org or text me at 913-742-3557.

A Personal Note

Over the past 7 years, I've been so fortunate to grow into my calling here. I'm grateful for how loved and supported I am in our congregation. You all have given me encouraging words when I preach, have trusted me with your students, have served alongside me, and prayed over me. When my babies were born, you welcomed them into the congregation as family. Last winter, we went through a few weeks where anything that could go wrong in our house seemed to happen. We were so worn out and I just kept thinking, "If we can just make it to Sunday, we can be with our church family and things will feel better." Anytime I talk about our church, I talk about how it feels like home -- safe and familial.

In June, I re-initiated the process to be ordained as a Deacon in the UMC. This has been a long time coming as I received my call to ministry when I was 13. I began the ordination process once before in 2019 days before I gave birth to Junia and the whole world shut down from COVID. I decided to wait until I knew I was done having kids and they were a little more independent. The time has come and I began to feel God prompting my heart again that it was time to affirm not just what God has called me to do, but who I am at my core: a minister.

I have started a two-year process and I have a long road ahead of me, but I have overcome the first hurdle, which is getting approval from my local church. The United Methodist Conference believes that you need the endorsement of your immediate church body. The Staff Parish Relations Committee voted to confirm that I am able to continue my ordination journey. It was also passed at the Church Charge Conference. I know these are early steps and that much more lies ahead of me in this process than what is behind me. But I can't tell you how affirming it was to have our church body support me and confirm my calling. I love that I have a great church to work at, and a wonderful church home where you show me and my family love. Thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your prayers.
Kristen Howell





The Thanksgiving month is upon us and we are so thankful for all our blessings this year by the Lord's grace and provision. Financially, the church is holding strong. We are paying all our bills and staying in budget in preparation for the coming year. Please send in your pledge cards as we prepare for the 2026 budget.

The trustees are going to focus this winter on inside work like painting, redoing wallpaper and having the carpets cleaned. Additionally, they're looking at a long-term plan for the main kitchen in Fellowship Hall, not just renovation but a complete remodel, more to come in the next addition.

Really exciting things are taking place all around the church this fall and winter season. Please refer to our calendar at the back of this magazine and please check the back of the bulletin each Sunday. Your participation is not only desired, but is required for us to build the Kingdom of God.

We have the distinct pleasure this year to partner with two elementary schools in the Leavenworth School District. For the past several years we have worked with and actively supported activities of Anthony Elementary School. Now we have been invited to co-labor with David Brewer Elementary School located at 401 17th St, Leavenworth. Our upcoming calendar of support begins this month with making teacher goodie packets and writing appreciation cards to every staff member at the schools. November 10 we are serving breakfast and lunch to 200 elementary teachers at Anthony, David Brewer, and at the USD 453 district office. The breakfast menu includes the baked items we signed up for in the church lobby and breakfast burritos. Reminder, if you signed up, you need to have these items to the church on November 9.

On November 22, we again are partnering with Faith Walkers for a coat and turkey give away at Woodland Village. Additionally, we are providing milk and cookies to our elementary schools on December 18. In January, we're going to focus heavily on children. More to come in the following weeks on what that looks like. Children in our own families, children in our church, and children in our community will be our primary kingdom focus. Many children in our community need somebody to walk with them. Not just their parents, not just their family members, not just their church members, but people to walk along with them as they try to thrive and excel, both academically, socially, and emotionally. I ask each of you to look into your hearts and see if you're willing to volunteer at one of our two elementary schools. They need reading and math mentors. They need people just to invest in these kids.

Our children are not the future of our church; they are our church. They are the ones who are going to take us from where we are to where we're going. They're the ones who give us true joy when they say thank you during a fellowship meal, when they smile as they are greeted on Sunday or when they're running around in the back of fellowship hall during meals. They are the real joy in our lives and that of our Lord and Savior.

Thank you for your prayers and consideration in this matter!
In Christ, Ed

Our next opportunity to reach out to the schools will be our Angel Tree. We will have ornaments with children's names and wish lists from Anthony and David Brewer Elementary Schools. Please return all gifts by December 7.

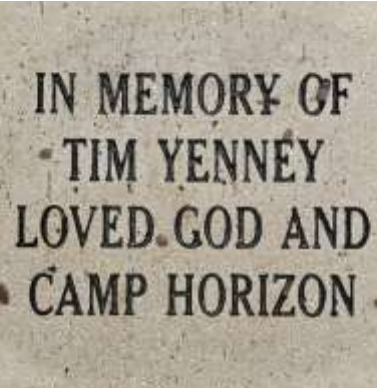


Kathy Huskey (left) was recently honored during the Basehor Homecoming parade for her 12 years of volunteer service as a mentor in the public schools. She has volunteered an hour a week to work with children with learning disabilities. She worked with one girl from seventh to eleventh grade. What an impact she made on her life! In November she will start volunteering an extra hour to help with the Home Economics class. She is very excited.

Angel Tree
If you would like to make a child's Christmas special, grab a tag from the Angel tree.



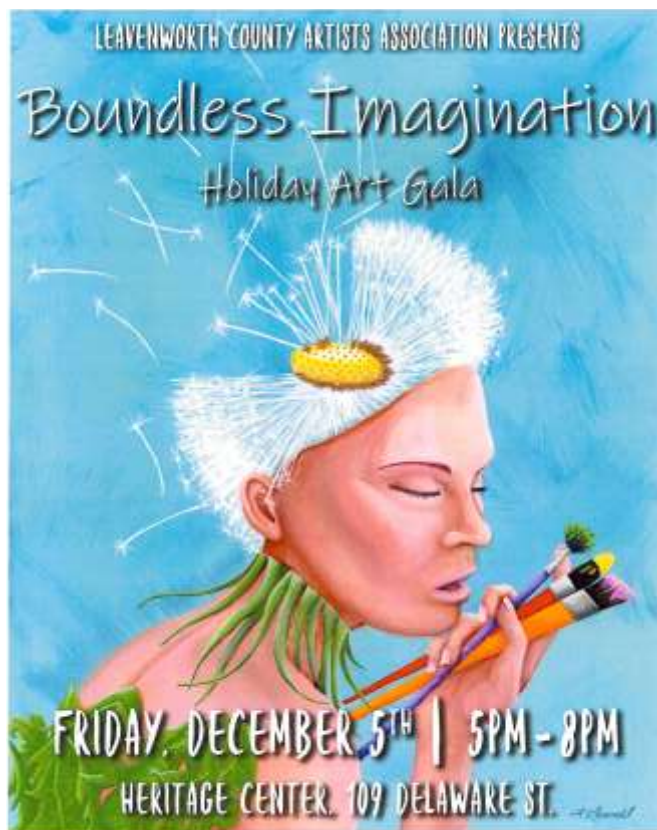

To the 11 campers that went to Camp Horizon it was: inspirational, satisfying, helpful, worthwhile, a blessing, awesome, magnificent, fun, and rewarding. A few of the things we did were: cut trees and trimmed others, pulled weeds, painted, washed windows, replaced outdoor bench seats, sprayed buildings for bugs, watered saplings, repainted basketball/volleyball/pickleball lines, spread tons of pebble rock in playground area and trails, shared meals and fellowship, plus many more tasks. We would hate for you to miss out on such a trip next year, so put Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2026 on your calendar. Cheryl Rader



Dear Church Prayer Team,
The get well wishes from so many dear friends at church really meant so much to me. I know the prayer team has encouraged so many and helped them through difficult times. The knee surgery went well and the rehabilitation started two weeks ago. Yes, it is slow but I know God will be by my side. My deepest thanks,
Alicia Moody

FAITH WALKERS
COAT DRIVE
Bring new or gently used coats, hats and gloves to the church office by Nov. 16.





Holiday Art Gala

Join the Leavenworth County Artists Association on December 5th for their annual Holiday Gala. This event will start at 5 pm with a reception, music by Penny Black and art from area artists. Nearly 100 pieces of art will be on display and many are available for sale. We have several talented artists in our church family that will be displaying their art including Libby Frashier, Heidi Eaton and Ron Roggentien. A raffle will be held to win your choice of the theme items. Light refreshments will be served. Don't miss it!



The 26th annual 7th Street Feast will be on Thanksgiving, November 27. Thirty churches partner with donations and volunteers to prepare this traditional Thanksgiving meal for our community. You can dine in, get a meal to go or if you are homebound, the meal will be delivered to you. Please share this information with anyone who needs a meal this Thanksgiving.

If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please use QR codes or call 913-306-6651.



November 27

11 am - 1 pm

7th Street Feast

JOIN THIS YEAR'S
THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

DINE WITH US OR TAKE MEALS TO GO @
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
7TH STREET & OSAGE

Looking To
Volunteer?

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This Year?

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Meals?



Wanting to volunteer?
Sign up at the QR Code
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bit.ly/7thfeast.com



No problem. You
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Or call (913) 290-0527



Say Thanks With Giving

Each Thanksgiving, our church family has a designated offering for local charities. This year our gifts will help feed our community through Meals on Wheels, Stronghold Food Bank on Ft Leavenworth, and Leavenworth Mission. If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving offering, please make sure to designate it on your envelope.

Meals on Wheels is operated by the Council on Aging. They deliver hot meals 5 days a week. Several of our church members help deliver those meals, including Sherry Lauber, Chez Shafer, and Roy and Donna Ramsey. Georgia Moore, the director, said, they are seeing a surge in requests for services because seniors of Leavenworth County are feeling the strain of not being able to meet basic needs due to rising costs. "Last year we increased the suggested donation to \$3 from \$2 but 40% of participants are unable to pay. No senior is ever denied a meal because of their inability to make a donation. We currently pay \$6.50 per meal and are going to the put out a bid request soon. This means that our current caterer or a new caterer can bid at a higher price. We serve approximately 468 meals daily which is 2,342 meals weekly which equates to \$15,223.00 weekly at \$6.50 per meal. We're more than a meal, we're a daily smile and welfare check. Some people tell us we are the best part of their day."

The Leavenworth Mission Food Pantry and Thrift Store was a vision put into action by co-founder Iris Arnold and her husband, David, in 2010. Your donations make a significant difference, especially this year because federal food programs have been substantially lessened. Your donations help restock food so that our pantry is always prepared. The Mission Food Pantry assists over 550 families monthly. They provide food, toiletries, and community outreach. They proudly partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide The Fresh Mobile Food Truck. They're located at 123 Broadway. Their pantry is open Tuesdays from 11 am to 1 pm, except when they have a mobile food pantry. For a complete calendar, check their website lvmission.org.



Stronghold Food Pantry is a not-for-profit, 100% volunteer-operated organization serving American military families. The food pantry is set up as a free shopping pantry for families so clients can pick the items their family will eat. During the Covid pandemic, Monica Basset, an Army spouse, saw a need that took off her blinders to a silent crisis within the military today: food insecurity. After reading multiple requests online from families asking for pantry staples and realizing that one family began checking their neighbors' trash cans for salvageable food, she launched an initiative out of her garage to help anyone in need. A recent poll found that 1 in 4 military families struggle with food insecurity. Stronghold served over 7,000 patrons in 2023. They have distributed over \$30,000 worth of food and household necessities.

Stronghold goes beyond food staples. They provide hunger buster packs to on-base schools which are similar to Backpack Buddies because they do not have that program on fort. They have special holiday bonus bundles around Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have partnered with Happy Bottoms to provide diapers to mothers. One day, Monica saw a need for something that most food pantries don't provide. She found out girls were skipping school because they couldn't afford feminine hygiene products, so Stronghold now provides those as well.

These three charities work hard to provide healthy food for our community. If you are able to help, I know they would appreciate your gift. We will be taking the Thanksgiving Offering through the entire month of November. Everything you give will be divided between the three food pantries. Please mark your gift or use the special Thanksgiving envelope so the money goes to the right place. Thank you.



Kids First Worship is for kids ages 3 years through 6th grade and meets during the 11 am service each Sunday on the lower floor of the Sanctuary building. This month we will have one more story about David and then learn about the last king that ruled over all of Israel, Solomon. We will also look at the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes before starting our Advent journey at the end of the month.

November 2 – KINGS: David Returns the Ark

November 9 – KINGS: Solomon

November 16 – PROVERBS

November 23 – ECCLESIASTES

November 30 – ADVENT: The Perfect Tree

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings 9:45 am in room 202 of the Education Building. With the Bible as our foundation, we use science, art and activity to not just tell God's story, but learn what it means for us. Our lessons are a deeper dive into the stories from Kids First Worship.



Wonderful Wednesday is a fantastic way to remind children that God is not just for Sunday, he is for EVERY day. Designed for kids ages 3 years through 6th grade, we will meet in the Education Building from 3:45 – 5:30 pm during the school year. Our theme this year is "EXODUS: From Moses to Me". During the months of November and December, we will take a short break from Moses to focus on the story of Jesus and his birth. We'll also be working on Christmas music.

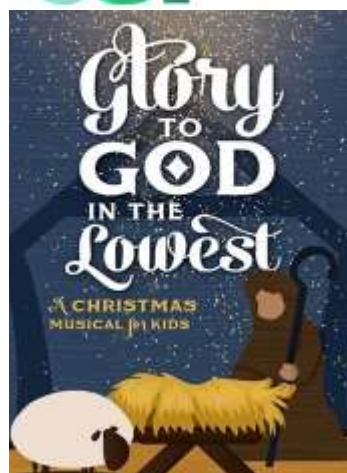


Fusion 56, our special group for 5th and 6th graders, meets from 12:00 – 1:30 pm every other week (unless otherwise noted). Each meeting we have lunch, a Bible lesson and FUN! Contact Nancy for more info. Friends are always welcome! **This month we meet on Nov. 9 & 23.**



Mother's Morning Out is Nov. 12, 8:30 – 11:30 am.

Our theme for November is Thanksgiving. On the second Wednesday of each month, we provide care for three groups: Nursery, Toddlers and Preschool. Space is limited, register at FUMCLVKS.ORG/MMO.



Glory to God in the Lowest Children's Christmas Musical

Music rehearsals begin in October. We'll spend part of our Wonderful Wednesday time, and part of our Kids First Worship time learning some great music! Presentation will be Saturday, December 13 at 5:30 pm.

For info about Children's Ministry, contact Nancy Shade at nshade@fumclvks.org



Itchin' To Stitch is not meeting at their regular day and time in November. Instead, they are going to tour the Children's Mercy Gifting Center and donate hand crafted items they have been working on all year. They have made over 1,000 Mother's Hearts. They are soft squares of fabric that a mother can wear and then the fabric is put in the NICU bassinet with a preemie infant so they can have the scent of their mother near them even when they can't be with their mother. They have also made close to 100 flannel blankets and fleece blankets as well for the children in the hospital.

They will meet Monday, November 17th, at Teresa Hick's house, 118 Rock Creek Loop, Lansing at 9:15 am and carpool. They will go out to lunch afterwards. Please RSVP to Teresa at hickt@kc.rr.com.



The book club will be reading *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini. A dedicated teacher in the Boston public school system is stunned by somber holiday tidings. Sophia's music program has been sacrificed to budget cuts, and she worries not only about her impending unemployment but also about the consequences for her underprivileged students. Sophia has chosen a carol for her church choir set to a poem by Longfellow, moved by the glorious words he penned one Christmas Day long ago, even as he suffered great loss. *Christmas Bells* chronicles the events of 1863, when the peace and contentment of Longfellow's family was tragically broken, cutting even deeper than the pains of war. Through the pain of profound loss and hardship, Longfellow's patriotism never failed, nor did the power of his language. "Christmas Bells," the poem he wrote that holiday, lives on, as a beloved hymn.

Jennifer Chiaverini's heartfelt novel for the season reminds us why we must continue to hear glad tidings, even as we are tested by strife. Reading *Christmas Bells* evokes the resplendent joy of a chorus of voices raised in reverent song. We will discuss the book on December 9 at 1 pm in Wesley Hall everyone is welcome to join us. For info, ask Sandy at swood@fumclvks.org.

BLOOD DRIVE
Tuesday, December 2
10 AM – 4 PM

Book an appointment at savealifenow.org/group

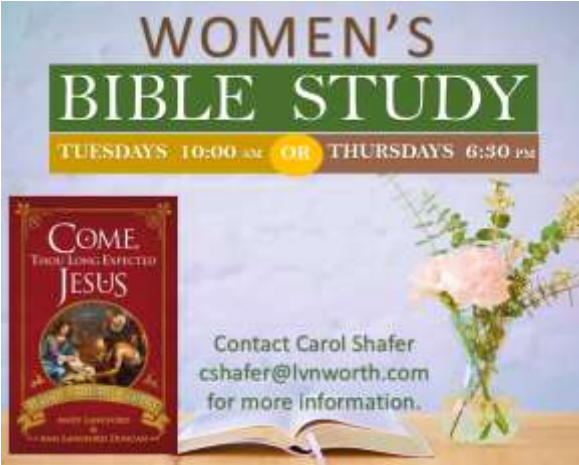
Our annual Blood Drive will be December 2. During the holidays there is an increased need for blood. Make sure to mark your calendars. You can make an appointment at savealifenow.org. Thank you for giving the gift of life.

Join us December 13 at 5:30 pm for Carols by Candlelight. The evening will start with the Children's Christmas pageant, *Glory to God in the Lowest*. It will be followed by a concert from area musician and carols for you to sing along. This event promises to be a heartwarming evening of music and festive treats to help fill you with holiday spirit. Throw on your favorite festive apparel, bring your family and friends, and celebrate with us as we sing in the season with music, laughter, and holiday magic.



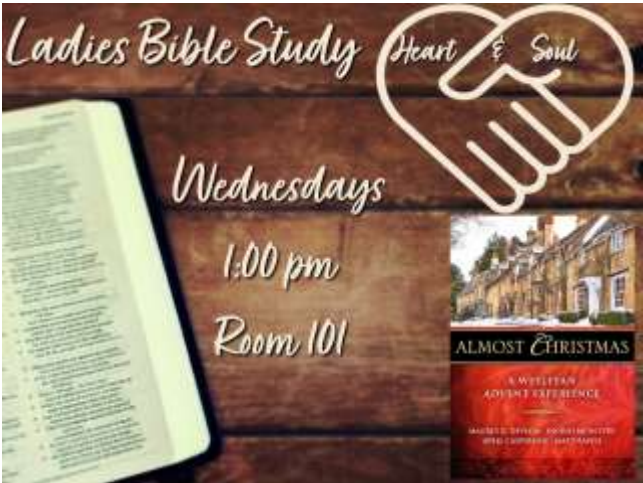
Join us at 422 Chestnut (First UMC main sanctuary) on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 5:30 as we light up the night with festive cheer.

Prepare Your Heart For Christmas

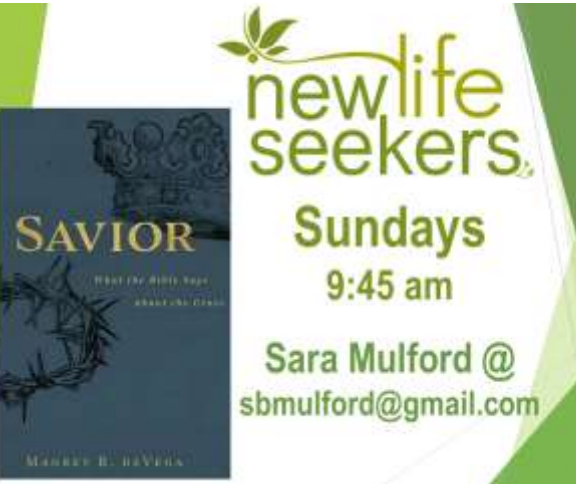


In *Almost Christmas*, Magrey deVega breaks down the barriers that prevent us from experiencing an “altogether” love, hope, joy, and peace in Christ in our lives and in the world around us. He demonstrates the promises God offers to us that makes those longings a reality, inviting us to claim those promises for ourselves this Advent and celebrate an altogether Christmas, incarnation, and to embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ.

Margaret Burland leads Heart & Soul on Wednesdays at 1 pm in room 101 of the Ed building. Guest are welcome. For info contact Margaret.burland@gmail.com.



In *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, Magrey deVega faithfully describes the need for reconciliation between human-kind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross. The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus. New Life Seekers Sunday School class meets at 9:45 am in room 203. For info, contact Sara Mulford at sbmulford@gmail.com.



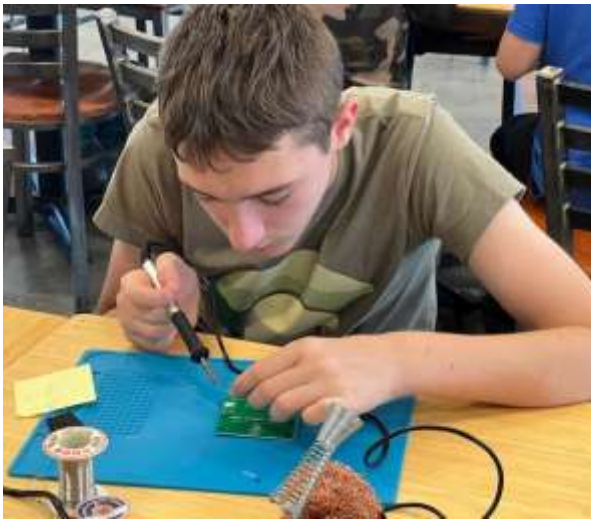
God's Word explains chaos. God's Word offers hope. In *Escape the Coming Night*, Dr. Jeremiah will walk you step by step through Revelation to help you grow and gain a deeper understanding of Bible prophecy. Cornerstone Sunday School class meets at 9:45 am in room 101. For information, contact Mary Lou Anderson at mlouanderson21@gmail.com.



Pack 3109 and the Troops met with 800+ ghouls, witches, super heroes and cartoon characters at the Trunk or Treat event. But the really big fun was had by Troop 173 and 6173 as they headed out to the Lake of the Ozarks for the Invention Jamboree 1-3 October. The Scouts learned about Missouri's most famous inventor, George Washington Carver. Scientist Edwin Hubble – No, he did not invent the Hubble Telescope --- it was named after him because, in his words, he observed that “the recessional velocity of a galaxy increases with its distance from Earth”. In our modern thought process, we say, “the universe is continually expanding.” You are probably reading this right now on an invention by James Fergason, who invented the first twisted-nematic liquid crystal display, better known as LCD. The scouts had the opportunity to learn about Drones, woodworking, design, electronics, welding, robotics, search and rescue, geospatial mapping, blacksmithing (the lost art) and had a little physical fun climbing the towers.

The Adults learned about AED (Automated External Defibrillators) and two of our leaders would like to give back to the church. We can provide a fun class to familiarize our congregation so we could treat someone until first responders arrive. This will not be a certification, but a familiarization with hands on training. If you like the idea, let Ed know so we can schedule the date, maybe on a Wednesday evening.

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October had many opportunities for fellowship. We started with our Octogenarian Dinner, followed by weekly Gratitude potluck with local charities, the Charge Conference lunch and ended with Trunk or Treat partnering with the Presbyterian church.

