

LAWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Lawson Memos

## From the Pastor

This year's Missouri United Methodist Minister's School focused on technologies and new ways of connecting to each other and reaching the un-churched. I love computers and all the new technology available through our mobile phones with E-mail, Internet Explorer, Contacts, Text Messaging, Instant Messenger, Documents to Go and you can even use it like a real phone to talk to someone. I have tried to stay up with the technology but often become frustrated because it is either developing more rapidly or I am slowing down. It may be a little bit of both. Technology is developing exponentially faster each year, week, day, hour, and minute. If you buy the newest hardware or software it is outdated when you walk out of the door. Something new, better, faster is developed constantly.

As negative as I may sound I truly believe we as a church need to utilize all available resources to be the body of Christ and carry out the Great Commission of making disciples, sharing God with people, bringing people to God, and being a people that reaches out to others. Today almost 100% of all large churches have audio/video technology in the sanctuary, internet web sites, video streaming of services, blogs, and digital newsletters. Also, about 50% of the smaller churches are using many of these available tools to invite people into community. There are many ways of connecting to others and each of us uses different tools but no one thing works well for all. As we venture into this new year let your mind wander and ponder the resources available to us to get connected, stay connected, and invite others into the community – the Body of Christ. In this information age with almost unlimited resources available we need to think outside the box that can at times limit our effectiveness.

Pastor Homer

## 5th Sunday

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday United Service

Because there are two services available many members don't get the opportunity to meet each other. Beginning with the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in March we will have one combined service with a basket dinner to follow. Mark your calendars and plan to come and fellowship. Details to be announced later.

## Valentine Brunch

### Sunday Valentine Brunch

Plan on sharing Brunch and celebrating Valentine's day on Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 a.m. The Freedom Gospel Group with Allen Kohlsteadt will be providing music while we eat and share in fellowship. Bring your favorite breakfast dish and share in the fellowship and fun.



## Birthdays Anniversaries

## Pictures

## Sunday School Sewing Group

## Women of Faith

## Meals on Wheels



### February Birthdays

1—MaKayla McNeely; 2—Paige Robison; 3—Mark Stephens; 5—Rose Robinson, David Jackson, Sharon Jackson, DeAnna Briant; 6—David Penning; 7—Laura Boxford; 8—Leta May Bailey, Pam Bessmer; 9—Tim Coleman; 10—Claude Lafferty, Patricia Worth; 11—Evelyn Goes, Tyler Hachman; 12—Winnie Briant, Cole Anderson, Howard, Beaman, Allen Gardner; 14—Brady Edwards; 15—Dan Bemis; 16—Julie Dolt, Brenda Bailey; 18—Tyler Dunn; Venette Brock; 20—Bill Anderson; 22—Lisa Lewis, Kiley Jo Findley, Jennifer McNeely; 24—Aimee Hoffman; 26—Wayne Hartman, Michelle Smith; 27—Tucker Hartman, Nancy Ruth Peterson; 28—Connie O'Dell, Lee Clinton, Lisa Short

### GENESIS CLASS-FIREPROOF

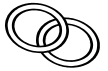
Beginning February 8th the Genesis Class will start a new six week study on the movie Fireproof entitled Fireproof Your Marriage. Everyone is invited to come and see the movie on February 1st at 2 PM in the sanctuary. If you are unable to attend we can get a copy for you to view.

### Women of Faith

Last call for Women of Faith weekend. There are now 20 women planning to attend the Women of Faith conference at the Sprint Center on March 13 & 14! There is still room for more of you to go if you would like to attend. The conference on March 13 runs from 7-9:00 pm and from 9-5:00 on March 14. We will drive/ carpool together both days. If you are interested, call or email Jeannette Hisek at 516-3854 or 580-7008. Email is [jhisek@liberty.K.12.MO.US](mailto:jhisek@liberty.K.12.MO.US). The cost is \$85 (includes lunch on Saturday). The cut-off date is now February 15!

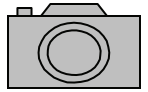
### February Anniversaries

3, 1979—Wayne & Debbie Hartman  
12, 1994—Scott & Jody Walker  
14, 1998—Doug & Kim Faulkner  
20, 1997—Jon & Kendra Cates



### PICTURES NEEDED

We are in the process of printing a new church directory and are in need of pictures of activities in the church over the last few years. If you have pictures, could you please loan them to Pastor Homer? If you have digital pictures, please email them to Pastor Homer at [pastor@love4lawson.org](mailto:pastor@love4lawson.org) or bring them on a disc.



### Women's Sewing Group

In 2008 the Women's Sewing Group handmade and donated 56 chemo hats to KU Cancer Center on June 11. Then over the summer 6 more went out to local people. December 2, 68 hats went again to KU. While it is sad that these hats are needed, we hope they give just a bit of pleasure. The cost of acrylic man-made yarns has gone up drastically and we'd like to invite others to donate left-over yarns that they might have stored. Small amounts can be put together to make more hats. We will have a box in the fellowship hall for donations. Thank you.



### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### Your Help Is Needed

Our church is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in February for Lawson Manor and Rehab. Meals need to be picked up between 11:00 and 11:15 am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the office. There are only four days open—Feb. 8, 10, 24, 27. A big thank you to everyone who have signed-up!



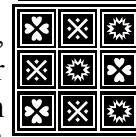


## TACO DINNER



The youth will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual taco dinner on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Come and eat tacos anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 pm. The costs is \$1 per taco, up to \$6 and then it is all you can eat. The proceeds will go to the mission trip this summer. We make great Tacos!!

## QUILTERS SAY THANKS!!!



THANK YOU to all who have brought fabric, quilt tops, backings, bindings, batting, and monetary gifts to be used in completing the prayer quilts. Without your support so many quilts could not have been completed. Because of your many contributions, we now have a rack built to hold the roll of batting, a cabinet purchased to hold our supplies, and the use of a rack to display the quilts. However, most of all we thank you for your prayers that have made this ministry so meaningful to both recipients and participants.

To date ten quilts have been dedicated during our worship services. Just think of the great number of prayers that have been lifted as the knots have been tied. While most quilts have been requested due to illness, one has gone to a squadron of marines who have experienced many stressful events while in Iraq. Recipients have ranged from two years to well into the eighties. Again, *thank you!!!*



## Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 8

### BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

The Boy Scouts are having a fundraiser at the Hillbilly Grill on Sunday, February 8 from 11:00 am—2:00 pm. It is a chili dinner, chili and fixins, drinks, and desert for \$6.00. All proceeds will go directly to their scout accounts for camp and an upcoming high adventure trip. For tickets, please contact Briar Bessmer at 296-7370 or Andrew Fine at 296-3273.

## It's time to register for camp!

**Registration Reminders: Make sure you get into the camp you want. Go Online for faster processing! ([www.mocamps.org](http://www.mocamps.org))**

Early bird deadline is April 16 to receive \$25 off! **It is *Much* easier to register online** and the church will pay 100% of the camp fee, excluding the deposit fee of \$50. In order to make registering easier, please pay the \$50 deposit fee to the church, and we will then give you the Church Voucher number needed for registration. Cancellations must be done at least two weeks prior to the start of camp. You will receive a refund of what you paid, minus a non-refundable \$50 deposit fee. If you must cancel after the two week cutoff, there will not be a refund issued. **Grade levels for camp are for the grade going into as of the fall of 2009. Camps are filled on a first-come, first served basis.** If you cannot register online, there are registration forms by the office.

Youth News

Prayer Quilts

Boy Scouts

Summer Camps



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**Our Worship Times**

**Early Service** 8:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.  
**Late Service** 11:00 a.m.  
**Jr. High Youth (Sunday)** 5:00 p.m.  
**Sr. High Youth (Sunday)** 6:30 p.m.

Homer Davidson

*Pastor*

Julie Burge

*Secretary*

Liz Hull

*Student Ministries*

Mary Bertoldie

*Choir Director*

Julie Titus

*Preschool Director*

Terri Teeter

*Custodian*

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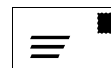
**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Mail**

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for your prayers and the quilt you made for Bill. He is so proud of it. He shows it around every chance he gets. God bless all of you in the New Year.

Florence & Bill Brookshier



**MAIL continued**

**PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS & SERVICE**

**Prayer Requests:** Keith Babb, Nancy Barrett, Jennifer Blomer, Kenna Bradley, Bill Brookshier, Jim Bush, Rod Chester, Julie Dolt, Shirley Dove, Loretta Easley, Mary Ebling, Leo Edwards, Roslyn Friend, Pam Gay, Dorothy Gowin, Phyllis Green, Harry Hostetler, Ebbie Jones, Joyce Kindred, Jerry Koeppen, Bill & Ruth Ann Mathis, Adam Mattenklodt, Mary Nave, Helen Pitts, Bill Proctor, Shirley Reynolds, Mary Sharp, Kris Snoble, Trisha Stark, Shelley Stephens, Roy & Lois Wade, Kathy Wickler, Jack Woodring Sr., Buddy Zule and our troops, our nation

<b>Gifts Received—Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$3,027.92</b>
January 4, 2009	4,385.16
January 11, 2009	4,907.76
January 18, 2009	5,603.62
January 25, 2009	2,864.00

**Worship Attendance**

Jan. 4, 2009 (8:30-65; 11:00-69)	134
Jan.11,2009 (8:30-61;11:00-68)	129
Jan 18, 2009 (8:30-45; 11:00-38)	83
Jan. 25,2009 (8:30-58; 11:00-54)	112
Parsonage—total pledged	\$74,358.00
Parsonage-received as of 1-25-09	\$83,067.97

*To my church family,*

*Thank you for the Christmas gift. I truly appreciate you and the support that you give. Have a great New Year!*

*Liz Hull*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the finals care package. It was definitely a great pick-me-up during studying! I appreciate the kind thought and support during finals week! Thanks again!

Lauren Barker

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Mission Committee, I would like to say thank you for helping out three families at Christmas time. I wish all of you could have seen their faces, tears and astonishment when they saw the gifts, food and gift cards. All three wanted me to tell you "Thank You!" A special thanks to Ross Bain, William and Robert Ashcraft, Gregg, Liz and Jessica Hull for helping transport the gifts!

Jeannette & Dennis Hisek

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$145.76. Your donation will be used by the Society of St. Andrew to feed America's hungry by salvaging nutritious produce from fields and packing houses and delivering it to feeding agencies across the country.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Jennifer Vestal Moore

**Administrative Council Meeting**