

LAWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Lawson Memos

From the Pastor

I remember when I was in grade school. It was a very small school in Simpson, Kansas and even though we had one of the largest classes we only numbered eleven. Each day we would line up in the hallway approaching the kitchen to receive our meals and then proceed down the stairs leading under what was the stage for the auditorium to enjoy our lunch. I was a very picky eater when I was younger, a fault that has been corrected and maybe even overcorrected. I remember two of my least favorite foods were cottage cheese and peas. There was just no way I could force those foods down even under the fear of death. This made for a very difficult situation since one of the teachers was always posted at the bottom of the stairs leading up to freedom with a careful eye on each tray to make sure we had enjoyed every last bit of the food we were given. If you were able to slip by that guard there was a second stage security guard at the top of the stairs (one of the cooks) that would shout "About Face." and down the stairs you would go to finish your meal. On the days when they served the foods on my forbidden list I was usually one of the last to leave the lunch room. It was a part of my plan. I knew that if I waited long enough the armed guard at the foot of the stairs would leave to get ready for class and one of the cooks would take over the duties. One of the two cooks allowed me to put my remaining food items in the milk carton and therefore get through the security of the second cook so I had a 50/50 chance of getting back to class without harassment. It is amazing the lengths to which I would go to not eat those two items and yet they are two of my favorite foods today.

We are approaching the Lenten season and by the time you receive this newsletter we will have begun with the Ash Wednesday service asking us to begin to examine our lives, fast and pray for Gods revelation and guidance during this season. As we enter this time of reflection I would ask that you consider that Christmas wouldn't have the impact it does without Easter and that Easter isn't appreciated without Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Often times we skip these two days because they leave a bad taste in our minds. My son-in-law makes my grandkids eat a little bit of everything on their plate before they can have the desert. Sometimes we have to go through the bad to appreciate the good. The betrayal, torture, mocking, crucifixion and death of Christ on the cross and hearing him cry out to the Father may not be our favorite passages in the Bible but we truly need to go through those days with Christ to fully understand the resurrection and its implications for our lives. This year I encourage you to experience the love that Christ demonstrated on Thursday and Friday and your Resurrection/Easter day will fill you to overflowing.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Homer

Birthdays Anniversaries

Pictures

Birthday Celebration

5th Sunday

Be the Church



March Birthdays

1—Max Randall; 2—Jeannette Hisek, Bill Shenberger; 3—Elonna Bemis, Mattie Walker; 6— John Dolt, Riley Harrison; 10—Teresa Harrison; 11—Jesse Stroud, Matt Danner; 12—Caroline Hoffman; 13—Laura Anderson; 15—Linda Phipps, Sam Hendrickson; 16—Virginia O’Dell, John Thurmon, Nick Briant; 17— McKenzie Bemis; 18—Mary Crawford; 20— Landon Lewis, Charles Lebold, Herschel Owen; 21—Ida Rose Pearson, David Robison; 22—Susan Edwards, Joseph Korb; 24—Steve Danner; 26—Holden Lewis, Bob Knecht, Zackrey Randall; 27—Benjamin Kixmiller, Mark Rickwa, Rachel Krieger; 28—Gary Foster, Mary Sharp; 29—Catherine Craig

5th Sunday United Service

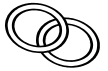
Because there are two services available many members don’t have the opportunity to meet each other. Beginning with the 5th Sunday in March (29th) we will have one combined service with a basket dinner to follow. The service will be at 10 am and will be a blended service of traditional and contemporary. We will not have Sunday school. We look forward to gathering as one church and sharing in worship, fellowship and food.

Be the Church

We are called to “Tend my sheep.” The mission field of the church is not to take care of the physical plant but rather to reach out into the community. We have been asked by the Old Union Christian Union Church to participate in a ministry called Faith in Action or Be the Church. On May 3 there will be no Sunday morning services. We will gather in the park with projects for folks of all ages to do what we are called to do, help others. Lunch will be served by the two churches in the park and Lawson UMC will have a service of celebration at 6 pm. Mark your calendars, look for projects, and plan on participating as the Church.

March Anniversaries


8, 1974—Jay & Brenda Bailey
11, 1995—Gary & Sharron Smith
15, Phil & Nancy Fullerton
19, 1977—Bob & Joyce Kindred
24, 1990—Mark & Kellie Rickwa
27, 1990—David & Sharon Jackson



PICTURES NEEDED

We are still in need of pictures for the directory. If you have pictures of events, activities, or ministries, please get them to Pastor Homer.

The “OLD MAN “ is turning 60!

Because you have been an  important part of Dennis Hisek’s life, please come and help celebrate 60 years of friendship, fellowship, fun, and frolic!

What:

A Rock and Roll dance
To honor Dennis’ 60th birthday

When:

Saturday, April 18th
5:00-11:00 PM
Salad and Sandwich bar
5:00-6:00 PM
Dance begins at 7:00 PM

Where:

Spirit Lodge Basement

If you are coming from out of town and need a campsite or lodging, the lodges are available.

Please do not bring gifts.

Our newest project is building a tree house village at the camp. If you would like to donate toward a tree house in Dennis’ honor, a donation can will be available.

Please RSVP to Jeannette at 580-7008 or email at jhisek@liberty.K12.Mo.us

Dear Homer and Members of the Lawson UMC,

Paul writes, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4) This joyful passage of scripture reflects the sense of delight, encouragement, and hopefulness that I feel as I celebrate with you the ministry you are accomplishing through your congregation and through your apportionment giving.

I want to congratulate you and your congregation and to express my personal appreciation for giving over 100% of your apportionments during 2008. Your faithfulness to the apportionment covenant demonstrates a commitment to ministry beyond the walls of the local church. By your giving, you support ministerial education, our seminaries and United Methodist colleges, our work overseas, our conference camping, missions work, youth ministries, campus ministries, social services, our development of new churches and strengthening of existing congregations, the administration of our connection, retired clergy benefits for those who have served our churches faithfully for years, and so many other significant ministries which no single local church could possibly accomplish without our connectional covenant. Thank you.

Commitment to the apportionment covenant begins with the pastor and the lay leadership of the congregation, and I appreciate your helpfulness. No church gives fully without a firm commitment from the membership of the local church, and I give God thanks for the vision, generosity, and faithfulness of your members. Few churches are able to give apportionments without intentional planning, and I thank you for thinking ahead and including the ministries supported by apportionments in your budgeting and ministry plan.

Please know that you have my continuing pledge to see that the ministries supported by apportionment giving are fruitful, held to a increasing expectation of accountability and excellence, and aligned with our core mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you and your congregation during these months to come as we all seek to serve the purposes of Christ in our work together. Again, thank you.

Yours in Christ,
Robert Schnase

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)



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.

Letter from the Bishop

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

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS & SERVICE

Prayer Requests: Lucile Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Kenna Bradley, Bill Brookshier, Jim Bush, Julie Dolt, Leo Edwards, Pam Gay, Dorothy Gowin, Phyllis Green, Sharon Lawrence, Anne Long, Adam Mattenklodt, Helen Pitts, J.W. Pitts, Steve Pitts, Bill Proctor, Ginger Pruvost, Mary Sharp, Kris Snoble, Shelley Stephens, Tamara Tucker, Kathy Wickler, Buddy Zule, our troops

Gifts Received— Needed Weekly	\$3,027.92
February 1, 2009	4,099.67
February 8, 2009	3,531.18
February 15, 2009	2,071.00
February 22, 2009	1,856.00

Worship Attendance

Feb. 1, 2009 (8:30-65; 11:00-69)	111
Feb. 8, 2009 (8:30-61; 11:00-68)	120
Feb. 15, 2009 (8:30-60; 11:00-30)	90
Feb. 22, 2009 (8:30-60; 11:00-45)	105
Parsonage—total pledged	\$74,358.00
Parsonage-received as of 2-22-09	\$83,774.07

Service

Thank you to Bill Shenberger, who provided special music at the 8:30 service on February 15.

Thank you to Pam Bessmer, Pastor Homer, Sharon

Jackson, Wayne Hartman, Royce Brock, Donna Owen, Sandy Hendrickson, Gary & Julie Burge, Gail Ryther, Nancy Fullerton, and Sara Field for delivering Meals on Wheels.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Dorothy Gowin and family, whose husband, Barney passed into eternity on February 21.



**Administrative Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2009
7:00 pm**