



LAWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Lawson Memos

## From the Pastor

On Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> I was sitting in my office at 7:30 in the morning looking out the window over 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania and all of a sudden I saw a wild turkey running west on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It saw a couple folks standing in front of the post office and it seemed a little spooked but then continued on west across Pennsylvania and ran between A Cut Above and the house north and was quickly out of my sight. I was reluctant to tell this story fearing I would be accused of being drunk like those believers on the day of Pentecost. Like that day this was much too early to be drinking and besides that I haven't taken a drink in over 28 years. It was real!

I began to wonder where this bird came from and how it ended up in the middle of town. Turkeys are very spooky and difficult to get close to, they can fly, and they are very smart. So, how did this turkey end up completely out of its element? Since it was the second day of turkey season it may have been spooked by some hunters and being frightened lost its way. It may have just been looking for new opportunities. I don't really know since I don't read the minds of turkeys.

When we examine our lives as Christians in reference to getting out of our element, that can be good or bad. If our element is that of a committed Christian stepping out because of some frightening experience or looking for new opportunities would sound like going astray to me. Conversely, if we find ourselves to be marginal Christians with limited commitment maybe it is time to get past the fear of change and step out of that comfort zone, that element, and begin to look for new opportunities to live a joy filled life.

Pastor Homer

## Summer Worship Times

It is official. There was an overwhelming positive response to the question of having one service through the summer. Some of the reasons stated were; opportunity to get to know folks in the other service, conservation of utilities and resources, a full vibrant and spirit filled service. It is impossible to meet everyone's needs through times and style of worship but our hope is that you will be tolerant to the change and attend with a positive attitude allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to all through the diversity of the worship.

We will begin the new service times on May 31<sup>st</sup> (fifth Sunday) with a 9 am Sunday School and 10 am Worship Service, followed by a pot luck dinner. Come and enjoy the new opportunities for praising and glorifying our God.

## Birthdays Anniversaries



### May Birthdays

1—VickiLafferty, Ryann Robinson; 2—Chad Findley, Tanner Smith; 3—Becky Hartman, Kenny Brock; 4—Hollis Pettz, Eric Owen, Marilyn Findley; 5—Ryan Hewitt, Jody Walker; 6—Nathan Robison; 8—Gail Ryther; 11—Sara Thomas, Colin Brock, Conrad Brock, Nicole Francken; 12—Steve Reynolds; 14—Linda Woodring; 16—Grant Thomas, Morgan Knoch; 17—Jennifer Rohlf, Dorothy Gowin; 18—Donna Shenberger; 19—John Briant, Curtis Briant, Cody Danner, Chris Danner; 20—Collin Simmons, Joyce Kindred; 21—Jacob Robinson; 22—Scott Walker; 23—Ina Faye Briant; 24—Deborah Holder, Matt Krieger; 25—Ed Pearon; 27—Mary Bertoldie; 29—Lisa Marks, Sandy Hendrickson; 30—Mary Danner; 31—Mary Beth Thurmon

## New Members Birth

**Welcome!** It is with great  joy that we welcome into our church family Rob and Alyce Leytham, who joined by way of transfer of membership from Northstar UMC, March 29. They have two children, Nick and Courtney. Their address and phone number is 27817 County Rd MM, Lawson; 580-5010. Please welcome Rob, Alyce, Nick and Courtney.

We also welcome into our church family the 2009 Confirmands: Briar Bessmer, Andrew Fine, Joshua Jacobsen, Bethany Jacobsen, Jordan Johnson, Cheyenne Knecht and Tiffani Knecht.

## Mission Trip

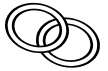
## 2009 Ray County Cancer Walk

## Smorgasbord Committee

### Relay for Life Cancer Walk

This year's Relay for Life Cancer Walk will be held June 5-6 at the Richmond R-16 High School track. If anyone would like to be involved or form a team and represent our church, please contact Lorna Oliphant at 816-470-5203; email—lolphant@prodigy.net.

### May Anniversaries



3, 1974—Tom & Janelle Coleman  
3, 1997—Tim & Amy Estes  
5, 1990—Mike & Evelyn Thomas  
11, 1985—Ron & Teresa Harrison  
11, 1991—Larry & Kris Brazzle  
13, 1967—Bill & Donna Shenberger  
14, 1994—Todd & Lee Ann Hachman  
18, 1984—Ivan & Holly Simmons  
20, 1961—Bill & Marilyn Findley  
20, 1989—Mark & Lori McNeely  
22, 1981—Bill & Roslyn Ashcraft  
22, 2004—Caleb & Mary Crawford  
25, 2003—Jessee & Christine Reed-Schall  
25, David & Elizabeth Francken  
27, 1961—Bill & Karen Proctor  
30, 1987—Dale & Julie Bright  
30, 1995—Kenny & Kerri Brock  
31, 2008—Donald & Lisa Marks

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Josh & Taylor Barker on the birth of a son, Sullivan Davis Barker (Sully), born April 13. The proud grandparents are Craig & Ina Jo Barker.

### Youth Mission Trip

We have a list posted on the bulletin board by the church office of items that the Boy's Ranch can use. If you would like to donate any of the items, please purchase them and place them in the bucket. Everyone can be a part of this mission trip! We will have a dinner in the fall to show all that we did at the Boy's Ranch. Thank you for your support!

Liz

### Smorgasbord Committee

The Smorgasbord Committee is in need of two new members for the main planning committee. Those interested can contact Becky Hartman 679-2325 or Sandy Hendrickson 296-3198. Thank you!



**May 3, 2009 Faith In Action: Don't *Just* Go To Church, "Be The Church"**

The Faith In Action" Don't *Just* Go To Church, "Be The Church" day is this Sunday! It is not too late to be a part of this exciting day! Visit the registration table for more information and to sign-up today!

Meet at the city park at 9:00 am for prayer and final instructions. Please dress for the weather, as many projects will take place outside.

**WATKINS MILL CARE PACKAGES**

Donations being accepted for Watkins Mill care packages. This is a project that we will be doing on "Be the Church" Sunday, but need donations ahead of time.

**Boys:**

- Suave Shampoo – 15 oz.
- Dove Bar Soap
- Aim Toothpaste – 7.2 oz.
- Equate Lotion – 10 oz.
- Sure Deodorant – 2.7 oz.
- Colgate Toothbrush
- Chapstick (not Carmex or anything medicated)

**Girls:**

- Suave Shampoo – 15 oz.
- Dove Bar Soap
- Aim Toothpaste – 7.2 oz.
- Suave Lotion – 10 oz.
- Suave Deodorant – 2.7 oz.
- Colgate Toothbrush
- Chapstick (not Carmex or anything medicated)

**Be the Church**

**EASTER LILIES**

We wish to thank those who provided Easter lilies for the sanctuary.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

- |   |   |
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| Eric Lewis  | Francie Lewis                                   |
| Earl Sharp, Pearl & Opal Kelley,<br>Baby Kelley Coleman, Don Kelley | Mary Sharp & Family                             |
| Keith Anderson  | Helen Anderson & Family                         |
| Leneve Clasen   | Sam & Becky Hartman, Nancy Ruth Peterson        |
| Joline Hoffman  | Eric, Aimee, Katherine, Caroline & Emma Hoffman |
| Leneve Clasen   | David Clasen                                    |
| Jonathan Patrick Cletus O'Dell                                      | Cletus & Connie O'Dell                          |
| Carolyn Powell Browning &<br>Donner Dragoo Rickwa                   | Mark, Kellie, Derek & Katelyn Rickwa            |



**IN HONOR OF**

- Kathy & Larry Hunter,  
Gary Hoffman Eric, Aimee, Katherine, Caroline & Emma Hoffman

**CAMP FUND**

We wish to thank those who made a donation to our camp fund.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

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| Bob Easley, Bert Easley, Lillian & E.E. Bratcher, | Jacob King                               |
| Teresa Bradley, Mildred King, Bobbi Easley        | Sam & Becky Hartman, Nancy Ruth Peterson |
| Derrick Logan                                     | Hollis & Merlene Pettz                   |
| Our Friends & Family                              | L'Berta Shelton                          |
| Louis Shelton, Gene Shelton                       |  |

**IN HONOR OF**

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|--|--------------------------|
| Homer & Barb Davidson                  | Jacob King               |
| Our Children & Grandchildren           | Hollis & Merlene Pettz   |
| All Campers & Counselors of Our Church | Dennis & Jeannette Hisek |
| Our Grandchildren                      | Homer & Barb Davidson    |

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD-**David & Sharon Jackson, Bob & Virginia Gill,  
Herschel & Donna Owen

**Easter Lilies**



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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 Baret, Jennifer Blomer, Kenna Bradley, Bill Brookshier, Jim Bush, Connie Deterding, Julie Dolt, Pam Gay, Dorothy Gowin, Phyllis Green, Adam Mattenklodt, Marva Owen, Helen Pitts, J. W. Pitts, Steve Pitts, Bill Proctor, Mary Sharp, Kris Snoble, Shelley Stephens, Mary Beth Thurmon, Tamara Tucker, Kathy Wickler, our troops

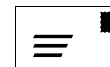
<b>Gifts Received—Needed Weekly</b>	\$3,027.92
March 29, 2009	1,491.00
April 5, 2009	5,000.00
April 12, 2009	4,011.50
April 19, 2009	2,209.20
April 26, 2009	2,714.02

**Worship Attendance**

Mar. 29 (5th Sunday combined service)	98
Apr. 5 (8:30-780; 11:00-50)	128
Apr. 12 (8:30-108; 11:00-72)	180
Apr. 19 (8:30-45; 11:00-50)	95
Apr. 26 (8:30- 56 ; 11:00-48)	104
Parsonage—total pledged	\$74,358.00
Parsonage-received as of 4-26-09	\$85,792.97

**Service**-Thank you to Debbie King for preparing April 5th communion and Sharon Jackson for preparing Easter Sunrise communion.

**MAIL**



Thank you so much for the prayer quilt. Your kindness and prayers are much appreciated.

Carol Foster

Thanks so much for the lovely lap quilt. It is very much appreciated!!!

Best Wishes to All,  
Kathy Hunter

**Graduates**



We need the names of those graduating from high school and college. Please contact the church office at 296-7793 or email lawson umc@centurytel.net. We will be honoring our graduates on May 17 at both services.

**Administrative Council Meeting  
Monday, May 4, 2009  
7:00 pm**