

Words from Pastor Tom

This coming Sunday, Creighton Cox will be preaching at both services. Jennifer and I will be taking a long weekend (or short vacation) to see some of the natural beauty of the St. Francois Mountains in southeast Missouri—an area with which I'm very familiar. I'm not sure what kind of cell coverage I will have there, but **If there is any pastoral or medical emergency in your family, please call and let me know.** Several folks have my cell phone number, in particular our congregational leadership, and it was sent out via email a few weeks ago as well.

New Sermon Series

On Sunday, April 18, I will be starting a new sermon series titled “Bold Acts.” In it I will be preaching on some of the acts of the disciples after Jesus’ resurrection that challenged the powers that be in their time and set the course for what we know and believe today. Peter will be a central focus of the series because he clearly is the boldest among the disciple, but we will also look at the apostle Philip and his encounter with an Ethiopian in Acts 8. I hope that through this series we can see that taking on Christ’s humility does not mean that we are to be timid about sharing our faith in our risen Lord and Savior.

Adult Christian Education

Mahatma Gandhi wrote, *“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”* Although he comes from a different religious tradition that we do, I think the wisdom he gives is consistent with living in Christ Jesus and something to take to heart. It suggests that, even as chronological adults, we never stop learning. If we see ourselves as children of God, and not as grown adults, perhaps we can see the wisdom of being a life-long learner as disciples of Jesus Christ. Doing so means being open to new and perhaps challenging perspectives that will stretch you in your spiritual growth. That is not always comfortable, but growth is nonetheless necessary as God presents us with the vast and unimaginable world He created. We all learn in different ways, so I would like to know how we as a congregation can help you grow in your walk of faith with our risen Lord and Savior. I will be putting an informal poll on our Facebook® page to see what kind of study you would like to be a part of:

- 1) a Bible study with printed curriculum purchased by the church;
- 2) a book study on various issues (with participants buying their own book); or
- 3) a video series with discussion to follow.

I hope that your response is such that we can have all three types of classes on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Regardless of the instructional approach, the fellowship of the small group/class is what is paramount. It is my thinking that an intergenerational class works best to broaden the perspectives and experiences of all who participate, particularly for a church of our size. For now, just think about your own spiritual needs as one who seeks to live in Christ Jesus, and let me know of your learning preference via the Facebook poll when it is posted. If you've not liked our Facebook® page and thus do not get our notifications, please do so at <https://www.facebook.com/llcumc> or search for Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ our Lord, *Pastor Tom*

MISSIONS UPDATE

During the months of February and March, LLCUMC continuing being a very giving church. Through the generous gifts of our church members, we provided food to the food pantry at Della Lamb Community Services; 17 sleeping mats and also blankets and clothing to Lazarus Ministries; 30 sack lunches to ReStart emergency shelter; and Easter dinner baskets to 5 Tarsney Lake families.

Della Lamb Community Services:



Lazarus Ministries:



Restart Emergency Shelter:



Tarsney Lake Families:



We would like to wish a Happy Happy
Birthday to all of our April babies.

Irene Zabel, Cindy Morehead,
Jon Raymond, Rick McWhirt, Nicole Ables
& Carter Davis

Hope you all have a wonderful month full
of happiness, joy and CAKE!!!



Prayer List

On Going: Kevin Bergman, Wade Davis, Roger Grable, Richard Fuerst, Winnie Fuerst, Harvey Geary, Michael Hatfield, Linda Koleiny, Shane Miley, Kirk Morehead, Nancy Rowe, Norma Silvain, Marsha Waz

Depression and Mental Health: Robby Sherrod

Strength and Healing: Jim Arr, Mike McMillin, DJ Petty, Andrew White

Missions: Kenyan G-Marc Project, Chics for Chicks, Della Lamb, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Harvester's Food Bank, Lazarus Ministries, reStart, Tarsney Lake Families, Congregation de Mellier, Heart and Soul Children's Learning Center

*Please contact the office to update
or add prayer requests*

LLCUMC Monthly Mission Activity



Hope House's Mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing safe refuge and supportive services that educate and empower those impacted by domestic violence.

Hope House is dedicated to making sure every man, woman, and child affected by domestic violence can find refuge and freedom. Their programs include emergency shelters, individual and group therapy, and outreach programs to assist survivors on their journey to safety and normalcy. For additional information, visit their website: hopehouse.net

As our April mission project, we will be collecting the items listed below now thru Sunday, May 2nd to support Hope House and the survivors of domestic violence they serve. Please place your donated items in the drop-off box in the Church Commons.

Current Needs:

Chapstick lip balm	New wash clothes
Lysol Spray	New bath towels
Toilet paper	New twin sheet sets
Paper towels	New bed pillows

Hope House will also gladly accept monetary donations to make bulk purchases of critically needed items. If you would like to make a CASH donation, please make your check payable to LLCUMC and write "Hope House" in the memo line. Have Questions? Email Elaine at sendmail2me@comcast.net



**For Your Generous
Participation!**

April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 Sunrise Service 7:00 am Easter Service 10:00 am	5	6 Voting Day at church	7	8	9	10
11 Services 8:00 & 10:00 am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Services 8:00 & 10:00 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Services 8:00 & 10:00 am	26	27	28	29	30	

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basket
egg
hunt
easter
chick
sunday
bunny
flower
carrot



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