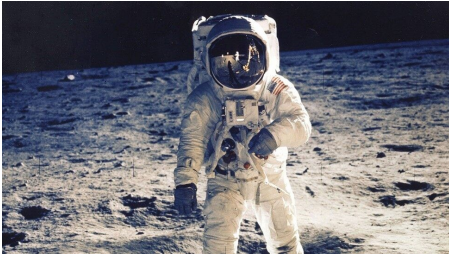


“To the Moon”



Saturday marked the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the surface of the moon. While Apollo 11 officially launched July 16, 1969, the idea of the moon landing was launched much earlier.

The launch of the Apollo Moon program began nearly seven years earlier, in 1962, when President Kennedy delivered these famous words:

“We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.” (John F. Kennedy, September 12, 1962, Rice University, Houston, Texas)

Kennedy’s words inspired a nation because they laid out a clear purpose for going to the moon. The words served as a reminder of the pioneering heritage of the United States that is so fundamental to the history and identity of what it means to be an American. Why go to the moon? Because it will help us live more fully into the ideals under which our nation was founded.

Reflecting on this speech makes me wonder...

What is my mission to the moon? What is the moon mission for our church? What about our Christian heritage and the mission Christ has given us? What are the things I/we are called to do, “not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because the challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and which we intend to win?”

The world around us is much different than it was in 1962. The religious landscape and the role of the church in society is very different than it was fifty-seven years ago. But our mission, the mission Jesus Christ first gave to eleven of his friends on a hill outside of Jerusalem to “Go into the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit” hasn’t changed. And we are called to figure out what it means to do this in the year 2019. We are called to do this not because it is easy, but because it is hard and achieving this goal is part of our heritage as followers of Jesus.

“When JFK first made the bold declaration that by the end of the decade we would put a man on the moon, it was both inspiring and intimidating. To many, the goal seemed impossible. But because some were determined, the goal was achieved. Perhaps we as individuals and we as a congregation need to identify our moon mission, a goal that is intimidating and feels impossible.

I invite you in the coming days to pray about what crazy, intimidating, impossible missions God is calling you and our church to undertake, not because it is easy, but because it is part of who we are as Children of God.

Thank you for the honor of being your pastor and being in ministry alongside you to a God who calls and guides us to do the impossible.

Blessings,

Chris





Thursday, August 22nd, 2019 at Arrowhead Stadium

**Silent Auction & Cocktails 6:00 p.m. & Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m.
Dessert & Entertainment 8:00 p.m.
Business Attire Requested**

Anyone interested in supporting Hillcrest by attending the gala with other LLCUMC members, please contact Alice at acfuerst@netscape.net before July 31.

Be an Angel

Come join this amazing group of women on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @10am to make needed items for our community.

Everyone welcome to join the fun!



Don't forget to join us Wednesday at 12:00 at Tarsney Lake to have lunch and fellowship with the families and kids in that community!

2019 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA



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DATE

Lake Lotawana Community United Methodist Church
Gate 1 and Colbern Road

SAT SEPT 7th 9:00 AM - Noon

Electronics - Clothing - Household Goods & MORE

Visit our website: llcumc.org for complete list

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Alice Fuerst

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Services 8 & 10:00 am Women's Group 5:30-7 pm	8	9 Association Meeting 7:30	10 Tarsney Lunch 12 Yoga - 6:15 pm	11	12	13 VBS
14 Services 8 & 10:00 am Women's Group 5:30-7 pm VBS & BBQ	15	16 Missions Team Meeting 7pm	17 Be an Angel 10 Tarsney Lunch 12 Yoga 6:15	18 Men's Small Group 7 pm	19	20
21 Services Women's Group 5:30-7 pm 8 & 10:00 am	22	23 Church Council Meeting 7pm	24 Tarsney Lunch 12 Yoga - 6:15 pm	25	26	27
28 Services 8 & 10:00 am Women's Group 5:30-7 pm	29	30	31 End of Summer Tarsney Lunch 12 Yoga 6:15			

POWER of PRAYER

Alex	Chuck Holland
Les Case	Karin (Speitzer)
Sandy Case	Al Krashow
Donna Casey	Don McGowan
Dionte	Don Raymond
Janet Ford	Steve Raymond
Winnie Fuerst	Rosemary Robinson
John Hatfield	Nancy Rowe
Michael Hatfield	Ginger Scott
	Larry Sparks
	Cole Von Ohlen

Congregation
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Heart and Soul
Children's
Learning Center
All Ministries

Evening Small Groups @ LLCUMC

For Women

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY

WOMEN'S DVD BIBLE
STUDY BY LYSA
TERKEURST

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN GOD'S
TIMING SEEMS QUESTIONABLE, HIS
LACK OF INTERVENTION HURTFUL,
AND HIS PROMISES DOUBTFUL?

6 WEEKS, BEGINNING JULY 7
5:30-7:00 P.M.
LLCUMC SANCTUARY

Contact Sara at sstephenson.snyder@gmail.com

For Men

First and third Thursdays
@ 7:00 P.M.

Come and Experience the Living Word

Bible Study

Contact Pastor Chris at chrisksnnyder@gmail.com

For Couples

On hiatus for the summer; will resume meeting this fall

Contact Wayne at w.rogers63@yahoo.com

Small Groups provide the opportunity to connect with others
in a casual study/discussion environment as you strive
to deepen and enrich your walk with God

We Invite You to Attend!