

“Can I Pray for You?”

More than ten years ago I had a conversation with a colleague about different aspects of church life that has stuck with me. At the time, I was “Pastor of Evangelism” at a large church. While I had studied the theological importance and Biblical imperative of evangelism extensively and read numerous texts on the subject, I was frustrated. Not only was I having difficulty teaching and leading others in this area, I was having difficulty sharing my own faith with others.



My colleague challenged me to try something new. Instead of inviting someone to church or having a deep conversation about faith, she encouraged me to share a gift with others. She told me of times when she was at a coffee shop, restaurant, or store and noticed someone who looked a little frazzled. Instead of asking what was wrong, my colleague (who is not a naturally outgoing person) told me she would ask how she could pray for them. She said that little question had opened more doors to conversations about faith than anything else she had ever done. But, she cautioned me, it was important to only ask the question if I really wanted to know and care about that person’s life and if I was truly ready to pray for them.

The day after this conversation I went to a learning event in South Carolina. I decided I would give this new idea a try. As I was traveling, I ate out all my meals. I asked the servers at restaurants if, while I was praying over my meal, there was anything I could pray for them. This seemed like the least intrusive way to employ this new tactic. (Plus, as I was out of town, there was little chance I would offend anyone who I might ever see again.) I was amazed at what happened! Every person I asked was so grateful and pleased to be asked this question. I learned about faith struggles, health problems, major life decisions, and much more. One of the servers sat down with me for five minutes or more and shared struggles and joys and his own faith journey. One server shared my request with another server, and before I knew it, I had 3 other people come to me to share items they’d like me to pray about.

Prayer is such an amazing gift! One of the greatest things about prayer is that it is an easy gift to give away and never costs us anything. What I was overwhelmed by was the joy people felt when I asked if I could pray for them. It was a way of communicating that I cared about them. We forget, many times, how often people feel like they don’t matter or that no one cares about them.

I want to invite you to join me in a project of giving away the gift of prayer to others. With the beginning of the school year quickly approaching, I would like for our church to add a prayer ministry for the faculty and staff at Mason Elementary. There are approximately 50 people on the faculty and staff at Mason. What I would like is to have 49 other volunteers commit to saying a prayer daily (or as often as you are able) for a member of the faculty or staff. I ask you to let me know that you are interested in committing to this ministry. I will then assign you a person to pray for by name. If you’d like to occasionally send them a note of encouragement or something like that, I’m guessing they’d appreciate it. Additionally, I’d like to invite you to join me on the evening of August 14 at 7pm in Mason Elementary parking lot. We will gather for a short time of prayer and then spend 20-30 minutes walking around the school, covering it in prayer in preparation for the new school year.

Prayer is an amazing gift God has given us to not only connect ourselves with God, but to give away as a gift to others as well. Will you please join me in giving this gift to faculty and staff at Mason Elementary?

It is an honor to be your pastor and be in ministry alongside you to an amazing God as we share his gifts with our community and world.

Blessings,
Chris

Calling All Acolytes

Acolyte Training Class

- Sunday, September 9
- 2-4 P.M. Fellowship Hall
- Children Grades 1-6
- Bible Study, Games, Snacks, Fire Safety

Text Sara Snyder at 417-343-1124 to sign up!



Kids in Action

NEW MISSION CLUB

- Students ages 8-13
- Mission Experiences & Bible Study
- 10/12, 10/18, 11/06, 01/02, 01/21, 03/01
- More information to follow; direct questions to Sara Snyder or Sophie Reed



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Be An Angel 10</i> <i>Tarsney Lunch</i> 12:00	2 <i>Social</i> <i>Service 12:50</i>	3	4
5 <i>Services</i> <i>8 & 10</i>	6	7	8 <i>Tarsney</i> <i>Lunch 12:00</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>Sevices</i> <i>8 & 10</i> <i>Tarsney Picnic</i> 5:00	13	14 <i>Association</i> <i>Meeting 7:30</i> <i>Prayer Walk</i> <i>Mason 7:00</i>	15 <i>Be An</i> <i>Assc.</i> <i>Meeting 7:30</i> <i>Prayer Walk</i>	16 <i>China</i> <i>Painting 9:00</i>	17	18
19 <i>Services</i> <i>8 & 10</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Rock</i> <i>The Lake 6:30</i>	25
26 <i>Services</i> <i>8 & 10</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

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LLCUMC Family Night
Live Music/Games/Food
6:30-8:30 P.M.
Church Parking Lot

ROCK THE
LAKE

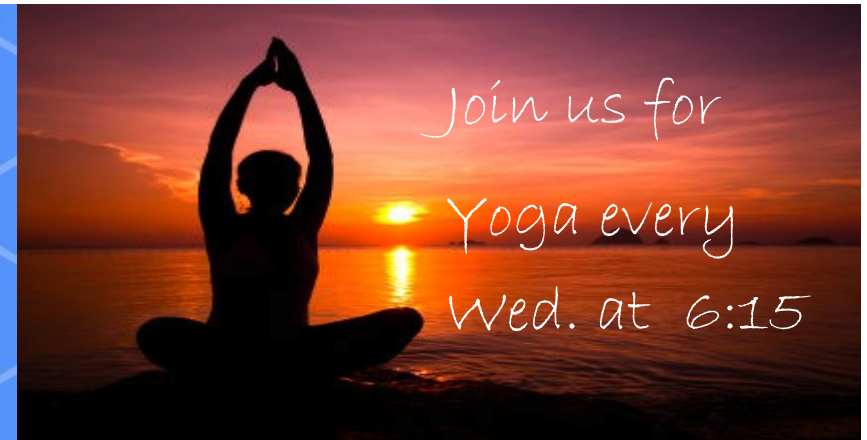
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Live Music by Stephen
Rew and Decided

We would like to welcome the Anderson family as the newest members of our Church. We are blessed to have Kyle, Cassie, Eli And Ellie as part of our Church family.

WELCOME TO
OUR CHURCH



Join us for
Yoga every
Wed. at 6:15



Join us Tuesday August 14th at 7:00 pm @
Mason School Elementary for our Prayer Walk.
This will be a wonderful time to take part in
praying all the teachers, staff and students as
they enter into a new school year.

Everyone welcome!

Steve Bee
 Jeremy Brooks
 Keith Brunsmann
 Les Case
 Donna Casey
 Ron Clarke
 Charlene Davis
 Ronnie Goode
 Bill Green
 Michael Hatfield
 Warren Hassler
 John Hilton
 Edie & Gary Ken
 Morgan (Hatfield)
 Jarod
 Fred McKinzie
 Ryan Neighbors
 David Parrish
 Kris Peterson
 Judy Peterson
 Carl Pinkerton
 Steve Raymond
 Rosemary Robinson
 Norma Silvain
 Duane/Peggy Taylor
 David Tackett
 Elaine West
 Mitch Williams
 Wilma Williams
 Joe Virgalla



Families of Tarsney

Lake

Congregation de

Mellier

Heart and Soul

Children's Christian

Learning Center

All Ministries

of the Church



June through August: Enjoy fellowship with our young friends at Tarsney Lakes or help prepare food for the Wednesday lunches. Contact Jerri at jerri152@comcast.net

Thursday, August 2 12:50 – 4:00: Assist clients at Lee's Summit Social Services *Back 2 School* activity. To sign up, contact Alice at acfuerst@netscape.net **NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Sunday, August 12 5:00 – 6:00: Join the potluck picnic with Tarsney Lakes residents. Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert and a chair. I will be on the east shore of the Tarsney Lake. We will be distributing school supplies to Tarsney Lake kids.

August 19 – September 9: Monetary donations will be collected to purchase supplies for Personal Hygiene Packs to be donated to the annual Missouri Festival of Sharing. Make checks payable to LLCUMC with "Festival of Sharing" in the memo line

Saturday, September 8 9:00 – 12:00: Recycling Extravaganza. Volunteers needed 8:00 – 12:30. See www.llcumc.org for further information

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Lee's Summit Social Services needs our help with their "Back 2 School" school supply distribution. Meet the clients and work one-on-one them to select new backpacks, school supplies, and clothing (if needed).

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Lee's Summit Social Services

108 SE 4th Street, downtown Lee's Summit



2018 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

at Lake Lotawana Community
United Methodist Church
Gate 1 & Colbern Road

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

9:00 a.m. - Noon

**- Electronics - Clothing -
- Household Goods & MORE -**

CASH FEES: \$20 per TV - \$10 per printer

All other accepted items FREE

See list @ llcumc.org

Charles Kitley

Student Loan Applications

are due in the church office

by Thursday August 2, 2018

Church office hours are Monday- Thursday

7:00 am- 12:00 pm

Summer Picnic Program

The Summer Picnic Program with our neighbors at the Tarsney Lake area is enjoying great success as LLCUMC volunteers share a hot lunch and visit with several families. Milk and bread have been added to the weekly Free Mini Market which is keeping the resident's pantries well stocked with a great variety of nutritious foods. In addition to food and fellowship, the sharing of God's love has resulted in growing positive relationships both within and beyond the neighborhood.

REMAINING PICNICS: Wednesdays July 25, August 1 & 8

Meals shared: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

With your generous contributions, there is a wonderful supply of non-perishable items for the remaining weeks of the Mini Market. As "Back to School" time is quickly approaching, the Mission/Outreach Committee is requesting **monetary donations** to purchase backpacks, school supplies and gift cards to distribute to nineteen local students. Please write your check to LLCUMC with "Tarsney School Supplies" in the memo and place into our collection plate. Donations will be collected through August 5th.

Supplies will be distributed at August 8th and 12th picnics.

Thank you for your continued support!

Save the Date **Sunday August 12th**
5:00 p.m. @ the
main Tarsney Lake

All are invited to attend the End-of-Summer Picnic. A fried chicken dinner will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair.

Questions? Contact Jerry Metcalfe: 816-449-0651 or 816-774-8279

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