

What Can I Do?



*I woke up this morning/Saw a world full of trouble now, thought/How'd we ever get so far down, and/
How's it ever gonna turn around?
So I turned my eyes to Heaven/ I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery/ The thought disgusted me.
So, I shook my fist at Heaven/ Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, yeah, I created you" (now listen)

If not us, then who/If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something, yeah
If not now, then when/ Will we see an end to all this pain
Oh, it's not enough to do nothing/It's time for us to do something.*

A few years ago, Contemporary Christian Music artist Matthew West wrote the song “Do Something.” The lyrics (above) convey thoughts I’ve been having a lot recently. The song begins with someone looking around and seeing a hurting, broken world, so far from the good creation God had in mind in the beginning. This person turns to God in prayer and asks the question, “Why don’t you do something?” God points out that God created his children for that purpose.

Sunday morning, as I was getting ready for the day, I looked at the news headlines. I was still in shock and upset about the reports of the shooting in El Paso, TX the previous day and the now 22 people who lost their lives there when I read about another mass shooting event. This one was overnight in Dayton, OH and claimed the lives of another 9 people and injured several more. Both of these events came less than a week after 3 people were killed and others injured in California and 2 people were killed at a Walmart in Mississippi. These stories are on top of the news stories of shootings that happen in Kansas City nearly every day. I don’t know about you, but as I continue to hear all these stories of innocent people losing their lives as they exercise their freedom to assemble in places like parks, schools, restaurants and bars, grocery and retail stores, I just feel helpless. I look to God and think “Why won’t you do something?”

The thing is, when it comes to gun violence, I feel powerless. As we read or listen to the news, it is obvious that we cannot even agree on what the problem is, let alone a strategy to fix the problem. Meanwhile, innocent people continue to die. Children continue to lose their parents. Parents continue to lose their children. Men & women lose their spouses and we all lose a little more of our innocence (if we even have any left at this point).

As I was sitting and thinking about this earlier today, I decided there was something I could do. I took a break from what I was working on and sent messages to both of my senators and my congressman asking them to help me understand what they were doing to stop this pattern of violence and what I could do as a citizen and clergy person to assist.

This particular issue may not be the one that is most troubling you, but I’m guessing there is something that God has laid on your heart. I encourage you to consider thinking about what God may be calling you to do to “do something” about it. We all may not be passionate about the same thing and we all may not agree about what needs to be done. But, we can all agree that we are all called by God to go into this broken world and to “Do Something.”

Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor and being in ministry alongside you to an amazing God who calls all of us to “Do Something.”

Blessings,

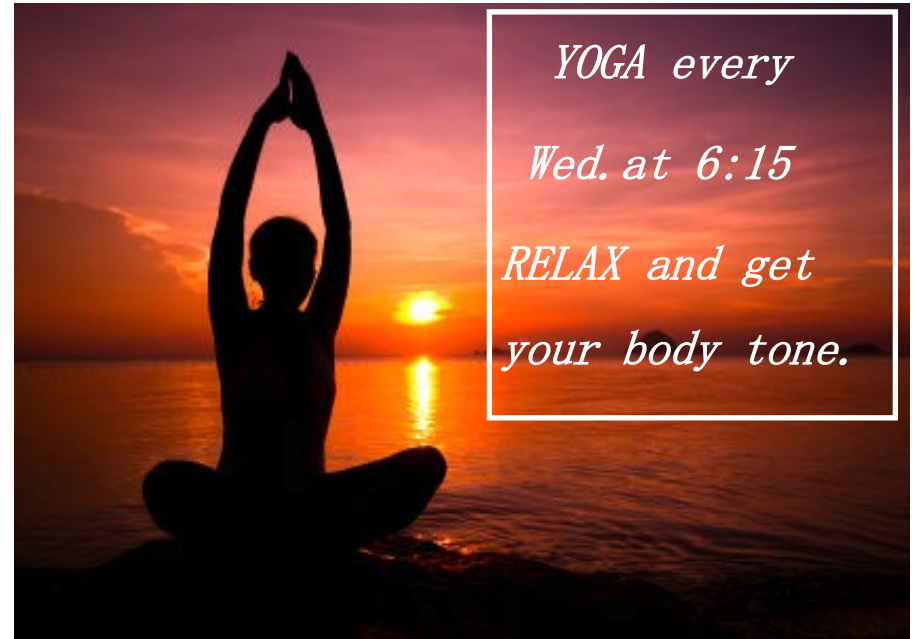
Chris



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!



Prayer Walk for Mason Elementary

Sunday, August 11, 7:00 pm
Mason Front Parking Lot

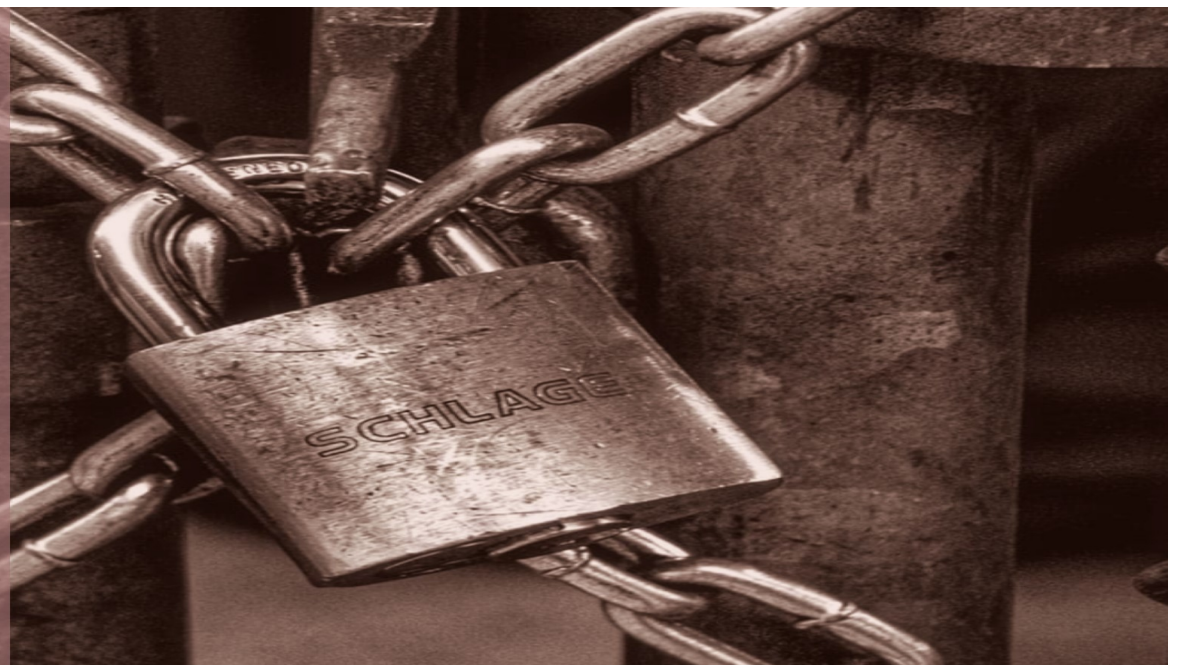
Join us as we pray a blessing over the students, staff, and faculty of Mason for the upcoming school year.

Hosted by the Lake Lotawana Community UMC

UNLOCKING REVELATION

A MEN'S SMALL GROUP
STUDY BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 5

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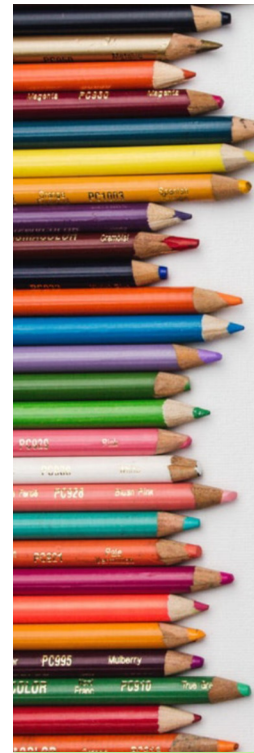


Through **Festival of Sharing**, various Christian denominations and non-profit organizations have joined forces to respond to poverty, hunger and injustice throughout the world by providing funding and resource goods. In 2018, 89 agencies serving 54,000 people were the recipients of the Missouri Sharefest. This year you can participate in two ways:

1. Donate used prescription eyeglasses and reading glasses for the Merida Foundation to distribute to the Mayan community. These will also be collected at our Recycling Event Sept 7th.
2. We will also be assembling Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs. You can make a monetary contribution that will be used to purchase items in bulk and a team will assemble the Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs. Or you can purchase the specified items yourself and put together a pack. The estimated value of each pack is \$20 and they will be distributed in all areas of Missouri. There is a "sample" kit and a specific list by the Connections area in the church lobby. The kits include (1) 6oz or more fluoride toothpaste, (1) toothbrush in original packaging, (1) bath size bar of soap in pkg, (1) 8-14 oz skin lotion, (1) 11-14 oz shampoo, (1) deodorant, (1) comb or brush, (2) razors, (1) wash cloth and (1) hand towel. If you choose to make a donation, in the check memo or on your giving envelope, please indicate "Hygiene Kits".

September 1st will be the last day we will be collecting donations or kits.

ONE MISSION ~ MANY COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER



Mason Prayer Team Members Needed

We are looking for 55 volunteers to commit to praying for a member of the Mason Elementary staff or faculty each day of the upcoming school year.

If you'd like to participate in this ministry, please contact Pastor Chris at chrisksnnyder@gmail.com or 816-578-4544.

2019 RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA



SAVE

THE

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



Les Case	Karin (Speitzer)
Sandy Case	Al Krashow
Donna Casey	Liam
Wade Davis	Don McGowan
Janet Ford	Don Raymond
Winnie Fuerst	Steve Raymond
John Hatfield	Nancy Rowe
Michael Hatfield	Larry Sparks
Chuck Holland	Cole Von Ohlen

Congregation
 de Mellier
 Heart and Soul
 Children's
 Learning Center
 All Ministries
 of the Church

KITLEY STUDENT LOAN FUND GUIDELINES

LAKE LOTAWANA COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1. Applicant must be a member of the church for at least one year prior to application. Preference will be given based on level of involvement in the church.
2. Funds distributed are a loan.
3. The student and parent or guardian will sign a contract.
4. Interest will be set at 2.5%.
5. Interest and repayment are to commence one year after graduation or termination of studies. Repayment is to be made in 60 monthly installments.
6. If two or more payments are missed, the full loan may be called due unless an extension has been granted by the College Loan Committee. If default occurs, the interest rate will be adjusted to prime or 9%, whichever is less.
7. In the event the student continues into graduate school, payment and interest will be deferred until one year after termination of classroom studies.
8. Students must maintain a "C" average and furnish transcripts to the Loan Committee each year to maintain their qualification.
9. Students are to be of good moral character and reputation.
10. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
11. Applicants must be accepted at a nationally accredited two- or four-year college or university.
12. More than one member of the same family may be eligible for a loan.
13. Fifteen percent (15%) of the balance of the college loan fund may be allocated each year, to be disbursed semi-annually.
14. Available funds will be divided according to need among qualified, timely applicants on the same schedule.
15. Applications for fall semester loans are to be turned in to the Loan Committee by August 11. Applications for spring semester loans are due by December 1.
16. When exceptional circumstances exist, the Loan Committee may make adjustments to these guidelines at their discretion.

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Services 8 & 10:00 am Women's Group 5:30-7 pm	5	6	7 Be an Angel 10 am Yoga 6:15	8	9	10
11 Services 8 & 10:00 Women's Group 5:30-7 Walk at Mason School 7:00 pm	12	13 Association Meeting 7:30	14	15	16	17
18 Services 8 & 10:00 am	19	20	21 Be an Angel 10 am Yoga 6:15	22 Hillcrest Gala 6:00 pm	23	24
25 Services 8 & 10:00 am	26	27	28	29	30	31