



Lawson Memos

From the Pastor

I just received a letter today from the District Superintendent thanking us for contributing 100% of our apportionments for 2011. I am overjoyed at what Lawson UMC has achieved this past year. In the tough economic times we sent \$19,140 to the Missouri Conference and Heartland District to support the ministries of the United Methodist Church here in the Kansas City area, the state of Missouri and around the world. That in itself is a great accomplishment but even greater when we consider that we have done this through tough economic times.

But, it doesn't end there. We also support a pastor in Mozambique by paying his salary of about \$1000 per year. Through our assistance how many lives are touched in Lurio Mozambique? We have been supporting a resident at the United Methodist Boy's Ranch in Gore, Oklahoma for the past few years at \$1000 per year. We have been active in our Volunteers in Mission by going to Colorado, Gore, OK, Red Bird Mission and Gulfport, MS and have plans for 2012 for Joplin. At Easter 2011 we sent enough funds (almost \$1000) to buy rabbits for underprivileged countries that they might multiply and feed other families. We started a Baby Grace program and through this ministry thousands of dollars of needed items were distributed to young families to support them and their babies. We have been and will continue to be active at Lazarus Table and Lazarus Women's shelter through the Grand Avenue Temple in Kansas City providing meals and service but more importantly hope for persons on the street. Our quilt ministry reaches outside of this church to those in the community and some have even been sent to far away persons connected to the community providing physical and spiritual warmth. We support the Festival of Sharing each year in October through giving. We provide Christmas gifts for the residents at the Watkins Mill State Park Group Home. We deliver Meals on Wheels to citizens to make sure they are provided with a nutritional diet at least one meal a day. We support one of the best preschools in the area through Learning Lighthouse. Our enrollment has been increasing each year as we actively strive to provide the best learning experience for the least amount of expense to young parents.

As you can tell I am very excited about what has happened here at Lawson UMC. During the year there was some speculation that we might not be able to pay our apportionments this year and I was concerned. Thanks to your generous giving we have met our goal of ministry to the conference. The amazing thing is we ended the year with a little more money in the bank than we had at this time last year and on top of that we paid over \$8000 on the parsonage loan and now only owe \$12,000. That is very significant in my opinion.

As excited as I am about what you have done, I am even more enthused about what can happen in 2012. How many more lives can be changed through the ministries of Lawson United Methodist Church?

Your Brother in Service Pastor Homer

Barb and I would like to thank you for the kindness and gifts you have shared with us at Christmas. You are very much appreciated.

Birthdays**Branson Tour****Anniversaries****Be the Church****Meals on Wheels****Ash Wednesday****February Birthdays**

2—Paige Robison; 3—Mark Stephens; 5—Rose Robinson, David Jackson, Sharon Jackson, DeAnna Briant; 7 - Laura Boxford; 8 - Leta May Bailey; 10—Patricia Worth; 11—Tyler Hachman; 12—Winnie Briant, Cole Anderson, Howard Beaman, Allen Gardner, Hallie Lindsey; 16—Julie Dolt, Brenda Bailey; 18—Tyler Dunn; 19—Venette Brock; 20—Bill Anderson; 22—Jennifer McNeely; 26—Wayne Hartman, Michelle Smith; 27—Tucker Hartman; 28—Connie O'Dell, Lee Clinton, Lisa Short

February Anniversaries

3, 1979—Wayne & Debbie Hartman
12, 1994—Scott & Jody Walker

**Be the Church**

For the past few years Lawson UMC has been working with other churches in the community supporting a day in which we BE THE CHURCH instead of going to church. We actually replace our regularly scheduled worship services and go out into the surrounding community and do ministry by assisting families with needs. This year we will again be working with these other churches but we need to identify projects that we can work on. If you know of anyone in our area that needs work done on their home or inside their home and are unable to do the work themselves please bring that suggestion to the Be the Church committee. At Lawson UMC you can contact Pastor Homer or Noel Ferguson with your suggestions. Be the Church day will be April 29th so we need your suggestions.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Your help is needed. Our church is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in February for the Lawson Manor and Rehab. The meals can be picked up between 11:00-11:15 am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

**Lawson UMC
Branson Tour 2012**

We have scheduled a trip to Branson on May 22 and will return on May 23. Our goal is to fill up a 55 passenger bus. The trip cost is \$175 per person; this includes: transportation, lodging (double), three meals, three great shows, fun and fellowship. Does not include: lunch on Wednesday at Heritage Cafeteria, shopping, snacks and incidentals. Single occupancy room is available for an additional \$30. A \$25 deposit will hold your seat. The balance is due by April 1, 2012. Direct your calls to Pastor Homer at 816-296-7793 or mobile 816-646-7712.

**The Schedule****Tuesday, May 22**

7:00 am Leave Lawson, MO
9:30 am Pit Stop-Osceola Cheese Outlet
11:15 am Lunch @ Lambert's Café, Ozark
1:00 pm Check in @ Honeysuckle Inn
3:00 pm Pierce Arrow Show
5:00 pm Honeysuckle Inn
6:00 pm Supper @ McFarlain's Restaurant
8:00 pm "Smoke on the Mountain" Show

Wednesday, May 23

7:00 am Board Bus
7:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral
9:00 am Legacy & Legend of the Ozarks Show
11:30 am Lunch @ Heritage Cafeteria
2:00 pm Pit Stop @ Clinton, MO
5:00 pm Arrive Lawson, MO

**ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**

The Ash Wednesday service will be at the United Christian and Presbyterian Church February 22 at 7:00 pm. Pastor Homer will preach.



Men's Fellowship

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be on Monday, February 13 at 7 pm. The meeting will be at Bob Knecht's home. We meet on the 2nd Monday nights. We hope you will plan to be a part of this.

Joplin Mission Trip Fundraisers



On Wednesday, February 8, we will be having a Taco Dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm. Tacos cost \$1 each up to \$6, then it is all you can eat.

We will be having a rummage sale on Friday, March 16 from 8 am-3 pm and Saturday, March 17 from 8 am until noon. Please start saving your "good stuff" to donate for the sale. This is our third annual rummage sale. We appreciate the churches support for our yearly mission trips. -Liz-



Baby Grace Needs

Baby Grace needs at this time:

Diaper Ointment
Laundry Baskets (rectangular)
Baby Wash
Free & Gentle Laundry Soap
Pacifiers
Teething Rings
Newborn Size 1 Diapers
Newborn Sleepers
Baby Toys/rattles/etc.
Cardboard Baby Books
Q-tips



We have several moms due soon and we need to make baskets for the newborns.



Women of Faith

Would you like a spirit filled weekend of motivational speakers, drama, and music? Then a Women of Faith weekend might be just what you need! Women interested in attending the Women of Faith Conference at the Sprint Center in the fall of 2012 can hold their spot right now! The conference will be Friday, November 2 and Saturday, Nov.3rd. The cost this year will be \$91 which also includes lunch both days. To hold your seat, please get a check for \$25 to Jeannette Hisek so she knows the number of seats to reserve. Women of Faith now requires a deposit to hold seats. This is a change from other years so Jeannette will need your money in advance to guarantee you a seat. If you have any questions, please give her a call at #296-7008 or #516-3854.

Baby Grace Open House Coming Up



Our fourth Open House will be on Saturday, Feb.11th from 9:00-1:00. A Baby Grace Open House is when we put out all the used items that have been donated to us for Baby Grace and families come and get what they need for their babies. We need volunteers to come to the church at 9:00 am on Wed.-Fri., Feb. 8, 9, and 10th to help sort and hang clothes, disinfect and wash toys, and in general help set up for the event. Merlene Pettz and Becky Hartman are in charge of refreshments. If you would like to donate food, please see them. There will be a sign up on the bulletin board. If you would like to help that day with greeting the moms and dads and helping hold their babies while they shop, please let Jeannette Hisek know. We always welcome new helpers!

Baby Grace One Year Birthday Celebration

Can you believe that our Baby Grace Program is now one year old??? We will celebrate our one year birthday on Sunday, Feb.12th with a special worship service and carry in dinner right after worship. Cake, punch, balloons, and a festive fun filled worship and meal will be planned. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the pot luck dinner after worship. Drinks and service will be provided. Please bring a couple of dishes for the pot luck.



Position Open

For the past six years Liz Hull has been our Youth Director and has also organized our VIM trips. Liz has informed us that she will step down from that position at the end of May. We thank her for her great contribution to the church and to the community.

The Staff Parish Committee has decided to change the position slightly by hiring a Youth/Christian Education Director. The hope is that this would be one person but are open to the idea of having two person fill these positions. If you are interested in applying for both of one of these openings please contact Pastor Homer or Sara Field, Chair of the Staff Parish Committee, for a job description.

Men's Fellowship

Baby Grace Open House

Mission Trip

Baby Grace Needs Baby Grace Celebration

Job Opening

Women of Faith

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Our Worship Times

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Youth Meetings – Wednesdays
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Homer Davidson

Pastor

Julie Burge

Secretary

Liz Hull

Student Ministries

Mary Bertoldie

Choir Director

Missi Jones & Mary Sellers

Preschool Directors

Cherrie Heller

Custodian

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS & SERVICE

Prayer Requests: Dorothy Anderson, Zora Baldwin, Ritchie Branstietter, Steve Danner, Julie Dolt, Loretta Easley, Joyce Gentry, Dorothy Gowin, Dayton Holt, Marie Hopper, Julie Kerr, Danny Lawrence, Edna McCollough, Lisa Maher, Phyllis Miller, Connie Owen, Rev. Bill Radford, Deana Logan-Schlepp, Judy Sells, Mary Sharp, Don Shenberger, James B. Smith, Pam Thompson, Donna Vermillion, Raegan Weber

Worship Attendance 2012

Dec 25	90
Jan 1	71
Jan 8	109
Jan 15	85
Jan 22	90

Gifts Received

Needed Weekly—2012	\$3,186.15
Dec 25	1,151.00
Jan 1	2,617.00
Jan 8	4,334.03
Jan 15	1,939.63
Jan 22	1,673.43
Parsonage—total pledged	\$74,358.00
Parsonage—received as of 1-22-12	\$117,896.48

Service—Thank you to all the folks who helped at the Good Samaritan Center food pantry.

Administrative Council Meeting
Monday
February 6, 2012
7:00 pm

MAIL



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to camp last summer! My favorite part was when we hiked. I had fun!
Love,
Spencer Estes

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift card. The thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.
Julie

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for thinking of us. We appreciate the Wal-Mart gift cards.
Bill & Roslyn

Thank you so very much for the card and gift. It made the holidays much easier!
Happy New Year!
Amy Schnetzler

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support for our facility through Russ and Carolyn's ministry. We appreciate your love and care more than words can express!

Watkins Mill Park staff & students