



May Birthdays

5/1	Mary Linn Ginna Richards Jenna Foiles
5/2	Jenny King
5/3	Lois Johnson Ann Nelson Leanne Kasitz
5/6	Verna Chalfant Bob Walje Penny Crawford Douglas Huber
5/8	Sharon Tuttle
5/9	Kathleen Nicholas Sylvia Dodge Pam DelCastillo
5/10	Garrett Wilson
5/11	Chase Pulley
5/12	Linda Roxberg Dan Ashford Vicki Finkenbinder
5/15	Jenny Cadwell
5/16	Emily Davis
5/17	Grant Krieger
5/20	Emily Foster
5/23	Rachel Stasieluk
5/24	Dirk Biddison John Cupp Laura Schlotzhauer Tyler Stallcup
5/26	Mary Palmer Greg Martin
5/28	Skip Hoffman
5/30	Rev. Howard Johnson Lauren Dippel

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Kathryn Knapp, a longtime Leawood UMC member, passed away on March 31, 2014. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Please remember, in your prayers, the family and friends of Harold Rice. He passed away on April 19, 2014.

Father of Susan Van Kirk Beyer, Robert Van Kirk, passed away. Services will be at 1:00 p.m., April 29, at Mount Moriah. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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UMW *things to remember...*

Greeting Cards

A variety of greeting cards may be purchased by contacting Verna Chalfant. Every bit of your minimum \$5.00 donation goes to missions.

UMW Library

Please be sure to check out the UMW library, located in the Leawood UMC Library. Each year we add new books to better equip members for mission in their communities and around the world.

For more information about Leawood UMC and a calendar of events, please visit our website www.leawoodumc.org.

The Spirit

P & B (Puzzles and Books!) for Della Lamb!

May 2014



Picture a mother picking out a book that she can read to her child. Perhaps it was a favorite story that you had read to your children or grandchildren! Or perhaps the mom will select a puzzle for the whole family to work on!

Thanks to our generous congregations, we are already halfway to our goal of 100 Books and Puzzles for Della Lamb!

So thank you to those who have contributed! There is still time to bring your donation of puzzles or new or gently used children's books. There is a box in the Narthex (or Mission Closet off the Narthex) marked "P&B for Della!"

Donations received until May 31. Any questions, contact Missy Wurtz at missy@leawoodumc.org. Sponsored by Leawood UMC United Methodist Women.

Will You MAKE IT HAPPEN?...

This is the theme for the 2014 United Methodist Women quadrennial Assembly. Four members of Leawood United Methodist Women, Martha Kent, Susan Moackler, Pat Ganser, and Barbara Smith will be attending. They'll be accompanied by Vicki Bisby, our unit's Prayer Partner and a member of Roeland Park UMC.

Upon our return, we'd love to share with you a sampling of what we've learned and experienced. Please join us Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. - noon. We'll try to make it a mini-Assembly for you. Each of us will be attending different sessions; the topics will include spiritual growth, social action issues, communication skills, leadership development, and learning about the people who receive our Mission dollars. All of this will be mixed up with worship, entertainment, singing, dancing, and eating! There is no cost to attend on May 17. However, we'd like to have an idea of how many are coming, so please RSVP to Barbara Smith. If you don't RSVP and find you're available that day, please come anyway!





"The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." Genesis 2:7.

Father God, I am dependent on You for everything. There is nothing I could do in this day or in my life without Your moment-by-moment provision. I place my finger on my pulse, and thank You for the gift of life. I breathe in, saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul," and breathe out saying, "And all that is within me, bless His holy name."

I know that a thankful heart is not just the greatest virtue, but the parent of all virtues and the source of transformation of my attitudes. Every virtue devoid of thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road. With everything

that is within me, Lord, I thank You. May this be a day for constant thanksgiving for the privilege of life.

Light of the world, shine on my face, sparkle in my eyes, illuminate truth through my words, radiate Your glory in my attitudes. I pray in Jesus name, Amen.

From Quiet Moments with God by Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie.

PRAYER COLUMN

Patty Brasel

Green Team *from Barbara Chaplin*

LAWRENCE ONBOARD

A New Way to Travel Around Town

By Jennifer O'Brien, Director of Lawrence OnBoard

Four years ago, my husband Tim and I moved out to the country to live a more sustainable lifestyle. We built a passive-solar house out of local materials, heated it with wood from the back lot, and caught rainwater off the roof. We planted a huge garden, learned to can food, and raised a flock of chickens. We bought less and shared more. And we took public transportation whenever we could. Which was never because there isn't any out where we live. So, when we needed to go to town, we did what all our neighbors did – drove our car. Usually alone, all nine miles to Lawrence, Kansas. It's not exactly the most sustainable way to get around, but I don't feel comfortable on a bicycle and calling my neighbors for a ride is a huge hassle. So I drove. But I wasn't happy about it.

That's when I came up with the idea of Lawrence OnBoard. Which is a club of members who are vetted and registered and given an ID badge and an OnBoard Logo so people would know who they were riding with or picking up. Thus was born the Lawrence OnBoard Roadside Ridesharing Association.

The riders make their own signs indicating where they need to go and can see the logo in the drivers windshield to know they are a member.

OnBoard participants successfully got a ride 95% of the time. The average wait time for a ride was less than seven minutes. *Greenability Magazine, March/April 2014 issue*

To read more about this unique program, you can find the article on the Green Bulletin Board.



Adult Sunday School Opportunities



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

We invite you to join one of our adult Sunday school classes. Pick a class and come anytime! Newcomers are always welcome! Questions? Contact Susan Moackler (913)653-2396.

Faithbuilders Sunday School Class

Join the Faithbuilders Sunday school class which meets in the church library on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We welcome you to join us for this enlightening time of faith, fellowship and friendship.

Seekers' Adult Sunday School Class

We meet at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning in the Seekers' Room on the garden level of Church. Join the Seekers' Class to be a part of a supportive, life enriching group of men and women who are young at heart and were once known as the "Young Adult Class."

The Spirit Sunday School Class

Welcome to the Spirit Class! Please join us Sunday morning at 9:30 in the center classroom in BBP Hall in the lower level. This class focuses on Bible study. You will find shared leadership and great discussion, leading to growth in discipleship. We encourage guests and visitors to join the Spirit Class and our social gatherings as well.

Disciples and Doughnuts

This class is multigenerational and always welcoming of new people. Our goal as a class is to explore the basics of what it means to be a Christian and discern how we might grow in our faith to be better disciples. We try to have lessons that are easy for anyone to participate in without weekly preparation. If you are a very busy person or can't make it every week, this is the perfect class for you!



Be sure to attend the 5th Annual Legacy BBQ!

This year we will again do a three day event!

Day 1, Friday, May 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., we will have a BBQ Cooking Class where we demonstrate how to prepare the meat, make the rubs, and get everything ready to be smoked the following day.

Day 2, Saturday, May 3rd, at 6:30 p.m., there will be the Potluck Cookout in front of the church, you bring your own main course, we will grill it! Bring a side dish to the potluck to share. Hang out with the BBQ Pitmasters while they get things started for the big Legacy BBQ on Sunday.

Day 3, Sunday, May 4th, following the 10:45 a.m. service, enjoy the 4th Annual Legacy BBQ!!!! This year's menu will include pulled pork, brisket and burnt ends and lots of delicious side dishes.

All proceeds will be given to support youth missions. We hope to see you there!

Nurturing Spiritual Fulfillment

Devotions from UMW resources

This month all UMW members will be reading the scripture meditating and responding in faith....

Scripture: Luke 19:41-44; Luke 13:34; Isaiah 49:15

Meditate: Mothers.

Prayer: God of love, justice and mercy: all things are possible with you. And so, for Mother's Day, we pray for peace. We join in prayer with mothers across our nation who must plot and plan activities to protect their children from senseless street violence. We join in prayer with mothers who, despite their best efforts, have lost children to the madness of violence. We join in prayer with mothers seeking to make their homes a safe haven from violence and unhealthy conflict. We join in prayer with mothers in troubled lands who endured years, even decades, of war while struggling to raise children amid the chaos of violent conflict. O God, when we look at these situations, it's easy to feel powerless and begin to accept the dominant message that such things are inevitable. But with you all things are possible. And through you, we can do all things. So we come to you, asking for wisdom, direction and favor as we strive to answer your call to be peacemakers. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.



What Gift Do You Bring?

Patricia D. Brown tells this story:

There was once a Great Teacher. A community of people heard of her and asked her to come speak to them. She arrived and addressed them with a question. “Do you know what I am going to say to you?” They responded, “No.”

She replied, “Well, then I will not waste my time on so ignorant a group!”

Again, the group invited her to come speak to them. Again she asked the same question. This time, they said, “Yes!”

“Well, if you already know, you don’t need me!” she replied and left.

Before they invited her to return, the community formed a “study” committee. She came and asked the same question. This time, the people had planned carefully. Half said “yes” and half “no.”

“Good! The half of you that know can teach the half of you who don’t!” and she returned home.

The community was shaken. They still truly believed she had great wisdom and believed she really had something important to say. Once more they asked her to speak.

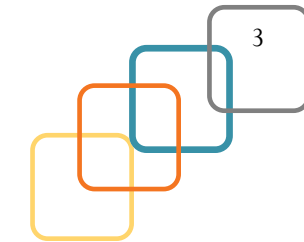
She graciously returned. She asked the same question. “Do you know what I am going to say to you today?” The room was hushed and still. Finally, after a long silence, the Great Teacher spoke, “Good, for now we can listen and speak and reason together.”

Sometimes, the best “teaching” happens in group interaction where wisdom is shared. Leawood United Methodist Church can continue to grow in wisdom by drawing on the gifts and graces each one of us has to offer. Have you thought about what gifts you bring?

If you’re curious about such questions, Lois Johnson will be leading a new Spiritual Gifts class that will begin meeting in the South Office (office wing across from church offices) at 9:00 a.m. starting this Sunday, April 27.

See you in worship!

—Pastor Howard



Re-Think Sunday Floral Arrangements



Re-think the opportunity of recognizing a birthday, anniversary, special event or of commemorating the loss of a loved one, by choosing either a fresh-cut floral arrangement or a lovely silk floral arrangement to be on display for a Sunday service. Choosing the silk floral arrangement, which will be re-used, provides an opportunity to send your floral donation of \$25.00 to a mission of your choice. The fresh-cut arrangement can be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service. Please sign-up on the floral chart outside of the church office and be sure to designate which arrangement — “fresh” or “mission.”

Change the World One Daisy at a Time!

This spring, you can support Cross-Lines Community Outreach by purchasing plants for your garden at the Friends of Cross-Lines Annual Plant Sale. Fine quality annuals, perennials, tomatoes, herbs and even hanging baskets and planters are available at competitive prices. Proceeds benefit Cross-Lines Community Outreach, serving the poor in Kansas City, Kansas...and 50% of your cost is tax deductible. Mark your calendars now: Thursday, May 1st and Friday, May 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman. And, don’t forget Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 11.



All Kids Invited to the BIKE RODEO

**Saturday, May 10
10:00 a.m.—Noon**

**Fun courses to navigate on your bike!
Leawood Police to offer safety tips about cycling!
Bike check-ups to make sure your bicycle is in tip-top shape!**

**Leawood United Methodist Church
2915 West 95th Street
Leawood, KS 66206
leawoodumc.org**

**Parents! No pre-registration required.
Register at event!
EVENT IS FREE!**

Jenny King wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, best wishes, cards and calls during her recent convalescence, which will continue on for several more weeks. She would sincerely appreciate continued prayers.



UMW Rummage Sale

The annual UMW Rummage Sale will be held this year on June 6 —7. Any donations for the sale from church members will be very much appreciated, so keep that in mind as you start cleaning out your closets, attics and basements this spring.



UMW Meetings and Events

'Out to Lunch' Bunch will meet at Tavern at Mission Farms on May 7 at 11:30 a.m. This restaurant is located at 10681 Mission Road in Leawood.

Bessie & Carolyn Westfall Circle will meet on Tuesday evening, May 13, at the home of Patty Brasel at 7:00 p.m.

Hope Circle will meet on Monday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Missy Wurtz. The program will be about Della Lamb.

Grace Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Seeker's Classroom. There will be a salad potluck and Eddie Sumpter will give the lesson.

Church Women United will meet on Friday, May 2, at Shawnee United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m. The program is May Friendship Day. If anyone would like to be the CWU coordinator, please contact Martha Kent.



Our 2nd Quarter Meeting will be on Saturday, May 17, in the sanctuary. The ladies who attended the National Assembly will be doing a program about the lessons from assembly. The time is from 9:00 a.m. til noon. Everyone is invited.

Missing Books

We are missing two books, Too Many Irons in the Fire and Something to Sing

About. Please return them to the UMW shelf in the church library.

Please contact Leawood UMW President, Martha Kent, with questions or call the church office at (913) 648-2131.