



LAVALETTE
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

LAVA-LETTER

Each Week at LUMC

Sunday

9:45 Fellowship Time
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
6:00 Youth Meeting
7:00 Bike Group meets
at Smiths' home -
weather permitting

Monday

6:30 Bible Study

Tuesday

5:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday

5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Bike Group meets
at Smiths' home -
weather permitting

CHURCH YARD SALE

August 4th
7 - ?

Come grab some
great treasures!
See Nancy if you
need something
picked up!

UMW
Coffee & Donuts,
Hotdogs, & Bake
Sale

AUGUST 2018

Praying to Seek God's Will

As most of you already know, there is a special General Conference of the United Methodist Church scheduled in February 2019. During this conference, the suggestions discerned from the Commission on the Way Forward will be presented to the United Methodist Church representatives assembled regarding the issues of human sexuality and how we as a Church can move beyond our differences so that we may carry out the great commission given by Christ.

This topic has strained our unitedness in our United Methodist Church for years. Therefore, I ask that each of you spend specific time, in addition to your normal prayer time, praying for God's intervention and direction in this matter. Let us pray that we, as a church, will desire God's will be done instead of our own will.

Throughout history, humanity has often placed their desires and thoughts before God's. This is not only true of events recorded in Scripture but as well in the events recorded post-Jesus time. When we place our own thoughts and desires before God's, relationships are harmed or destroyed. Since God created humanity to be in a relationship with him and others, should we not seek to build instead of destroying?

Personally, I do not have an answer to the situation. The only thing I can do is seek to do the will of God, and seek to know the heart of God in any given situation. In order for me to accomplish this, I must humble myself and trust that God's will be done, regardless of our own perceptions, and desires.

God give you strength in your endeavors to seek God's will through prayer.

Shalom,
Pastor Ray

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Nominating Committee will have its first meeting on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00pm to begin its task of selecting people to serve on the various boards and committees to do the work of the church. ***If you have an area where you would like to serve, please notify Pastor Ray as soon as possible.*** (cont'd)

Those on the Nominating Committee are: Pastor Ray (Chair), Chad Ferrell, Gail Brumfield, Dinah Fraley, Missi Blatt, Skylar Brumfield, Kevin McCann, Randall Watts, Samantha Stapleton, & Richard Burns.

TRUSTEES' REPORT *-Bev Burgess*

The trustees are making progress on controlling the bat population here at Lavalette UMC. New cabinets are being added in the Family Life Center's kitchen and preparations are being made for sealing and striping the parking lots. (They've also cut the hollow tree in the back parking lot and scraped off the grass that was growing in the edges of the blacktop.)

Trustee Work Nights aren't just for the trustees! Additional helpers are encouraged to show up and assist with their projects.

LVALETTE UMC CELEBRATES FIVE BAPTISMS & WELCOMES SEVEN NEW MEMBERS!

Sunday, June 3rd was an exciting day at Lavalette UMC!

-Five baptisms: Cory Booth, Levi Cassidy, Natalie McCann, Lacy McSweeney, & Zoe Mitts.

-One confirmation: Nicholas Webb

-Seven new members: Cory Booth, Levi Cassidy, Natalie McCann, Lacy McSweeney, Zoe Mitts, Lisa Nemith (by transfer), and Nicholas Webb.

Welcome to Lavalette UMC!

REMINDER FOR 'REMINDE'

In case you still haven't joined Remind, Pastor Ray offers daily scripture, meeting reminders, and other important information such as cancellations or changes via cell message. (Pastor Ray is the teacher. You will be a **Student**.) To subscribe:

Enter this number in your cell phone

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CHOIR FALL FESTIVAL *-Jacob Smith*

Save the date! On Saturday, September 29th the choir will sponsor its Second Annual Fall Festival. The concert will begin at 6:30pm with a dinner to follow in the Family Life Center.

CHIME CHOIR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS *-Jacob Smith*

Chime Choir will resume rehearsals beginning Wednesday, August 8th at 6:30pm. Our numbers are few and we invite you to become a part of our group. Give it a try. It's a lot of fun and adds much to our worship experience.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

August 5th:

Front Door Greeters: Alice Roberts & Billie Smith

Office Door Greeters: Charlie & Betty Ellis

Acolyte: Emma Webb

Nursery Worker: Sara Stapleton

Children's Time: Kristin Ferrell

Liturgist: John Mark Curtis

Ushers: Cory Booth, Hugh Roberts, & Kevin Webb

Communion Servers: Margaret Nester, Steve &
Monica Smith

Homebound Communion: Dinah Fraley & Sara Marcum

Sound Assistant: Joe Chapman

August 12th:

Front Door Greeters: Steve & Monica Smith

Office Door Greeters: Chad Ferrell & Marian
Tissenbaum

Acolyte: Nicholas Webb

Nursery Worker: Skylar Brumfield

Children's Time: Sara Stapleton

Liturgist: Bruce Curry

Ushers: Brody Brumfield, Joe Brumfield, & Kaden
Brumfield

Sound Assistant: John Dempsey

August 19th:

Front Door Greeters: John Mark & Heather Curtis

Office Door Greeters: Jim & Cindy Day

Acolyte: Emma Webb

Nursery Worker: Sue Ann McSweeney

Children's Time: Kevin McCann

Liturgist: Kinsey Booth

Ushers: Alan Blakely, Jim Day, & Steve Smith

Sound Assistant: Joe Chapman

August 26th:

Front Door Greeters: Peggy Davis & Dinah Fraley

Office Door Greeters: Greg & Toni Adkins

Acolyte: Nicholas Webb

Nursery Worker: Sammi Jo Stapleton

Children's Time: Kinsey Booth

Liturgist: Gayle Curry

Ushers: Zac Hill, Randall Watts, & Tyler Watts

Sound Assistant: John Dempsey

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Michael Curry	6 Eddie Smith	20 Betty Ellis	26 Mason Adkins
3 Janet McCann	7 Mark Cassidy	22 Scott Fraley	26 Lisa Watts
4 Joe Chapman	11 Sarah Burns	22 Brooke Hartman	27 Kevin McCann
5 Kelley Cusick	16 Joshua Lewis	24 Seth Borstein	28 Monica Smith
6 Alan Blakely	18 Jonah McKay	25 Helen Dunkle	

If you'd like your birthday included in the newsletter, please let us know before it rolls around again.

PRAYER LIST

Rev. Randy & Rhonda A.	Bishop Ball	George B.
Maxine B.	Pam C.	Mother of Kristin F.
Liza F.	Nate H.	Gail H.
Ed L.	Cindy M.	Betty N.
Family of William (Billy) N.	Lyle P.	Bonnie S.
Loretta's g-daughter, Meredith		Elaine's nephew & family
Pastor Ray	Porter W.	Lavalette UMC
Immigration situation		
2019 Special General Conference		

Our shut-ins; the homeless; our military; those traveling; our world; our community; our nation; Food Pantry Families; those grieving loved ones; those who don't know Christ; those struggling with addiction; and unspoken requests.

Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -Nancy Webb

Thanks to all that helped with and prayed for our VBS this year. We averaged about 20 children and 32 helpers each night during the week.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is still going strong! The group averages 12-14 participants each week. We are currently studying 2 Chronicles and there's plenty of room for YOU!

THANK YOU!

Your support of the community food pantry has been incredible! Your labor, prayers, and donations helped us to serve about 117 families last month.

The Food Pantry dates for this month are Thursday, August 16th and Friday, August 17th from 9 - Noon. We will get items ready on Wednesday, August 15th from 9 until we are finished. **If you'd like to donate food items, the pantry is currently in need of pasta and tomato sauces.**

School will be starting soon, so this will be the last opportunity for our students to help out this summer! If you have a little spare time to help out on any of the food pantry days, we'd love to have you. We have lots of good fellowship while we're working.



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OUR GIVING

Thank you for your tithes and offerings which support the mission and ministries of our congregation, our Annual Conference and our mission to the world. Below is a snapshot of our giving for the month of July. As of August 1, 2018, the Family Life Center loan balance was \$ 229,303.85. Our monthly payment for the loan is \$ 2,879.16.

Any gift that you can give toward the remaining balance of our loan and to our weekly ministries would be greatly appreciated. The more gifts we receive, the more ministries we can offer and quicker the loan can be repaid.

Thank you for your generous gifts to God and the ministries and missions of the church!

Our Gifts for the Month of July:

General Budget Offerings received	\$	12,842.00
Sunday School		51.00
Building Fund (Trustees)		165.00
Family Life Center		3,340.00
Food Pantry		360.00
Choir		55.00
Apportionment		<u>1,280.00</u>
Total	\$	18,093.00

Amount needed each month to do ministry through our budget - \$11,997.67

Amount needed each month for FLC loan payment - \$ 2,879.16

Amount needed each month to support ministries through our apportionment - \$ 2,447.67

KAYAKING & PICNIC HELD ON JULY 14th

Kayaking Twelve Pole Creek ended up being a paddle on Beech Fork Lake due to low water levels on the creek. Twenty-nine showed up at the picnic shelter to enjoy hotdogs and other goodies along with good fellowship. Among these were several from the Lutheran Church on a work mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE - JULY

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| Alan Blakely | Gail Brumfield | Joe Chapman |
| Jim Day | Betty Ellis | Charlie Ellis |
| Dinah Fraley | Sara Marcum | Hugh Roberts |
| Linda Roberts | Kathy Sanders | Monica Smith |
| Steve Smith | Marian Tissenbaum | |



August 2018 Lavalette UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
For daily messages from Pastor Ray: enter this # 81010 text message @rstonestr			1 NO Trustees Work Night 7:00 Choir	2	3	4 7am - ? Church Yard Sale UMW Bake Sale, Hotdog, & Bake Sale
5 6:00 Youth	6 6:30 Bible Study	7 5:30 AA 7:00 SPRC	8 6:30 Chimes 7:00 Choir	9 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 ECO	10	11
12 4:00 UMW 6:00 Youth	13 6:30 Bible Study	14 5:30 AA 7:00 Nominating	15 9 - ? Food Pantry Prep 6 - 8 Trustees Work Night 6:30 Chimes 7:00 Choir	16 9 - Noon Food Pantry 5:30 Weight Watchers	17 9 - Noon Food Pantry	18
19 6:00 Youth	20 6:30 Bible Study	21 5:30 AA	22 6:30 Chimes 7:00 Choir	23 5:30 Weight Watchers	24	25 7:00 Movie Night
26 Noon-ish Fundraiser Dinner for Nate Hager's lung transplant, FLC 6:00 Youth	27 6:30 Bible Study	28 5:30 AA	29 6:30 Chimes 7:00 Choir	30 5:30 Weight Watchers	31	