



Lewiston First
United Methodist Church

Messenger

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the Lewiston First Methodist Church

Pastor's Path

"Pumpkin Patch"

By: Rev. Chuck Cram

This is our third year of Pumpkin Patch and I thought this might be a great opportunity to remind ourselves what the real pay-offs are for our efforts. If we simply wanted to raise money, there are probably many other things that we could do that are far simpler and require much less time and fewer volunteers than hosting a Pumpkin Patch. But it is important for us to realize the benefits of our patch reach far beyond the financial. But here's the rub; often those benefits are not immediately tangible and can take years to come into full fruition.



The Pumpkin Patch is primarily a marketing effort. But the great thing about it is, most marketing campaigns cost you money; lots of money. With Pumpkin Patch, we reap the benefits of a major marketing campaign and get to actually make a little money on the side. This is how the Pumpkin Patch should be viewed and when you volunteer, that should also be present in your mind. If you catch yourself thinking "this sure seems like a lot of work for a couple thousand dollars" that would be a good time to remind yourself of the tens of thousands of dollars worth of marketing we receive because of Pumpkin Patch.

Not only do we receive community grants for radio spots worth thousands, but we also glean extra newspaper coverage, schedule live remotes or interviews with radio and TV and benefit

October 2016

Weekly Events

Sundays

- Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:30am
- Choir Practice
- Adult Sunday School - 9:15am
- Worship - 10:30am
- Coffee Shop - 11:30am
- Youth Group Bible Study - 12pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Discussion - 10am

Regular Monthly Meetings

SPRC: 1st Tuesday - 6:30pm -

Liz Chavez

Worship Committee: 1st Wednesday -
4:00pm - Meurial Nystrom

Salvation Army Dinner: 2nd
Wednesday - 3:00pm

*Trustees: 2nd Thursday - 6:00pm -
Monte Boardman

*UMW - 3rd Wednesday - 10:00am -
Mary McNish & Kathy Bostrom

Men's Breakfast: 3rd Saturday -
9:00am - Main Street Grill

Church Council: 4th Thursday -
7:00pm - Cottie Hood

*Meetings Re-Start in September

HARVEST FEST AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Fall is a wonderful busy season for Lewiston First UMC. It begins with the very BEST RUMMAGE SALE in the LC Valley, the Lewiston First UMW Rummage Sale. Following the Rummage Sale comes the Lewiston First UMC PUMPKIN PATCH selling the very best pumpkins and lots of fun for everyone. And then comes the Crown Jewel of the trifecta the

FALL FESTIVAL AND CHILI COOK-OFF. It is our time to celebrate and enjoy a fun evening!

Harvest Fest and Chili Cook-off - Friday, November 4th is the date. Doors open at 5:30 and the chili tasting and voting begins in the Wesley Room. Also at that time in the Fellowship Hall you can look over the Silent Auction and start bidding and you can also view the items chosen for the Silent Auction. For your enjoyment live music will be provided during this time and Raffle tickets will be on sale as well.

At 6:00 PM Dinner is served. Enjoy the Baked Potato Buffet with all the delicious toppings and green salad. Warm Apple Crisp with ice cream will be served at 7:05.

Get your dollars out so you can try for some of the items in the Dollar Auction which will begin at 6:30. During the Dollar Auction we will draw for the Raffle Item, award the items in the Silent Auction to the highest bidder and finish with the awards for Best Chilies and Peoples Choice.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Enter a pot of chili in the Chili Cook Off. Entry forms are available at the church and must be turned in by Sunday, October 30th to Mary McNish. The first 10 chili entries will be in the Chili Cook Off. Your

Chili entry must then be brought to the church on Friday, Nov. 4th between 3 and 5PM.

We need auction items...homemade items, baskets of special things, needlework or something you have purchased to donate or very gently used items. We appreciate nice quality items. The Dollar Auction will be limited to 20 items and the remaining items will be in the Silent Auction. Auction donations must be at the church by Sunday, October 30th. If you plan to bring baked goods please tell Sally or Barbara.

We also would welcome help with set up and take down, clean up, dinner servers and helpers, ticket sales and of course, your presence that evening. If you would like to come but prefer not to drive at night, call Gayla at 798-4871 and we will be happy to pick you up in the limo!

If you have a question or would like to offer your help, please contact us:

Sue Stutzman, Suzie Paulson, Gayla Ballantyne, Barbara Maple, Sally Davies and Mary McNish

3rd Annual Pumpkin Patch

Mark Your Calendar
Pumpkin Truck Unloading
Saturday, October 15th

10:30 am
Refreshments Provided

Fun for Everyone!

Field Trips • Activities • Photo Opportunities
Pumpkins of all sizes • Gourds • and more!

October 16th - Halloween
10:00am - 6:00pm Daily

LEWISTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2016 FALL RUMMAGE SALE



Lewiston First United Methodist Church
1906 Broadview Drive • Lewiston ID 83501

Friday, October 7 9am - 2pm Saturday, October 8 9am - 11:30am

Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2016

In Attendance: Sue Driskill, Monte Boardman, Lani Hofer, Deb Snyder, Lois Chesnut, Chuck Cram, Cottie Hood

Cottie opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes were accepted as printed in the July Newsletter

Finance Committee: Sue reported a current balance of \$7,026.30 in the Twin Rivers general account. The June & July Apportionments, each for \$1,562.10, are past due. Chuck recommend paying only the June bill now. Sue will take care of the paperwork to have Larry Butts and Rhonda Edens taken off the Twin Rivers account and the two new signers who were approved at the July Council meeting (Sue & Lani) added. There is \$1,425.29 in the PIFCU Revitalization account with only 3 minor bills due.

Steering Committee: Chuck reported that the welcome center was completed but not in service yet. He has talked with Barb Maple about taking on organizing the welcome greeters, ushers and welcome center activities. He has a curriculum for the welcome training which will be offered in early September. He also talked about the graphics above the center and the need to paint and take care of flooring before that can be completed. A "paint day" will be planned sometime in September.

Monte reported that Flat Roof Systems came in with a bid of \$2115 for the roof over the narthex entrance. He hired them to do that work. A bid to remove the concrete where more handicapped parking will be came in at \$5,000. This includes sidewalk repair and asphalt in the parking area.

SPR: Cottie reported for Liz that all employees have agreed to return and agreements are in place. The Montessori school has been purchased by Kathleen Porter. Chuck will be on vacation the week of September 15-22 and Larry Ferguson will preach.

Trustees: Monte reported that the red rock on the south side of the building has been removed and would like input on what to put in its place. Ideas from the congregation are welcome. The bushes under the windows need to be trimmed and the bower has been repaired. He hired Hayden Enterprises to spray the lawn for weed and insect control.

Monte said that an offer of \$37,000 has been accepted for the large lot and the sale should close the first part of September.

Worship: Cottie reported for Meuriel that the seasonal themes have been set, the bell storage has been moved and accompanists are scheduled from Sept.-May. Lois reported a need to do something with the storage area behind the altar where the communion supplies are stored. Monte is going to take care of that storage and arranging the candelabrum for easier access.

Pastor's Report: Chuck discussed the need for a church credit card to be used for ordering office supplies online, travel and registrations. After discussion it was moved by Lani, seconded by Monte and passed that the church apply for a credit card through Twin River and the balance be paid every month.

Chuck discussed working with the new owner of the Montessori school and trying to involve the students with some kind of church activities. Cottie suggested an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss how this might work.

Chuck also reported that the office needs to purchase a wireless keyboard and mouse as well as AV Defender (an antivirus/backup system) for the new computer as well as the existing computers. Lois moved, Monte seconded and it was passed that these purchases be made.

Chuck showed the group the "Peace Pole" that will be dedicated at church this Sunday. The group went out to the patio to discuss location of the pole.

Old Business: Deb reported that she has been working on the upcoming Pumpkin Patch. Delivery date is Oct 15th at 11am. The Patch will be open from 10:00-6:00. She and Cottie are working on getting student groups or the LC Loggers to help unload. Monte will have a fork lift this year to help with unloading of pallets. He also located pallets for use to display the pumpkins.

New Business: Deb discussed Vision of Hope, a spirit-based yoga class with Rev. Kay Totten. Deb moved, Lois seconded and the council passed a motion to have the classes held at FUMC Sept. 28th-Dec 14th. Deb is also working with a Tai Chi instructor for a future class.

Chuck closed the meeting with a prayer

Notes by Sue Driskill

October Service Schedule

Greeters:

02 - John Stalter & Jeri Turner
09 - Larry & Gayla Ballantyne
16 - Lois Chesnut & Lois Woelfel
23 - Jim & Kathy Bostrom
30 - Karen Smith & Pat Heimgartner

Liturgists:

02 - Debbie Humphrey
09 - Kathy Bostrom
16 - Mary McNish
23 - Liz Chavez
30 - Colleen Mahoney

Accompanists:

02 - Laureen Trail
09 - Anna Geidl
16 - Laureen Trail
23 - Hymnal Plus
30 - Laureen Trail

Ushers:

02 - Herb Hobbs & Charlie Baker
09 - Larry Dean & Bob Morton
16 - Stan & Mary McNish
23 - Patty Mills & Jim Bostrom
30 -

Counters:

02 - Patty Mills & Lois Woelfel
09 - Larry Ballantyne & Leonard O'Brien
16 - Monte Boardman & Jim Hood
23 - Sue Driskill & Fred Weaver
30 - Stan McNish & Donna Weaver

Coffee Shop:

02 - Potluck
09 -
16 -
23 -
30 -



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date:	Time and Experience	Description	Location - Leader
Wed, Oct 5	7PM - 8:30PM - TV Show	"Twilight Zone"	Clark-Cody
Wed, Oct 12	7PM - 8:30PM - Virtual Tours	Misc experiences	LWS-Chuck
Wed, Oct 19	6PM - 9PM - Dinner & Movie	"Selma"	Clark - Cody
Wed, Oct 26	7PM - 8:30PM - Shower of Stoles Project		LWS - Chuck
Wed, Nov 2	7PM - 8:30PM - Let's look at scripture	"Bible Study"	Clark - Cody, Chuck
Wed, Nov 9	6PM- 9PM - Dinner & Movie	"The Laramie Project"	Clark - Cody
Wed, Nov 16	7PM - 8:30PM - Tattoos & Other	"Guest Speakers"	LWS - Chuck

Upcoming Birthdays October

01 - Kent Bostrom	11 - Billie Wensman	18 - Billy Wilson	31 - Lois Chesnut
02 - Rhonda Edens	11 - Boyd Harrison	25 - Larry Dean	
03 - Allan Helm	17 - Joe Ingram	28 - Linda Ellis	

November

01 - Lisa Stoddard	06 - Barbara Dunaway	11 - Sue Stutzman	18 - Michele Stedman
01 - Todd Hewett	07 - Ray Heimgartner	15 - Deb Snyder	27 - Don Lawrence
03 - Stan McNish	09 - Tom Dechert	17 - Kyle Wensman	28 - Liz Chavez

December

01 - Colleen Mahoney	07 - Boyd Founds	18 - Janey Harvey	22 - David Walker
01 - Mary McNish	12 - Kailey Druffel	19 - Madi Stoddard	26 - Gary Chesnut
03 - Aidin Weber	14 - Donna Weaver	21 - Marylene Statham	

NEWSLETTER MAILING!

Returning to bulk mailing to send the newsletter to home addressees is being evaluated. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who is unable to get to worship on Sunday or does not have an email address, please let Arrie know and she will put a copy in the mail.

It was with both sorrow and gratitude that we received Larry Nystrom's retirement announcement. Larry, with Meuriel at his side, has served as our Music Director for over 2 years. Their leadership and service is appreciated and we wish them well as they look forward to enjoying a much-deserved, more relaxed pace. A special retirement celebration will be held later in October after they have returned from their trip to Kansas. Staff-Parish Relations Committee



FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Lewiston First UMC has long been involved with the local Family Promise program. We are the Team Church with First Church of the Nazarene. Our next opportunity to serve is October 2 – 8 and our church will have a new coordinator to lead our work with Family Promise. Roni Chesnut has volunteered to take on this responsibility and we look forward to her leadership.

Roni is married to Nick Chesnut who is well known at Lewiston First UMC. Please welcome Roni when you meet her and thank her for taking on this job.

The annual Family Promise Benefit Dinner and Desert Auction will be held on October 8th at the Red Lion Seaport Room. Tickets will be available after church on Sundays or in the church office during office hours. We hope to have a good representation from Lewiston First UMC.

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from the community event boards around town. When available, we have been granted billboard space for just the cost of the materials and the neighborhood yard signs are surprisingly effective as well. This year, we have a special focus on some of our neighborhood schools and we are expecting to have 100's of school-aged children visit our patch this year as part of school-sponsored field trips. Of course we anticipate most of those children will return home giddy with excitement and tell their parents all about it!

With events of this nature, it is also conventional wisdom that it takes at least 3-5 years for an event to get firmly established.

This means we are just now entering the time frame where we can expect even greater dividends from the



community connection and exposure we receive as a result of Pumpkin Patch. This event has strengthened our presence in the community, it has forged a relationship with LCSC athletics and helps position our church to get noticed by the demographic we are targeting.

That being said, the overall success of Pumpkin Patch still comes down to the volunteers. We have to unload the truck; we have to staff the sales shifts; there are decorations and story time; schedules to coordinate and posters to hang up around town. In short, we need all hands on deck for the month of October. Try to find some time in your schedule if possible and find a way to connect with Pumpkin Patch. The benefits are worth the effort as we move through revitalization and on to full sustainability for this your church.

Stay calm, and pumpkin on.

Peace, Chuck

American
Red Cross



Red Cross needs you! The Red Cross needs volunteers in every community to train as disaster responders or shelter workers to be ready for major emergencies. Join the Red Cross today so you can bring help and hope to your community when they need it most! Learn new skills, meet new people and make a difference. To sign up, go to www.redcross.org/idaho or call 1-800-853-2570.

Do it today!

PASTOR'S PATH - (CONTINUED)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 SPR MEETING 6:30P	5 WORSHIP COMMITTEE 4P	6	7 RUMMAGE SALE 9A-2P	8 RUMMAGE SALE 9A-11:30P
9	10	11	12 SALVATION ARMY DINNER 3P	13	14	15 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9A PUMPKIN UNLOADING
16 PUMPKIN PATCH BEGINS	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 STEERING COMMITTEE 4P	26	27 CHURCH COUNCIL 7P	28	29

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		1 SPR MEETING 6:30P	2 WORSHIP COMMITTEE 4:00P	3	4 HARVEST FEST & CHILI COOK- OFF	5
6	7	8	9 SALVATION ARMY DINNER 3:00P	10 TRUSTEES MEETING 6:00P	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 UMW MEETING 10:00A	18	19 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00A
20	21	22	23	24 CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00P	25	26
27	28	29	30			

We welcome you to Lewiston First United Methodist Church! Our church is always open to all the children of God in all our wondrous diversity. Our Services are lively, informative, thought provoking and relevant to the challenges of living in the 21st Century. It is our view the warmth of the Spirit will be evident every time we gather for worship, Bible discussion or a



small group Discipleship gathering. We hope the love of the Divine will bring you comfort and serenity in our sometimes stressful and chaotic lives. Thank you for taking a minute to look over this newsletter and we hope to see you again in the near future, so you can *share our view!*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 12:00pm

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