

The Lewiston First UMC Messenger

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Pastor's Path "Revitalization Recap" By: Rev. Chuck Cram

I don't remember much from 7th grade. I think most of my early junior high experience wasn't all that great and it kind of all runs together into a coalesced mass of memories that one would do well to just forget. Except for Mechanical Drawing and Drafting – it was a class that was required for all 7th grade boys – I'm not sure what the girls were doing-but this class was for the boys. I'm sure they couldn't get away with such a thing today.

Sometime in the winter months of my 7th grade year I began a class of Mechanical Drawing and Drafting. I hated it at first. Who wants to draw what a coffee can looks like from five different views? I found it sort of boring and pointless – I guess my vision was a bit limited in the 7th grade – go figure. But then something happened.....

We quit drawing cylinders and blocks and such and began a new unit on floor plans. We had about two or three weeks to draw a workable floor plan for a house. This connected with me – for once I could see beyond the end of the school day or even beyond making it into the 8th grade – I could see myself actually designing and building a house!

Which I did, but that's another story.

Floor plans made sense – and the process of drawing a floor plan tapped into my creativity in such a way that the expression

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September 2017

Weekly Events

Sundays

- Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:30am
- Choir - 9:00am
- Adult Sunday School - 9:15am
- Worship - 10:30am
- Coffee Shop - 11:30am

Tuesdays

- Bible Discussion - 10am

Regular Monthly Meetings

SPRC: 2nd Tuesday - 3:30pm -
Liz Chavez

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

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

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of those creative thoughts on paper in the form of a floor plan wasn't homework-it was play. I completed the assignment of a single workable plan in about two days. So I drew another and turned it in for extra credit. Then another, and another – 15 in all, if I remember right, is how many plans I turned in over the course of those three weeks. I would draw in study hall, draw during math class, draw at night watching TV, and who knows when else. It was fun.

There was a certain anticipation that accompanied the beckoning blank sheet of paper that stared back at you as the plan moved from sketches or thoughts into clean straight lines on your drafting board. All the decisions, all the options, all the possibilities were new and exciting and each decision you made impacted the next. If you wanted two bathrooms, it's better if they are back to back; is the kitchen going to look out into the back yard or the front? Where are the stairs to the basement going to be and how many bedrooms will there be? I still retain a certain passion for floor plans and I guess I always will.

More than you wanted to know about 7th grade drafting, right? Probably. But despair not, there is a point.

In September of 2015, about two years ago, I first filled a few blank sheets of paper with dreams, hopes and aspirations that I called a plan for revitalization. That original document was designed to be an outline of how we might progress through several phases of this revitalization plan. Now, two years later, we have completed phase one; on time, on budget and with great results! Our dreams, our hopes and our aspirations have become manifest around us. What moves the non-physical into the physical is the process of thought. Those 15 floor plans did not exist in the physical world until through the process of thought, I brought them out of the non-physical and in to the physical and onto that sheet of paper. Revitalization is exactly the same.

What dreams and aspirations do you have for your church? We want to know, we want to hear from you, we want everyone to participate. It really is a remarkable opportunity to declare the past as past and the future as a clean sheet of paper. We can do or become or achieve anything as a church; the process begins with the first thought, and then begins to move from the non-physical into the physical, from the invisible into the visible and from the unbelievable into the believable.

Create a new document in your thought process about what phase two might look like; create a new plan-create your bliss. Then share your plan with the Revitalization Steering Committee, or better yet, join the committee yourself. You can do it you know, because as the scripture says; "we are co-creators with Christ."

We can be proud of how far we have come and we will celebrate those victories in October, but the future we create for phase two is really up to us. The blank sheets of paper beckon us to dream big, beckon us toward creative solutions and our momentum confirms that "all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us."

Dream in peace,
Chuck

Benefit Potato Bar and Silent Auction

All Saints Catholic Church
3330 14th Street



Melody Cadez-Schmidt, 3 year old daughter of Adam & Taryn Cadez-Schmidt and granddaughter of Bob Schmidt and Alyse Cadez was recently diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. She will need treatment for a year.



September 29
5pm-7pm
Social Hall



**KEEP
CALM
AND
JOIN
THE CHOIR**

Charge Conference

Charge Conference is coming up fast, join us Sunday, **October 22nd** from **2:00-4:30p** to go over the past year and to help take us into the future.

Faith & Fellowship

Everyone is welcome when the Faith & Fellowship Adult Sunday School Class resumes.

Join us at 9:15am Sunday Mornings for a cup of coffee and lively discussion. We will be continuing with "Living the Questions" Study, that explores many of the questions some have about the Bible and church doctrine while investigating ways to deepen faith and spur Christian action.

There are no right or wrong questions or answers and discussion is easy in this group of friendly and affirming fellow learning Christians.

Starting September 10th at 9:15am in the Wesley Room. Hot Coffee will be waiting for you. See you then!

Susie Paulson



REMINDER:
THE YWCA
IS STILL COLLECTING
CHILDREN'S BOOKS
TO HELP FAMILIES IN
NEED. YOU CAN BRING
THE BOOKS HERE
TO THE CHURCH
AND WE CAN SAVE
YOU A TRIP!



The Clarkston United Methodist Church and Lewiston First UMC are pleased to announce an environmentally themed film festival to run from August 31 – November 30, 2017. Our two churches have once again joined forces to bring you an opportunity to learn, experience and discuss the many aspects of our environmentally challenged world. We have teamed up with the local chapter of the Citizen's Climate Lobby; a group dedicated to grass roots efforts to work with state and federal legislators toward reducing carbon emissions. The Citizen's Climate Lobby will have representatives available at some of our screenings to serve as a discussion panel and offer expert opinion on certain climate and environmental topics. The first screening in our film festival will be Thursday evening, August 31st at 6:30PM. All screenings will be held in the Lewiston First Fellowship Hall. The entire schedule is as follows:

"Chasing Coral"	August 31, 6:30PM
A documentary looking at the devastating impact a few degrees of water temperature rise can have on our oceans' coral reefs	
"Chasing Ice"	September 7, 6:30PM
A documentary about the accelerating pace of the melting of our polar ice caps	
"Merchants of Doubt"	September 21, 6:30PM
A documentary outlining the efforts and success of the misinformation campaign about climate change	
"Plastic Ocean"	October 5, 6:30PM
A documentary about the proliferation of plastic in our landfills and oceans and how the non-organic base of plastic threatens the life cycle of many ocean dwelling animals	
"Years of Living Dangerously"	October 19, 6:30PM
One documentary in a series produced by National Geographic focused on climate change issues	
A Feature Film TBD	November 2, 6:30PM
A full-length feature film with an underlying environmental theme	
"An Inconvenient Truth"	November 16, 6:30PM
The original award-winning documentary first released in 2006 about the dangers of Climate Change	
"An Inconvenient Sequel"	November 30, 6:30PM
The recent sequel to the original, released in July of 2017, with more science and more hope for change.	

Celebration Sunday

October 8th, 2017

During the month of October we will be postponing our regular first Sunday potluck (October 1st) and will be holding a "celebration dinner" on October 8th instead. This dinner will be a nice meal, served to you by volunteers from the Circles program. The menu is yet to be determined, but all that is required is your attendance; meal prep, serving, clean-up and planning are all being handled for you. This dinner will celebrate the successful completion of Phase One of our Revitalization project. There will be a short program reviewing our many accomplishments, a time for recognition of those who have participated and a look to the future. A clear explanation of the revitalization financial picture will also be covered and a look to the future projects we may have in mind. Attendees will also be given the opportunity to participate in the planning process, creative brain storming process as well as the opportunity to offer a financial commitment specifically for revitalization. There will also be time to ask questions and share ideas and give feedback. Please plan to join us!

United Methodist Women

August 2017

Dear Fellow UMW Members,

We want to strongly encourage you add to your calendar and attend the Thursday, September 21st, 2017 United Methodist Women Meeting. It is a very important meeting as we need to decide the future of our Lewiston First UMW unit.

We have a good program scheduled, Joye Dillman from DAR will do a program called "Something Old, Something New" and Colleen Mahoney, Barb Maple, Mary McNish and Kathy Bostrom will be providing a brunch during the meeting.

Please Come - This is the future of our UMW the activities we support in the community and church projects we do including the rummage sale and memorial meals.

Blessings,

Mary McNish & Kathy Bostrom

Co-Chairman

Please RSVP to Mary McNish (208-791-5360) or
Kathy Bostrom (208-818-1377)

September Service Schedule

Greeters:

03 - Cottie & Jim Hood
10 - Lois Woelfel & Herb Hobbs
17 - Wilma Greene & Mary Jacobs
24 - Barbara & Leonard O'Brien

Ushers:

03 - Stan & Mary McNish
10 - Leonard O'Brien & Kay Walker
17 - Larry Ballantyne & John Ehrenreich
24 - Carl Paulson & Larry Dean

Liturgists:

03 - Susie Paulson
10 - Kathy Bostrom
17 - Kay Walker
24 - Patty Mills

Counters:

03 - Larry Ballantyne & Monte Boardman
10 - Lois Chesnut & Kathy Bostrom
17 - Sue Driskill & Meuriel Nystrom
24 - Cottie Hood & Barbara O'Brien

Accompanists:

03 - Kris Haynal
10 - Kris Haynal
17 - Kris Haynal
24 - Kris Haynal

Coffee Shop:

03 - Potluck
10 - Bill & Pat Schrupp
17 - Monte & Melody Boardman
24 - Barb Maple & Colleen Mahoney

Happy
Birthday!

05 - Marguerite Sitton
05 - Mary Jacobs
12 - Dennis Riendeau

12 - Patty Mills
16 - Sharon Ripley
18 - Ralph Mathewson

20 - Alianna Cash
20 - Doris Ann Winchell
24 - Monte Boardman

01 - Kent Bostrom
02 - Rhonda Edens
03 - Allan Helm

11 - Billie Wensman
11 - Boyd Harrison
17 - Joe Ingram

18 - Billy Wilson
25 - Larry Dean
28 - Linda Ellis

31 - Lois Chesnut

01 - Lisa Stoddard
01 - Todd Hewett
03 - Stan McNish

06 - Barbara Dunaway
07 - Ray Heimgartner
09 - Tom Dechert

11 - Sue Stutzman
15 - Deb Snyder-Stewart
17 - Kyle Wensman

18 - Michelle Stedman
27 - Don Lawrence
28 - Liz Chavez

September

October

November

How Can You Help in Texas?

Cleaning Kits

Value: \$65.00 per kit

Cleaning Kit Materials

- 1 5-Gallon bucket with resealable lid
 - o Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
 - o Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
 - o Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
- Liquid laundry detergent
 - o One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only
- Liquid household cleaner
 - o 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
 - o No spray cleaners
- Dish soap
 - o 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- 50 Clothespins
- Clothesline
 - o One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
 - o Cotton or plastic
- 7 Sponges
 - o No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
 - o Remove from packaging
- 24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags
 - o 33-45 gallon sizes
 - o Remove from the box
- 18 Cleaning wipes
 - o Handi-wipes or reusable wipes
 - o No terry cleaning towels
 - o Remove from packaging
- 1 Can air freshener
 - o Aerosol or pump
- 1 Insect-repellant spray
 - o 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
 - o Should be durable enough for multiple uses
 - o Remove from packaging
- 1 Pair work gloves
 - o All Cotton
 - o All Leather
 - o Cotton with Leather Palm
- 5 Scouring pads
 - o Remove from wrapper
 - o No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- 1 Scrub brush
 - o Plastic or wood handle
- 5 Dust masks

Assembly Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.

Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions

- Box weight: Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.
- Complete 2 packing lists: One for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
- Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
- Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each Cleaning Bucket you send. This donation enables Cleaning Buckets to be sent to areas in need.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017

Attending: Deb Snyder, Chuck Cram, Monte Boardman, Cottie Hood, Liz Chavez

Opened with prayer by Cottie. Liz moved & Monte seconded approval of minutes. Passed.

Old Business

Pumpkin Patch will be Oct. 14-Oct. 31. Discussed avoiding hay bales on the grass. Agreement to move the checkout to the pavement and use weights to anchor the tent; maybe buckets filled with rocks.

New Business

Our next co-hosting of Family Promise is 3 days during the week of Oct. 15 – 21. Gayla Ballantyne notified Cottie that the Outreach group will no longer be able to be responsible for Family Promise. Discussion held about the same folks signing up & need to have others help out. Recognizing that this is a form of ministry our church has done and can do, we support the formation of a Family Promise Ministry team (4 - 5 people) to poll the congregation for people to volunteer to provide meals and stay overnight. Having a Ministry Fair was discussed. This would be to recruit and educate folks in opportunities for ministry. The Ministry Fair could be meshed with the Oct. 8 Revitalization Celebration.

Finance Team

As of 19 of August the General Fund and Revitalization reports will be kept separate. We don't have a budget currently; Sue Driskill is doing a rough draft. The Team approved signing up for E Statements. Contract with Cableone for phone & internet has expired; costs will be compared to other providers. There's been no audit for at least 5 years; one will be done for 2017. A report from WesPath is coming soon. The Memorial Fund at P1FCU has \$5563. Funds have been used for scholarships and worship. Sue Driskill volunteered to chair Finance Team for a year. The no-designated giving policy will be revisited.

Revitalization

Office remodel design and outside jobs to be done were discussed. Coffee mugs w UMC logo have been ordered, SPR Liz reported that Kris Haynal initiated contact with Chuck about being organist/accompanist/music director. SPR has interviewed and hired her as music director/organist/accompanist at the salary of \$1,000/month beginning in September. After discussion the consensus was approval to create a new position of AV Tech as required by Trustees' Building Use Policy. Beginning in October all MOAs (Memorandums of Agreement) for LFUMC employees will be reviewed and signed by December 31.

Trustees

A church work list to better inform those who may want to help out around the church of things that need attention is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Parsonage mold problem that resulted in a bathroom rebuild has been taken care of. Chuck furnished the labor. Installation of the new HVAC at the parsonage requires better guarding for the outside basement access stairs to prevent falls into the stairwell.

UMW No report.

Worship No Report

Lay Leader No report

Pastor's Report Our Charge Conference with D.S. Gregg Sealey will be held on Oct. 22.

Prayers for Donna Weaver, Pat Heimgartner, Donna Rappe. Next meeting Sep. 28.

Monte Boardman, note taker

Addendum: Consensus at the meeting was approval of the new AV Tech position. Since no formal action was taken, I have polled members not in attendance and they also approved adding the AV Tech position. Cottie

Revitalization Meeting

August 24, 2017 – 3:00pm

Attendance: Larry & Gayla Ballantyne, Cottie & Jim Hood, Monte Boardman, Chuck & Heidi Cram, Bill & Pat Schrupp & Sally Davies.

Read and approved minutes

Fellowship Hall graphic feedback is positive.

TV bracket in Wesley Hall is hung. Faucet outside Wesley hall needs replaced, call Mike's Heating & Plumbing.

Coffee have been shipped on Monday.

Presented office cabinetry bids for office, check on DesignCraft and new choice on Home Depot choices.

Street sign, Follow up with Arrie for feedback.

Narthex still needs repaint & repair.

Pat's Gardening. Naudinia (heavenly bamboo) suggested for low maintenance and easy care. Grasses suggested for mud holes, and boxwood bushes for in front of Wesley Room (4ft) and in planters (1½ ft)

Wesley Room Outside: Call McHargue to vacuum out red rock and have church member volunteers pull bushes.

Revitalization Partly: Rita Mills organizing for October 8th "Celebration Sunday" Cater work by Circles for serving.

Next Meeting September 28th 4pm.

- Fascia on backside of the building was finished by Lind Custom Construction during the week of 8/21-8/25

Meet Kris Haynal

Kris will be joining our staff as Music Director beginning in September of 2017. Kris holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree and has many years of experience with organ, piano, choir direction and worship planning.

Kris and her husband recently moved to the LC Valley from Red Deer, Alberta so he could accept a position of Dean of the Education Department for LCSC. Kris has also accepted a teaching position of piano instruction for LCSC.

We look forward to the many meaningful contributions Kris will bring to our worship service. Stay tuned as we will be announcing choir start-up schedule in the very near future! Welcome, Kris!



SPR POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are seeking a qualified candidate to assist with A/V operations, sound system, computer and network maintenance. Primary duties would be performed on Sunday mornings before, during after the worship service. Individual should also be available for occasional on-site work as A/V Tech for space use clients who wish to use any electronics in our building. Familiar with PowerPoint, Microsoft Office, Photoshop and presentation software a plus and the ability to interface video streaming with PowerPoint presentations. Please contact the office with questions or to apply. All applications must be turned into the Church Office by September 15th to be considered for the position.

RECONCILING GRIEF WORKSHOP

There will be a reconciling grief workshop beginning in October. This 'class' will be for anyone who has lost a loved one recently or in the past. The goals are to:

- Decrease emotional pain
- Increase understanding and acceptance of the grief process
- Recognize normal manifestations of grief
- Identify and develop healthy coping behaviors
- Develop a realistic memory of the deceased, focusing on the life shared
- Grow personally
- Reinvest in life

It will consist of five weekly meetings with the time and days to be determined by the participants. The facilitator will be Janet Anderson who has a master's degree in Counseling and Human Services and has worked with these workshops for over 20 years. Please contact her for more information at janetelaine@cablone.net, or at 208-743-1074 or with a note to her at 840 Grelle Drive, Lewiston. All information will be confidential.



There are still "Amen! Let's Eat!" cookbooks for sale in the office. They are the perfect gift for birthdays, weddings or bridal showers! Just \$20!

Summer Lawn Mowing Schedule September

- 04 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne
- 11 - Monte Boardman & Bill Schrupp
- 18 - Jim Hood & David Silva
- 25 - Carl Paulson & Robbin Stewart

October

- 02 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne
- 09 - Monte Boardman & Bill Schrupp
- 16 - Jim Hood & David Silva
- 23 - Carl Paulson & Robbin Stewart

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	BRIDGING 7 FAITH & FILM 6:30P	8	9
10	11	SPR MEETING 12 3:30P	SALVATION 13 ARMY DINNER 3:00P	TRUSTEES 14 MEETING 6:00P	15	MEN'S 16 BREAKFAST 9:00A
17	18	19	20	UMW MEETING 21 10:30A BRIDGING FAITH & FILM - 6:30P	22	23
24	25	26	27	CHURCH 28 COUNCIL 7:00P	29	30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	BRIDGING 5 FAITH & FILM 6:30P	6	7
REVITALIZATION 8 CELEBRATION	9	SPR MEETING 10 3:30P	SALVATION 11 ARMY DINNER 3:00P	12	13	PUMPKIN 14 UNLOADING
PUMPKIN PATCH 15 BEGINS	16	17	18	UMW MEETING 19 10:30A BRIDGING FAITH & FILM - 6:30P	20	MEN'S 21 BREAKFAST 9:00A
CHARGE 22 CONFERENCE 2PM	23	24	25	CHURCH 26 COUNCIL 7:00P	27	28
APPLE CRISP 29 SUNDAY	30	31				

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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