

Waverly United Methodist Church Newsletter

January - March 2019

open hearts
open minds
open doors



At the January Administrative Board meeting, it was decided to give our Lenten offering to Heifer International. Then it was suggested that the kids decide on which animal(s) to buy. It was decided to do smaller animals so that more than one family could be helped. (FYI: A heifer is \$500; water buffalo is \$250, a pig or a sheep or a goat is \$120 each)

Starting with the first Sunday in Lent during the Children's Time, an animal will be introduced and the benefits for the receiving families will be talked about.

Best laid plans...often go astray...and so it was with this idea. It was spring break; no children were in church. So beginning with the second Sunday in Lent this will happen and one Sunday will see two animals discussed.

On the fifth Sunday the kids will vote for their favorite during their time with Gingy. If there is a tie, we'll do more than one.

So far the animals introduced are the Flock of Hope (chickens, ducks and geese), bees, fish. The last one will be after this newsletter, so it's still a surprise!

If anyone does want to give a larger animal, just designate that on your check or in a note with the cash.



EASTER SERVICES

April 14 – Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.

April 19 – Good Friday, 7 p.m.

April 21 – Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Our church will host the Community Easter Sunrise service at 7 a.m. There will be light refreshments served afterwards.

Our 11 a.m. worship service will include Holy Communion, special music, and Confirmation of confirmands.

April 28 – Bright Sunday, 11 a.m. (See next page for more information.)

FEBRUARY SATURDAY BIBLE SCHOOL – On Saturday, February 2, we held our Valentine’s Day-based Saturday Bible School, for 9 pre-school and elementary children from the church and community. The adult sponsors/helpers were Kathy Hollingsworth, Mary Scanlon Livingston, and Pastor Sally DeMasters, with Diane Erdman providing the lunch.

The Bible School had lots of activities, including working on crafts and baking and decorating cookies. After watching the Dr. Seuss “The Lorax” short cartoon, the children built a “candy factory”, called the Friendship Factory. The basic theme was love – love of and from God, love of one another, and love of God’s creation. A good time was had by all.



BOY SCOUTS – Our Boy Scout Troop had a busy weekend. Saturday, March 23 was the Sweetheart Banquet, and Sunday, March 24 was Boy Scout Sunday. The Scouts presented the flag prior to worship and retired it at the end. They participated by serving as greeters, lighting the candles, reading the call to worship and the opening prayer, and collecting the offering. The boys helped out at Christmas by taking the decorations to and from the attic and setting up the Christmas tree as well as sprucing up outside when needed. The Cub Scouts had their Blue and Gold Banquet Sunday evening, and their Pinewood Derby was March 27. It is always good to have the Boy and Cub Scouts join us in worship and use our facilities.

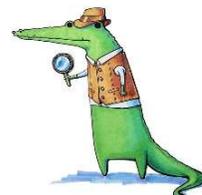
BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 28 – This is the day that we bring and tell (church appropriate) jokes to our worship service. The idea is that the joy of Easter continues; this was an ancient custom. We look forward to hearing all your great jokes!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
THIEVING ALLIGATOR?



A CROOKODILE

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN
ALLIGATOR IN A VEST?



AN INVESTIGATOR.



NOISY OFFERING - This offering is collected by the children after their time. It is noisy as it is the spare change that people put in the buckets. It has been almost a year since we started taking up this special collection. So far \$1,132.38 has been collected! This collection provided \$80 for the Shepherd’s Pantry after their fire. The flood buckets were the next project sponsored by the Noisy Offering to the clang of \$600. Thank you so much for always supporting our church and the children in their noisy offering!

CARE PORTAL - This fund works with local social services to provide items beyond what the services do. It has purchased car seats, new tires, bedding and more over the past year. The amount in this mission outreach account at publishing date is \$571.20. This is a wonderful project for our church, and if you would like to find out how you can help, please let us know.





Something from Sally

Easter is coming! This is what our whole Christian faith is based on—no wonder we celebrate it as a holiday!

Easter is the celebration and commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. That was a great victory. As it says in one prayer, in the Resurrection, we are "delivered from slavery to sin and death."

However, no victory, even one as grand and glorious as Jesus' Resurrection, makes complete sense without the back story of whatever conflict there had been.

Jesus' Resurrection was a culmination of everything which had gone on before with human beings and God. Everything!

God had created the perfect world and had charged the human beings with taking good care of it, and obeying God's simple and few orders.

The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden shows us what happens in such circumstances. They were given beauty, comfort, ease, and close companionship with God and with one another. They were also given the one commandment: do not eat from the fruit of this one tree.

Of course, that is exactly what they did. They chose disobedience and ate the only thing not allowed. In doing this, Adam and Eve forfeited everything which they had been given. They lost the beauty, comfort, and ease of the Garden of Eden. They lost the close companionship they had had with God and with each other.

This story has been happening again and again ever since. Ever since that time, people have chosen to go for what is forbidden, and by doing so, forfeit the blessings of God.

So, in God's own good time, God's own Son, Jesus, was sent to this world as a baby, born to Mary and Joseph, a couple in Israel. When Jesus was about thirty years old, he began his ministry—teaching and preaching about God, healing, and doing miracles.

Yet, once again, human sinfulness arose, and because of jealousy, hatred, and injustice, Jesus was put to death on a cross.

In three days, though, victory came. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Human sinfulness had not won! Evil had not won! God had won! Love had won! Grace had won!

As G. K. Chesterton put it, "Christianity . . . [has] a God who knew the way out of the grave." Thanks be to God!

A blessed and joyous Easter to us all, from Pastor Sally.



Member Spotlight

By Sarah Schmidt



Leslie Utlaut

Join what is laughingly called the Young Adult Sunday School class with Leslie Utlaut and you'll see the results of a lifetime of teaching and more importantly – learning. One of Leslie's passions throughout life has been teaching in schools and in the classroom of life. Part of being a teacher is being able to learn from those you are teaching. This aspect of teaching has been significant to Leslie.

Leslie came to Missouri for college in Columbia but spent her growing-up years in Texas amongst a big family. After 2 years at then Christian College, she was interested in staying to complete her Elementary Education degree and transferred to the University of Missouri (MU). In the midst of her studies she met and fell in love with a farm boy attending MU – Fred Utlaut. They married while in college, and both graduated together.

Leslie's classroom teaching began in Jefferson City and then on to Marshall before settling in to prepare for a family. Though as we all know, life doesn't always work out just as we had planned. After several years, Fred and Leslie adopted their first child Jason. Their next child, Krissy, came through the foster care system. Not long after their adoption of Krissy was final, Leslie became pregnant with Andrew. And 2 years later, Lindsey came along to round out the Utlaut family.

When they first returned to the area, Leslie and Fred attended Fred's family church – the United Church of Christ in Grand Pass. But as the family grew, Leslie wanted a church home with more children, a strong Sunday School and youth group program. They found the United Methodist Church, and it's been home ever since.

Leslie says her greatest accomplishment has been raising her children and teaching them about life. Like most child rearing, it was a challenging and rewarding experience for her. She was excited to return to the classroom and help shape the minds of children as a teacher's aide and then as kindergarten teacher. "Teaching the kindergarten children was so fun and exciting each day. I loved every part of teaching kindergarten," Leslie says.

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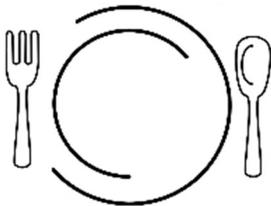
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As life does, another turn came in the road. Leslie and Fred became legal guardians for their first grandson, Adam. Leslie left the formal classroom behind for the real adventure of raising another child in the classroom of life. Fred and Leslie adopted Adam in 2018. They also have 6 other grandchildren whom they enjoy seeing often – Brooke, Ava, Wyatt, Charlie, Maren, and Liam.

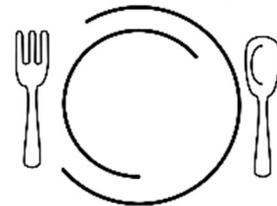
Through the years, Leslie has served on numerous church committees. She currently serves as Chair of the Board and really enjoys the challenge of it. Her diplomacy and organizational skills make her a good leader, and she works hard to get things accomplished while keeping things moving forward. She has served for 10 years as Board chairman.

Leslie finds much pleasure and shares her passion of teaching by leading the Adult Sunday School class. Leslie says, “I learn by doing and teaching the class. I spend several hours each week working on my lesson, and it gives me a chance to learn more about the lesson and the Bible.” She has been teaching on and off for 20 years and hopes to be able to continue.

In her spare time, Leslie enjoys gardening, reading, and has taken up painting. “I am really enjoying painting again. It’s a great creative outlet and it’s very relaxing. When I finish a painting, I feel a great sense of accomplishment.”



SUPPER OUT
5:30 – 6:30
Eat In or Carry Out!



Our church is one of the groups that serves Supper Out in rotation every two weeks. Jeanie Peters heads this group. Eleanor Aversman and Mary Ellen Kitchen are her right-hand helpers with the 'early cooking duties.'

The average number of people served during the winter has been between 70 and 80. This includes a number of carry-outs each time. The past two times it's been our turn, the weather has not been very cooperative, so the number served has been less than in the spring and fall.

There are a number of people who help with dessert baking and/or salad making and on Tuesdays with serving. These people are so willing to help, and it is a blessing to see the guests enjoying the food and the fellowship as they eat. Thanks to everyone who participates in this outreach program in Waverly.

You can find a listing of the upcoming Supper Out dates in this newsletter.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 1 – Diane Erdman
Mar. 4 – Missy Hinz, Eric Null
Mar. 5 – Jean Riley
Mar. 6 – Michael Barrett
Mar. 9 – Nancy Peters, Shelbe Wesley
Mar. 12 – Sharon Layton
Mar. 23 – Andrew Smith
Mar. 24 – Cara Hinz
Mar. 29 – Teresa Frazier
Mar. 30 – Carol Sanders
Mar. 31 – Alex Smith, Larry & Mary Ellen Kitchen

Apr. 4 – Gary Grove
Apr. 8 – Kate Peters
Apr. 18 – Eleanor Aversman
Apr. 20 – David & Suzanne Smith
Apr. 25 – Gary Zumalt

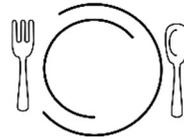
May 3 – Jackson Jones
May 5 – Al Sanders, Frank Abshire
May 7 – Kathleen Livingston
May 15 – Russ Erdman, Adam Utlaut
May 16 – Greg Prather
May 20 – Kara Hollingsworth
May 24 – Joe Frazier
May 25 – Bubby Massey
May 28 – Cheryl Ford, Scott Aversman
May 29 – M.J. Barrett
May 31 – Kristina Campbell, Donald Aversman

June 1 – Paul & Nancy Peters
June 3 – Cheryl Brown
June 5 – Kathy Hollingsworth, Mason Vandiver
June 6 – David Peters
June 11 – Carson Graf
June 12 – Fred Utlaut
June 13 – Kadie Drunert
June 14 – Jeff Layton

June 15 – Fred & Leslie Utlaut
June 15 – Russ & Diane Erdman
June 17 – Jeff Campbell
June 18 – Florence Fenner
June 19 – Christina Campbell
June 21 – Anne Larkin Bracker
June 26 – Larry Kitchen

Congratulations

Sam Peters and Felicia O'Donnell announced their engagement and approaching June wedding.



SUPPER OUT
5:30 – 6:30
Eat In or Carry Out!

Apr. 9 – Waverly Christian Church
Apr. 23 – Waverly Baptist Church
May 14 – Victory Christian Fellowship
May 28 – Immanuel Lutheran Church
June 11 – Waverly Methodist Church
June 25 – Waverly Christian Church
July 9 – Waverly Baptist Church
July 23 – St. Luke's UCC (Grand Pass)



According to church policy the folding chairs and the white tables in the basement are to be used only in the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

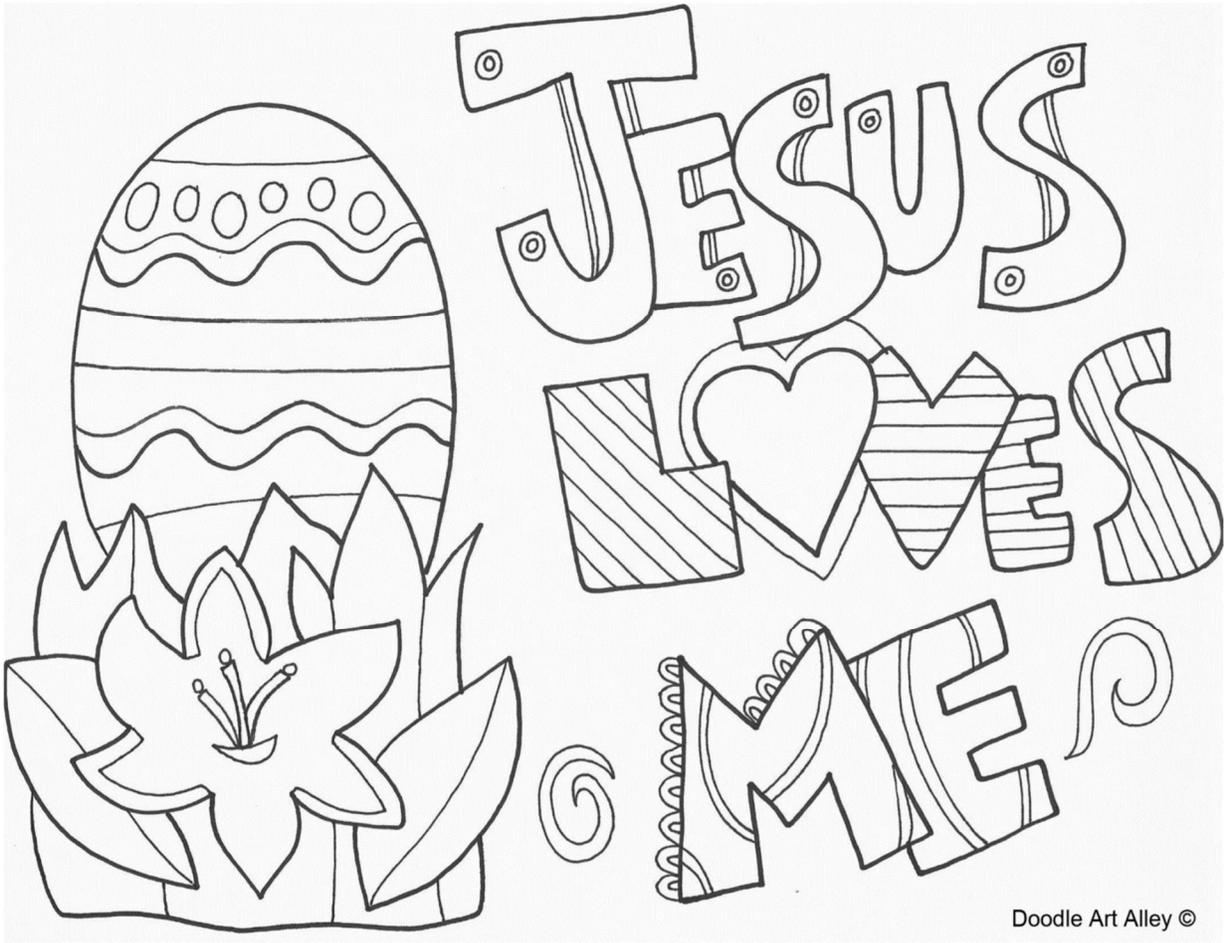
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| Mon., April 1 - | Lenten Bible Study | 6-7:30 p.m. |
| Wed., April 3 - | Confirmation Class | 6:30-8 p.m. |
| Mon., April 8 - | Administrative Board Meeting | 6 p.m. |
| Wed., April 10 - | Confirmation Class | 6:30-8 p.m. |
| Sun., April 14 - | Palm Sunday Worship Service | 11 a.m. |
| Mon., April 15 - | Lenten Bible Study | 6-7:30 p.m. |
| Wed., April 17 - | Confirmation Class | 6:30-8 p.m. |
| Fri., April 19 - | Good Friday Worship Service | 7 p.m. |
| Sun., April 21 - | Easter Sunday Community Sunrise Service at Waverly UMC. | 7 a.m. |
| | Easter Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion. | 11 a.m. |
| April 27-28 - | Waverly Street Fair, closing service at 3 p.m. Sunday | |
| Sun., April 28 - | Bright Sunday – Bring and Tell church appropriate jokes | |
| Thurs., May 2 - | National Day of Prayer | |
| Thurs. May 9 - | Baccalaureate Service at Santa Fe High School | |
| Sun., May 12 - | Mother’s Day
Santa Fe High School Graduation, at the High School | |
| Mon., May 27 - | Memorial Day | |

Coming in June and July:

- June 7-9 - Annual Conference in Springfield. This is the “business meeting” of all the United Methodist Churches in Missouri. Each church is represented by laity and clergy.
- Sun., June 9 - Pentecost
- July 21-25 - Waverly Community Vacation Bible School

Don't Forget!
Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7 p.m.
Choir Practice is on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.





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