



LEOTI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission:
To bring the faith, hope, and love of Christ to our church, family, community, and world.

THE PARISH POST

MARCH 2022

Church Events

Sunday, February 27		Sunday, March 20	
~ Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	~ Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
~ Worship - Kevin Clark preaching	10:45 a.m.	~ Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 2		~ L.T.C. Service	4:30 p.m.
~ Lenten Luncheon @ St. Antony's Church	11:45 a.m.	Tuesday, March 22	
~ Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.	~ L.T.C. Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 3-6		Wednesday, March 23	
~ Women's Walk to Emmaus	Thursday evening-Sunday	~ Lenten Luncheon @ LUMC	11:45 a.m.
Thursday, March 3		~ God Squad	5:15-6:15 p.m.
~ Emmaus people departing	4:00 p.m.	~ Prayer Meeting	8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 4		Thursday, March 24	
~ Men's Group (Breakfast: Kevin Clark)	6:30 a.m.	~ Fellowship Hall booked	4:45-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 6		~ Leoti Learn & Play	5:45-6:30 p.m.
~ Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	Friday, March 25	
~ Worship - Craig Sheppard preaching	10:45 a.m.	~ Men's Group (Breakfast: Ross Smades)	6:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 8		~ Fellowship Hall booked	9:00-12:00 p.m.
~ L.T.C. Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	~ Leoti Learn & Play	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 9		Sunday, March 27	
~ Lenten Luncheon @ C.C.C.	11:45 a.m.	~ Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
~ God Squad	5:15-6:15 p.m.	~ Worship	10:45 a.m.
~ Prayer Meeting	8:30 p.m.	Tuesday, March 29	
Thursday, March 10		~ L.T.C. Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hall booked for private meeting	10-11:00 a.m.	Wednesday, March 30	
~ Fellowship Hall booked	4:45-7:30 p.m.	~ Lenten Luncheon @ 1st Presbyterian	11:45 a.m.
~ Leoti Learn & Play	5:45-6:30 p.m.	~ God Squad	5:15-6:15 p.m.
Friday, March 11		~ Prayer Meeting	8:30 p.m.
~ Men's Group (Breakfast: Dustin Fritzmeier)	6:30 a.m.	Friday, April 1	
~ Fellowship Hall booked	9:00-12:00 p.m.	~ Men's Group (Breakfast: Gary Wilbur)	6:30 a.m.
~ Leoti Learn & Play	10:00-11:00 a.m.	~ Fellowship Hall booked	5 p.m. to Saturday
Sunday, March 13 - Communion		Saturday, April 2	
~ Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	~ Fellowship Hall booked	until 5:00 p.m.
~ Worship	10:45 a.m.	Sunday, April 3	
Tuesday, March 15		~ Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
~ L.T.C. Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	~ Worship - Confirmation	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 16		~ Potluck	Following Worship
~ Lenten Luncheon @ 1st Presbyterian	11:45 a.m.		
~ God Squad	5:15-6:15 p.m.		
~ Prayer Meeting	8:30 p.m.		
Friday, March 18			
~ Men's Group (Breakfast: Jim Roelfs)	6:30 a.m.		
~ L.T.C. Bingo	2:30 p.m.		



New Time! 5:15-6:15 p.m.

If you would like to help with God Squad as a volunteer please contact JoAnne at 620-874-1692.

Join us every Sunday!
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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ENJOY FEASTING UPON & OBEYNG GOD'S LIVING WORD IN 2022!

Feasting upon and obeying God's word nourishes the soul, transforms the heart, makes the temper flee, provides wisdom, promotes godly action, becomes a filter for information, provides anchors in storms, and promises to cling to in grief.

Jesus, the Son of God who was filled with the Holy Spirit, quoted Old Testament scripture each time Satan tempted Him in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11. In verse 4 He said, **"It is written, 'one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"** To live by the word of God means to know it and apply it through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our 2022 Reading the Whole Bible Plan has three different readings per day: one from the Old Testament, one from Psalms or Proverbs, and one from the New Testament. Read only one if needed or use a different plan that best fits you. Be sure to pray prior to reading and ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to God's word and to grant the courage to obey. Jesus was right, **"One cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."**

March	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 - Deut. 5-6; Prov. 30; Luke 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 23 - Deut. 25-26; Eccl. 2:18-26; Luke 23
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Num. 16-18; Ps. 26; Luke 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 - Reflect on God as Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 - Deut. 27-28; Ps. 26; Luke 24
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Num. 19-21; Prov. 26; Luke 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 - Deut. 7-8; Ps. 31; Luke 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 - Deut. 29-30; Eccl. 3:1-8; John 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Num. 22-23; Ps. 27; Luke 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 - Deut. 9-10; Prov. 31; Luke 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 26 - Reflect on God as Messiah
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Num. 24-26; Prov. 27; Luke 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 - Deut. 11-12; Ps. 32; Luke 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 27 - Deut. 31-32; Ps. 37; John 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Reflect on God as Redeemer	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 - Deut. 13-14; Eccl. 1:1-11; Luke 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 28 - Deut. 33-34; Eccl. 3:9-22; John 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 - Num. 27-29; Ps. 28; Luke 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 - Deut. 15-16; Ps. 33; Luke 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 29 - Joshua 1-2; Ps. 38; John 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 - Num. 30-33; Prov. 28; Luke 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 - Deut. 17-18; Eccl. 1:12-18; Luke 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 - Joshua 3-4; Eccl. 4:1-6; John 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 - Num. 34-36; Ps. 29; Luke 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 - Reflect on God as Peace	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 - Joshua 5-6; Ps. 29; John 6
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 - Deut. 1-2; Prov. 29; Luke 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 - Deut. 19-20; Ps. 34; Luke 20	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 - Deut. 3-4; Ps. 30; Luke 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 - Deut. 21-22; Eccl. 2:1-17; Luke 21	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 22 - Deut. 23-24; Ps. 35; Luke 22	

Lenten Luncheons



Wednesdays at 11:45

- March 2 - St. Anthony's Church
- March 9 - Christ Covenant Church
- March 16 - First Presbyterian Church
- March 23 - United Methodist Church
- March 30 - First Presbyterian Church
- April 6 - Abundant Life Fellowship Church
- April 13 - First Baptist Church

God Squad Schedule

Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m.

March 2nd – ASH WEDNESDAY – NO GOD SQUAD

March 9th

March 16th - SPRING BREAK - NO GOD SQUAD

March 23rd, March 30th

April 6th, April 13th

April 20th

April 27th FINAL GOD SQUAD for the year. BBQ in the park at 6:00 PM, families are invited to join us! (In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the church.)



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Join us for the
Ash Wednesday
Service
on March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Joys and Concerns

- Birth of Roberto Francisco (Mirna Jimenez' son)
- Karen Walk

Continued Concerns

- Dennis Hahn (son of Janice Rewerts)

- Rebecca Erle
- Emilie Taber
- Friends in Missions
- Military & Government Leaders



Pastor's Corner

“TAKE UP YOUR CROSS?”

A few years ago, my son Matt updated us on his female college friend from another country, who had become a follower of Jesus last semester. Though her Hindu family had threatened to disown her and cut off all college finances, they will still fund her college education. However, they still are greatly upset she had committed her life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt's friend has greatly appreciated us praying for her and her family.

In the The Voice of the Martyrs December 2012 magazine I read the following. “When ‘Samrita’ became a Christian, her husband divorced her and she lost custody of her two children. She prays almost every day that she will regain custody, but if faced with the same choice she would still choose Christ. Samrita grew up in a family from a Malaysian tribal group. Her father was an abusive drunk, and she didn't feel loved. So when a Muslim man named ‘Uda’ began paying attention to her, she saw him as her escape. Samrita and Uda were married in 1999, and at first the marriage was pleasant. But Uda soon began abusing drugs and beating Samrita regularly. Although Uda was a nominal Muslim who rarely attended mosque, Samrita became a Muslim in order to marry him. As her relationship with Uda continued to deteriorate, Samrita sought inner peace through a closer adherence to Islam. She prayed five times a day, dressed modestly, recited

the Quran and even planned a pilgrimage to Mecca.

While Samrita was seeking peace in Islam, her father – the formerly abusive drunk – was discovering true peace in Jesus Christ. He became a Christian in 2006 and began gently sharing the gospel with each of his thirteen children, including Samrita. When she visited her family each month, she felt the peace of God and was impressed by the changes she saw in her father. Samrita began exploring Christianity, and in 2008 she accepted Christ at a Christian seminar she attended without her husband's knowledge.

Samrita kept her faith to herself a few years, praying quietly, reading her Bible when Uda wasn't around and secretly attending Christian meetings led by a VOM contact. But when Uda discovered her Bible one day, he cursed her and ordered her out of the house. She was forced to leave without her two children, 10-year-old ‘Lili’ and 5-year-old ‘Faiz’. Uda decided to divorce Samrita.” (pg. 4) Samrita prays everyday that she will be reunited with her children and granted the right to take care of them. “However,” she adds, ‘I am willing to suffer for Christ.’”

In Matthew 10:34-39, Jesus said the following to His followers: ***“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law***

against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” God's grace is not cheap, but very costly.

May Jesus open our eyes to grow in understanding what it means for each of us to carry our cross this Lenten season. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and ends on April 16, the day before Easter.

Consider taking these two very important steps this Lenten season:

1 – **Subscribe** to The Voice of the Martyrs magazine. The address is: The Voice of the Martyrs, P.O. Box 443, Bartlesville, OK 74005-0443. The phone number is 800-747-0085 and e-mailing is: thevoice@vom-usa.org.) It's a free subscription.

2 – **Read about** and **pray for** our persecuted sisters and brothers in Christ throughout Lent.

May the persecution of our brothers and sisters in the 21st century make us stronger and bolder in proclaiming in the gospel through action and words, just as Paul's imprisonment made the 1st century believers at Philippi stronger and bolder in advancing the gospel. Prayerfully read Philippians 1:12, 27-30.

From Pastor Tod

COME HEAR OUR “FRIEND IN MISSION” ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27

On Sunday, March 27, come to hear a message from **one of our “Friends in Missions”** who we donated \$1,500 to renew his visa this past summer. Over the past five years, our “Friend” has learned another language to make Jesus known to an unreached people group so this vision John received from God may become a reality: ***“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”*** (Rev. 7:9-10)

Thanks for our prayers and support so our “Friends in Missions” can play a crucial role in this divine vision to become a reality, as we obey Jesus' Great Commission mandate in Matthew 28:19: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”**

Our “Friend in Mission” hopes also to meet with our leaders and others interested to prayerfully consider deepening our partnership with our “Friends in Mission” by having a “Dessert with our Friend in Mission” at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Come on March 27 to bless our “Friend in Missions” with your presence before he returns to the mission field.

March 2022 Worship Assignments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>
3-6	Mr. & Mrs. Russell Lewis Tabitha & Cheyenne Rutherford	Kevin Clark	Michelle Sheppard	Autumn Ames	Kevin Clark
3-13	Noreen Walk & Rosetta Hayes Jody & Jadee Crouch	Shad Mehl	Craig Sheppard	Michelle Sheppard	Greg Fletcher
3-20	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Harkness	Jerry Harkness	Jody Crouch	Elaine Anthony	Bruce Loy
3-27	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nickelson	Zim Clark	Greg Fletcher	JoAnne Seaton	Craig Sheppard
4-3	Mr. & Mrs. Stacy Seaton	Craig Sheppard	Teresa Clark	Shad Mehl	Shad Mehl

If you would like to volunteer for any position please let the office know.

Happy Birthday

3rd - Ash Clymer
3rd - Charles Clymer
9th - Brilee Seaton
10th - Makenna Clark
10th - Kelly Dyer
11th - Lois Wiles
13th - Matt Anthony
16th - Jadee Crouch
16th - Nick Salinas
19th - Tabitha Rutherford
22nd - Jaxon Oldham
29th - Stacy Seaton
29th - Russ Lewis



Anniversaries

23rd - Russ & Darla Lewis



**To receive Church Announcements or Prayer requests please
do the following:**

For Announcements text @umcnews to 81010.

For Prayer requests text @leotipray to 81010.

**Or email Tabitha at leotiumc4554@gmail.com and provide your cell
phone number and what you want to receive.**

Note: Please let the office know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. John 17:15-17

As the movie *Chicken Little* (2005) opens we see our hero/villain portraying the town crier, encouraging all to “run for your lives, everyone run for cover, SOS, mayday, mayday, code red, duck and cover... you’re all in danger... run for cover, run for your lives, emergency, emergency!” Chaos ensues, accidents happen in the panic, buildings and water towers crumble..... and then, the QUESTION, “what is it, what’s going on?” The answer, which brings the scene to a rapid halt, THE SKY IS FALLING! “What?” they question. As a single acorn falls from the tree, right on Chicken Little’s head, the townsfolk brush off the incident as a crying wolf moment. SPOILER ALERT: As the story unfolds, those who disregarded his original cry would come to know the truth. Indeed, there was “something” in the sky that day that only Chicken Little saw.

In John 8:12 Jesus has a similar moment, ¹² ***When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*** For the next 36 verses we witness a Chicken Little situation. People are yelling for clarity. Jesus is speaking boldly in regard to His relationship to God. Anger ensues, although, some believe. In the final verse we read, ⁵⁹ ***At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.*** That’s chaos!! I am so glad we don’t live in a world like that..... RIGHT!?(sarcasm)

On a Friday morning at men’s group, we touched on the topic of being

informed of world news, yet, not letting the news of the world create chaos within us. That’s a tough road to travel. Certainly, we should keep current to the joys and concerns of our times regarding life and liberty. Such information can guide our prayer life, as intercessors for others. Some are called to be advocates, all are called to be peacemakers, and the socio-political current of the day will direct our efforts, on God’s behalf. Jesus’ own prayer to God doesn’t ask for the elimination of the world and its influence. But rather, He prays for our protection from the evil one (John 17:15). For many of us, we just want to walk in peace, our burdens exchanged for the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Verse 17 brings the clarity we are looking for, ¹⁷ ***Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*** For a complete understanding of the passage we’ll turn to Proverbs 2:1-8, ***My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you..... if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God..... ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.*** The answers to life’s questions lie in the words and commands found within the Bible. God’s presence, through scriptures, church, men’s/women’s bible study, and ministry to others, results in a deeper relationship with God. That’s sanctification, the gradual process of becoming more like Jesus.

When Jesus proclaims to be the light of the world, claims the title of “I am” in John 8:58, he is speaking across all time. Yes, the story is in a manuscript dating over 2000 years ago, but its relevance is as current as the news you’ll watch or hear today. This is a message

for you and me. Search for God! Call out for insight and understanding. Finally, accept His WORD and follow His commands. Then, the word will bring truth to your life that will protect you from the evil one. That is the multi-millennial formula for warding off chaos. SPOILER ALERT: this formula only works for those who are “just” and “faithful” (Prov 2:8). Luke sets an example in Luke 1:3, ***since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning.*** The footnote reads, “check it out for yourself..... your conclusion is a life-and-death matter.”

Jesus’ teachings are meant to produce chaos within our soul and spirit. In John 6 He multiplies the fish and bread, walks on water, titles himself the Bread of Life and chaos ensues as people are trying to figure him out. That is where Luke says, “check it out for yourselves!!” What have you got to lose, verus, what could you possible gain? Verse 60, ***This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?*** Followers recognized this to be a life altering decision. Sadly, by verse 66, ***From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.*** The fork in the road! Is the sky really falling, or is there really something high above that is coming into your life? A peace-bringing relationship that will rock your world!! Check it out. May we be led to Peter’s conclusion in verse 68, ***“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”*** Then, the blessing of Philippians 4:7 occurs, ***And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Heavenly Father, guard and protect us from the chaos of this day! Amen and Amen

Grace, Mercy and Peace!

Shad

COME CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Come celebrate five of our youth becoming members on Confirmation Sunday on April 3, not March 20. The following youth have completed the seven-week Confirmation discipleship journey and will assist with the worship service: Madison Ames, Zim Clark, Colton Harbin, Cheyenne Rutherford, and Brilee Seaton will assist in leading the worship service and join the church. Madison and Zim will be baptized. We thank God for each of these youth and God using you and others for these youth to become a Professing Member of the Leoti UMC. We are obeying Jesus’ Great Commission mandate in making disciples of all nations by starting at home. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to celebrate Confirmation Sunday with us on April 3, not March 20.



**Join us every
Friday at 6:30 a.m.!**

**Men's Group
Breakfast
Schedule**

March 4 - Kevin Clark
 March 11 - Dustin Fritzmeier
 March 18 - Jim Roelfs
 March 25 - Ross Smades
 April 1 - Gary Wilbur
 April 8 - Tod Anthony
 April 15 - Shad Mehl
 April 22 - Bruce Loy
 April 29 - Craig Sheppard
 May 6 - Josh Young
 May 13 - Mike Nickelson



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Return Service Requested

March



**Have an idea for a
Mission?**

We are always looking for
 Mission opportunities.
 Please contact the office.