

From The Desk of...

The Director of Ministry

...Susan Hurley


This Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Youth Room we will have executives from the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas office to speak about the Methodist Endowment Fund. Find out how to set up an endowment, how endowments help our church and why they are important.

Friday, April 13th, the Prime Times Group will be going to Byrd's Adventure Center for lunch. We will be leaving the church at 11:00am from the West parking lot. Hopefully we will see some dogwoods in bloom along the way. Please call the church office by Wednesday, April 11th if you plan on going.

Sunday, April, we will be having a combined church service. Sunday School will be at 9:30am with church to follow in the sanctuary at 10:30am. After the service we will have a potluck lunch in the FLC.

Administrative Council met on Sunday, March 25. In this meeting, the group continued to explore the mission, core values and core beliefs of FUMC Clarksville. There have been a lot of great ideas coming out of our discussion. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the FLC.

Spring is upon us and it's almost time to start working on the grounds of the church. We need teams of volunteers to rotate mowing and weeding around the church. If you can help, please contact the church office, 754-2642.



There are so many exciting opportunities, for fun and fellowship for the Kids Club kids. If you have a child in kindergarten through sixth grade, who would be interested in joining us. It is a free after school program. We meet after school, on Wednesday's, from 3:00-5:00pm. Transportation from Clarksville schools is available. For more information contact Liz Hull at (479) 979-7171.

Please mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School** at FUMC on July 23-27, *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Get ready to venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive and will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms! We're searching for some amazing volunteers to help make our VBS a huge success! If you have any questions (or if you already know you would like to volunteer to help), please contact Amy Pennington at 479-264-0250. Thank you!

April Birthdays



- 4/3 Jeanne Reynolds
- 4/3 Daniel Kimbrough
- 4/3 Tyler Shatswell
- 4/6 Karen Nordin
- 4/8 Carolyn Davenport
- 4/8 Mikayla Doak
- 4/9 Carly Farris
- 4/10 Kate Brian
- 4/11 John Payne
- 4/12 Wanda Phillips
- 4/12 Carolyn Helvey
- 4/13 Bob Hula
- 4/13 Jacque Reese
- 4/13 Evan Glenn Hull
- 4/14 Keith Lewis
- 4/14 Weldon Bradley
- 4/14 Jeanna Cook
- 4/14 David Davidson
- 4/15 Ilona Davidson
- 4/16 Billie Smith
- 4/16 Max Slaughter
- 4/16 Callie Nordin
- 4/17 Bonnie Hula
- 4/18 Debbie Park
- 4/18 Jim Krohn
- 4/21 Tanja Stone
- 4/23 Benjamin Eakin
- 4/23 Matthew Stone
- 4/25 John Piper
- 4/26 Ann Taylor
- 4/28 Cole Martin
- 4/29 Hannah Stone
- 4/30 Julie Kersey
- 4/30 Dakota Smith

Clarksville Panther Theater Presents "Into the Woods" The youth would like to invite you to come see the culmination of all their hard work in this musical. "Into the Woods" is an entertaining story that intertwines the tales of some of our beloved childhood characters such as Cinderella, Jack (Jack and the Beanstalk), The Baker, Little Red Ridinghood and Rapunzel. Clarksville Panther Theater will present this family-friendly show on Friday, April 20 (7 p.m.), Saturday, April 21, (7 p.m.) and Sunday, April 22, (2 p.m.) at the Clarksville Fine Arts building at Clarksville High School. Come show your support for our youth: Diego Arredondo (The Baker), Justice Beebe (Cinderella), Rachel Jacobs (techie), Julia Kiene (Jack's mom), Rosie Wade (Cinderella's step sister) and Jonathan Wollenberg (Rapunzel's prince). The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 17 and under. Tickets will be available at the door or you can see any of these youth to reserve tickets.

April

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| *SUNDAY, APRIL 1 | |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 8:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 9:45 AM |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 11:00 AM |
| Youth Bells Practice | 3:45 PM |
| Youth Choir | 4:30 PM |
| United Methodist Youth | 5:00 PM |
| *TUESDAY, APRIL 3 | |
| UMW Executive Meeting | 11:30 AM |
| Den Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| *WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 | |
| Kid's Club | 3:30 PM |
| Kid's Bell/Chimes | 4:30 PM |
| WNL | 5:00 PM |
| Endowment Presentation (FLC) | 5:30 PM |
| Joyful Sound Practice | 6:00 PM |
| Prayer & Communion | 6:00 PM |
| Chancel Choir | 7:00 PM |
| *SUNDAY, APRIL 8 | |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 8:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 9:45 AM |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 11:00 AM |
| Youth Bells Practice | 3:45 PM |
| Youth Choir | 4:30 PM |
| United Methodist Youth | 5:00 PM |
| *MONDAY APRIL 9 | |
| Den Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| *TUESDAY, APRIL 10 | |
| Scout Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| *WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 | |
| Kid's Club | 3:30 PM |
| Kid's Bell/Chimes | 4:30 PM |
| WNL | 5:00 PM |
| Prayer & Communion | 6:00 PM |
| Joyful Sound Practice | 6:00 PM |
| Chancel Choir | 7:00 PM |
| *THURSDAY, APRIL 12 | |
| Glory Circle | 6:00 PM |
| *FRIDAY, APRIL 13 | |
| PrimeTimers (Byrd's) | 11:00 AM |
| *SUNDAY, APRIL 15 | |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 8:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 9:45 AM |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 11:00 AM |
| Youth Bells Practice | 3:45 PM |
| Youth Choir | 4:30 PM |
| *TUESDAY, APRIL 17 | |
| Blood Drive | Noon-6:00 PM |
| *WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 | |
| Kid's Club | 3:30 PM |
| Kid's Bell/Chimes | 4:30 PM |
| WNL | 5:00 PM |
| Prayer & Communion | 6:00 PM |
| Joyful Sound Practice | 6:00 PM |
| Chancel Choir | 7:00 PM |
| *THURSDAY, APRIL 19 | |
| Grace Circle | 10:00 AM |
| Power Circle | 2:00 PM |
| Finance Meeting | 5:30 PM |
| *SATURDAY, APRIL 21 | |
| M.O.F. | 8:00 AM |
| *SUNDAY, APRIL 22 | |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 8:30 AM |
| Sunday School | 9:45 AM |
| Worship Service (Sanct) | 11:00 AM |
| Youth Bells Practice | 3:45 PM |
| Youth Choir | 4:30 PM |
| United Methodist Youth | 5:00 PM |
| *MONDAY, APRIL 23 | |
| Den Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| *TUESDAY, APRIL 24 | |
| Scout Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| *WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 | |
| Kid's Club | 3:30 PM |
| Kid's Bell/Chimes | 4:30 PM |
| WNL | 5:00 PM |
| Joyful Sound Practice | 6:00 PM |
| Prayer & Communion | 6:00 PM |
| Chancel Choir | 7:00 PM |
| *SUNDAY, APRIL 29 | |
| Sunday School | 9:30 AM |
| Combined Worship Service | 10:30 AM |
| Potluck Lunch following Service | |
| Ad Council | 1:00 PM |
| Youth Bells Practice | 3:45 PM |
| Youth Choir | 4:30 PM |
| United Methodist Youth | 5:00 PM |



The Focus

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On Track With Bro.Larry...

...Pastor Larry Kelso

Several years ago, Lee Strobel, a journalist with the Chicago Tribune, became a Christian and began to open himself to Christ's transforming power. Increasingly, he found that he wanted the motives and perspective of Jesus to be his own. Does that sound mystical," he asks? Maybe it does.

But it's very real to him now, and to those around him. In fact, he reports that just a few months after he became a Christian, his 5-year-old daughter went up to his wife and said, "Mommy, I want God to do for me what he's done for Daddy."

Here was a little girl who had only known a father who was profane, angry, verbally harsh and all-too-often absent. And even though she had not heard anything related to the empty tomb, she had seen up close the influence that Jesus can have on one person's life. In effect, she was saying, "If this is what God does to a human being, that's what I want for me."

Easter has never been simply a point in time. It is rather a movement of God in the souls of people, transforming the world one person at a time.

Grace and peace - Bro. Larry