

First United Methodist Church of Dexter, Missouri

Living In The Tension



Tension is awkward, right? Whenever we find ourselves in a period of tension, we like that tension to be resolved, post-haste! Many Methodists in Dexter might feel that our congregation is in a bit of tension. You know that I've been appointed to another congregation, and yet I'm still hanging around for a couple of months. (Will this guy ever leave?) You know that you've been appointed a new pastor, but you don't know much about him yet (Pastor Larry is FANTASTIC, by the way.) Maybe you don't know exactly what you should do, or how you should feel right now. We are living in a period of tension.

Jazz offers another way of thinking about tension and resolution. I love jazz music. Part of what makes jazz cool is the way in which it finds a groove through the music's tension. Jazz chords are chords with tension, suspension, and augmentation all seeking resolution. Resolution in jazz only comes through a beautiful journey through tension. You must feel and move with each unique chord and sound. Good jazz musicians don't rush to resolution, but patiently they embrace the tension. It is in the tension that they find life and beauty.

Christians are to find beauty in tension. It's where we live, so we make the most of it. Christ came to earth, lived a life of love, brought the Kingdom of God to earth, destroyed the powers of sin and death, and rose from the grave. And yet. And yet there is still evil in the world. There is still hate. There is still pain, crying, and death all around us. The fullness of God's Kingdom is yet to be experienced. It has yet to come. Resolution to the tension is yet to come.

I encourage you to live into the tension in your life and make it as beautiful as it can be. Resolution is coming, but let's make the most of what we have now. As a local congregation, let's think of creative and beautiful ways to welcome your new pastor with abundant grace and hospitality. Listen to one another. Encourage one another. Support one another. Pray for Pastor Larry and the church. Even more important than that, let's live into this period of theological tension until Christ comes in final victory and brings ultimate resolution. Let's offer signs of peace in a violent world. Let's break bread with those who might not have someone to eat with. Let's listen closely to sounds of a world full of tension and patiently make Christ's song of life be more beautiful until at last it is all finally resolved.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron".

Pastor Ron

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites you to

Join us for a

**Farewell
Celebration**

honoring

Pastor Ron & Kasey Beaton

as they start a new journey

Sunday, June 2 @ 5:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall

Barbeque, sides, & drinks provided. Please bring desserts

In Our Mailbox

I want to thank everyone who made my senior breakfast special. The food was fabulous. I am so blessed to have such wonderful people surrounding me as I head off to the next step in life. Love, Lexi Lynn Renken

Your prayers and concerns for Shea are valued and appreciated. She has a long road to a full recovery, but is doing much better. God has answered our prayers! Thanks and love to you all - Mike, Lisa, Shea Baker

Richard and I are so grateful for all the prayers and cards that we received during his critical health crisis. We are blessed to live in such a caring community. It is very comforting to know that so many are lifting you in prayer. Thanks so much! Richard and Tracy Gant

Summer Day Camp For Kids



This summer we will be helping Trinity UMC in Bloomfield host Eagle Lake day camp on July 8-12. This camp is for kids ages 6 through 12 and it runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. All kids are welcome and we hope every child from our church will attend. The cost per camper will be \$50. To register your child go to:

<https://eaglelakecamps.com/camp/trinityumc/>

There are several ways you can support this opportunity for our children. The actual cost for each camper is \$200. Fifty dollars is covered by the conference and our church will pay the rest for each of our campers. The cost for our church will be \$100 per camper. We encourage everyone to give generously. Write "Camp" on your check or text to 573-363-3099 Fund 5. Also, we want to help house the counselors. We hope that several of our church families will be willing to host a counselor for a few nights. Contact Pastor Ron if you are interested.

Wear red for
Pentcost

Sunday, June 9

Welcome New Members

On April 28 we welcomed Cathy Christian, Mike Kennedy, Clinton Duckworth, Barbara Duckworth, and Mel Jones to our church family.

Dennis, Kathy, & Justin Viers joined our church at the 9:15 worship service on May 12 and Terryl & Glinda Almond became members at the 10:30 service.

Holy Baptism

Brooks Allen Trammel, son of Justin and Alicia Trammell was baptized at the 10:30 worship service on Mothers Day, May 12.





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Farewell Celebration, 5 in WH | 3 Pairs & Spares, 8:30 Morning Prayer, 8:45 Boy Scouts, 7 | 4 Morning Prayer, 8:45 | 5 Morning Prayer, 8:45 | 6 Morning Prayer, 8:45 Praise Band, 6:30 | 7 | 8 |
| 9  PENTECOST Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Wesley Hall reserved | 10 Boy Scouts, 7 | 11 Morning Prayer, 8:45 Bethany, 4-6  | 12 Morning Prayer, 8:45 | 13 Morning Prayer, 8:45 Food Packing at FCC, 6 Praise Band, 6:30 | 14 | 15 Bridal Shower for Selana Flannigan at 10 in WH  Youth Loft Reserved |
| 16 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 | 17 Boy Scouts, 7 | 18  | 19 | 20 Food Packing at FCC, 6 Praise Band, 6:30 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 | 24 Boy Scouts, 7 Cub Scouts in WH | 25 Morning Prayer, 8:45 | 26 | 27 Praise Band, 6:30 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 | | | | | | |

June Birthdays

6/1 Bill Boone, Tommye Dukes, Ted Matthes
6/3 Lynda Jones
6/4 Logan Crowley
6/6 Tom Holt
6/10 June Mathis
6/12 June Lawrence
6/14 Joe Weber, Paula Medler
6/15 June Manlove
6/20 Vi Dreschel
6/21 Floyd Polsgrove
6/22 Ron Acord
6/23 Hunter Lawrence
6/25 Brandon Stoker
6/27 Sandy Nolan, Linda Hill
6/28 Rick Kelley

June "New" Birthdays

6/3 Hannah Beaton
6/5 LeAnn Kelley
6/8 Jo Pankey
6/10 Justin Trammell
6/11 Austin Matthews
6/12 Jeannie Baker
6/13 Cynthia Chesser
6/16 Harold Barks

June Anniversaries

6/4 Wayne & Pam Jean
Justin & Alisha Trammell
6/7 David & Sandra Clark
Ted & Vicky Matthes
6/10 Larry & Carol White
6/11 Keith & Tammie Byrd
6/14 Jim & Brenda LaBrot
6/16 Bill & MaryRuth Boone
6/16 Phil & Margie Elam
6/19 Yewell & June Lawrence



Children's Summer Food Program

We are working with other area churches again this year to help feed children in need during the summer break from school. A shopping list is provided below and you may place your donations in the tubs located at each door of the church. We also accept cash donations. Just indicate "Summer Food" on your check or envelope. Packing nights will be at 6:00 p.m. on June 13, June 20, and July 11 (if needed) at the First Christian Church.

☀️ **Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs**

☀️ **Juice Box Drinks**

☀️ **Pudding Cups**

☀️ **Microwave Macaroni & Cheese Tubs**

☀️ **Oatmeal Packets**

☀️ **Fruit Roll Ups**



Tuesday, June 11
4:00 to 6:00

In June we are collecting toilet tissue, stick deodorant, and toothpaste for Bethany. Of course monetary donations are always welcome. Please consider signing up to help deliver items to the elderly and homebound citizens that we serve each month.



OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Current Prayer Requests

Family of Carolyn Corlew, Jean Isbell, Pat White, Keiton and Lori Buck, Peggy Currie, family of Bob Rimel, Georgia Newcomer, family of Carolyn Malin, Rick Hux, family of Bud Blunt, Amy Reynolds, Margie Dennis, Gay Lynn Russell, Carson Clark, Jane Robertson, Bryce Matthews, Victoria Bess, family of Leon Ward, family of M.A. Hart, Judy Rimel, Richard Gant

Nursing Homes

Wes Eskew, Peggy Matthews, Georgia Newcomer, Marie Quinn, Louise Stevens, Elmer Wilson, Elsie Buttry, Bea McKillip, Maxine Daniels, Mildred Miller, Wanda Roberts, Bonnie Merritt, Kitty Kandaloft, Barbara Sanders, Lois Vaughn, Karen Tippen, Wilma Quick, Gerald Jackson, Carolyn Montgomery, Janice Asberry, Eloise Conner, Jane Robertson, Gracie Smith, Carl Hill, Kenneth Minton, June Manlove, Donna Gregg, M.A. Hart, Bob Mayer, Pat Evans, Joy Evans, Linda Smith, Caryl Clippard, Betty Branum, Barb Coons, Max Summers, Patty Williams, Ivan Lee, Margie Dennis, Ron Pearson, Joe Weber (Rehab)

Items for our weekly bulletin prayer insert must be received by Sherry Snider or Kristi Williams by 8:00 a.m. on Friday. If you do not currently receive the prayer list via email and would like to, please email Sherry at: sherry.snider@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to text or call in a prayer request to Sherry, you may do so at 573-820-5377.

If you would like a prayer postcard sent to the person you place on the prayer list, please supply the current address of that person or their family.

Come to VBS



July 28 - August 1

Meal served at 5:00 p.m.
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Preschool thru 6th Grade

Pairs & Spares

You are invited to join us at Pairs & Spares. We are a group of singles and couples who meet at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Airport Café for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Call the church office if you would like more information. Our next meeting will be on June 3.



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for faithfully giving 100% of conference, national and global apportionments for 2018 to support United Methodist connectional ministries in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world.

We give God thanks for your extravagant generosity!

[Signature]
Bishop

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District Superintendent

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Council on Finance and Administration Chair

"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry..."

2 Corinthians 8:3

