

First United Methodist Church of Dexter, Missouri

Have You Found Any Lost Sheep Lately?

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.

Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?” Luke 15:4

Why is Jesus so concerned about one lost sheep instead of taking care and tending to the 99? Wouldn't it be a failure of duty and responsibility to jeopardize the safety of the 99 to go after one lost sheep?

I have three kids. Imagine if one of them got lost or worse yet, someone kidnapped one of them. I would do whatever it takes to get them back. That's what fathers do. I would expect the rest of the family to join in doing whatever they could to get their brother/sister back.

Our Heavenly Father looks at His lost children the same way. He tells us to do whatever it takes to find and bring back our lost brothers/sisters because that's what families do! It's always been about reaching every single person with the love of God. It's not about self-preservation. We're called to be about the Father's business!

So it's surprising that only a few churches actively seek and accept unchurched people into their fold –*the ones that are not like us*. Jesus placed a high importance on reaching the lost and calls us to do likewise. But often we have ignored this call on our lives. In the book, *The Race to Reach Out*, authors Anderson and Coyner identify the lacking piece, we need to have “*a passion for God and a passion for people. First, you have to believe that God makes a difference in people's lives and that people without God as a focus in their lives are lost, searching, and empty. Then you care for those newcomers, you eagerly desire to see their lives find fulfillment, you are willing to adapt your church's ministry to meet their needs, and you are willing to be an advocate for those new disciples.*”

That needs to describe our passion to reach out. As one who was once lost,

searching, and empty, I want to do whatever it takes to bring others into a relationship with Christ. I know what it's like not knowing Jesus. My life is divided between the time I knew Jesus and the time I didn't. It's that big of a deal!

If we are going to reach the unchurched, there are some statistics we need to know. First, between 70 to 90% of all persons who come new to church do so because of the influence or contact of someone in the church. Second, over 50% of unchurched people say that they could see themselves coming to worship if they were invited. Inviting someone is more than simply sharing information about the church. Just like telling someone to come by for dinner sometime is not much of an invitation versus asking them to join you for dinner this Saturday night. Church invitations can't just be a general invitation by giving them our worship times but it needs to be personal, specific, and relational. It's asking someone to come join me this Sunday at 8:15 am, 9:15 am or 10:30 am in a worship experience that has made an impact on my life. Or better yet, offer to pick them up. Be excited, you may change their eternity!

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Larry

A flyer for a Thanksgiving service. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a field of corn. In the foreground, there are several ears of corn and some autumn leaves. The text is overlaid on this background.

First United Methodist Church
501 South Walnut Street
Dexter, Missouri

Sunday, November 24, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Dexter Ministerial Alliance

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Everyone is welcome!

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501 South Walnut Street

Dexter, Missouri

BLOOD DRIVE

10/29/19

2:30 to 6:30 pm

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter First UMCDexter to schedule an appointment.

*Are you starting
each day with God?*

Find the perfect daily devotionals to get your day started on the right foot.

Copies of "The Upper Room" and "Our Daily Bread" are available at each entrance to the church.

Daily Devotionals available online

"The Upper Room" at www.upperroom.org/devotionals

"Our Daily Bread" at www.odb.org

Ministry Opportunities

You are asked to fill out a “Connect to Ministry” form this month. These forms are available at each church entrance. We think you will find that there are opportunities for ministry that you have never considered. As you look through the brochure we hope you will think about stepping outside your “comfort zone” and trying something new. Please return the completed form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Friday, November @ 6 am



FCA Breakfast

Come out and help!

Charge Conference

Sunday, November 10

La Croix UMC in Cape

Registration at 2:30 p.m.



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 FCA Breakfast, 6:00 a.m.	
3 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Choir, 2:30	4 Pairs & Spares, 8:30 a.m. at Airport Café Dist. Pastor Mtg., 3:30-5 pm WH Boy Scouts, 7	5 GG3, 10 GG4, 6:30	6 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	7 GG1, 6:30 GG 2, 6:30 GG 5, 6	8	9
10 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Choir, 2:30 Charge Conference at La Croix, 2	 VETERANS DAY Boy Scouts, 7	12 GG3, 10 GG4, 6:30  Bethany Bethany, 4-5 pm	13 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	14 GG1, 6:30 GG 2, 6:30 GG 5, 6	15	16
17 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Choir, 2:30	18 Cub Scouts, 5-7 WH Boy Scouts, 7	19 GG3, 10 GG4, 6:30	20 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	21 GG1, 6:30 GG 2, 6:30 GG 5, 6	22	23
24 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Choir, 2:30 Community Thanksgiving here, 6:00 pm	25 Boy Scouts, 7	26 GG3, 10 GG4, 6:30	27 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	 Happy Thanksgiving Church office closed	29 Church office closed	30

November Birthdays

11/2 Ethan Ross
 11/4 Susan Pullam
 11/8 Debbie Fisher
 11/10 Aiden Robinson, Walker Jarrell
 11/13 Dennis Jarrell, David Clark
 11/14 Jo Pankey
 11/17 Ron Dreshel
 11/18 Mike Williams
 11/20 Cole Renken, Barbara Mills, Jerry Overfelt
 11/21 Joyce Clark
 11/25 Pam Jean, Lexi Renken, Jordan Pullam
 11/28 Jean Isbell, Easton McCoy
 11/30 Tonya Guevara

November Anniversaries

11/4 Mel & Lynda Jones
 11/12 Randy & Dana Lovins
 11/17 Don & Deana Jones



OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Current Prayer Requests

John Heise, Joyce Seabaugh, Kitty Kandalraft, Marie Quinn, Donna St. Pierre, Tom Frazier, Karen Stevens, Jason Pedigo, Jeff Hancock, Todd Foster, family of Lawrence Holt, family of Wilma Quick, family of Tiffany Kyle, Suzanne Hielt, Susan Barwick, Joe Miller, Rosemary Walker, Jimmy Summers, Justin Viers, Judy Coggins

Nursing Homes

Wes Eskew, Marie Quinn, Louise Stevens, Elmer Wilson, Elsie Buttry, Bea McKillip, Mildred Miller, Wanda Roberts, Bonnie Merritt, Kitty Kandalraft, Barbara Sanders, Karen Tippen, Gerald Jackson, Carolyn Montgomery, Eloise Conner, Gracie Smith, Kenneth Minton, Peggy Matthews, Joy Watson, June Manlove, Donna Gregg, Bob Mayer, Pat Evans, Annabeth Miller, Joy Evans, Caryl Clippard, Barb Coons, Vera Almond, Bobby Robbins, Wanda Nolan, Max Summers, Jane Robertson, Patty Williams, Bob & Yvonne Keathley, Ivan Lee, Ron Pearson, Susan Aslin, Judith Perkins

Our Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Tom & Charlyn Holt upon the death of Tom's brother, Lawrence Holt. A memorial/visitation service will be held on Saturday, November 9, from 10:00 to noon in Kennett.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Dee Wamble upon the death of her mother, Wilma Quick.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Ben, Anistin, Hunner, & Lillian Kyle upon the death of their wife and mother, Tiffany Kyle. A memorial service will be held at our church on Saturday, November 2, at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special Giving

In memory of Lawrence Holt - Larry & Carol White, Gene & Janice McCane.

In memory of Wilma Quick - Gene & Janice McCane, Floyd Polsgrove, Mel & Lynda Jones, Larry & Carol White.

In memory of Joe Weber - Bruce & Kay Plummer.

In memory of Betty Branum - Bruce & Kay Plummer.

In Our Mailbox

To the workers of the Bethany Ministry, I just wanted to say Thank You for the time you take out of your day to give to us that are in need. My husband and I are on disability and the items that you offer to us are greatly appreciated. May God Bless You All!

I want to thank my church family for your prayers and cards during the loss of my mother, Wilma Quick. It was greatly appreciated! God bless you all.
Dee Wamble



Tuesday, Nov. 12
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

In October we will be collecting spray cleaner, dish soap, and liquid laundry detergent. 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. Please note the time change.