



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:00 Choir
2 9:00 Study 12:00 Choir	3	4	5	6	7	8 11:00 Choir
9 9:00 Study 12:00 Choir 6:00 Service at the Oaks	10	11 7:00 Martha Sharon Campbell	12	13	14	15 11: Choir 2-4 Easter Egg Coloring
16 Easter	17 12:00 Garden Club	18 6:30 Elders 7:00 Board	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 Study	24	25	26	27 11:30 Wild Bunch Pizza Hut	28	29
30 9:00 Study						



Noel Phillips 4
Mike Kizer 16
Sheryl Kizer 30



Van & Cathy Johnson 10
Mike & Sheryl Kizer 10
Richard & Lori Slavenski 20

Greetings, Songbirds!

We would love to have you join us for an Easter Choir!

The songs we are doing are familiar, so we should just need to review them.

The rehearsals will be as follows:

Saturday, April 1, at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 2, right after church

Saturday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 9, right after church

Saturday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday morning at 10:00

*Hope you can
make it!
Easter Blessings,
Judy*

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FROM THE PASTOR

I love Easter. Perhaps it is because I was raised in snowy Montana. No matter how harsh the winter was, Easter symbolized the start of Spring. Even if we went to our outdoor sunrise service on Easter morning while there were remnants of snow on the ground, we could see the flowers beginning to push up through the snow. Also, Easter was the time we would switch from black shoes, black purses, dark clothes to all white outfits covered with dashes of color and flowery patterns. It felt to me that the dreariness was over, a curtain parted, and the entire world popped alive with beauty and hope.

Easter represents to me new life, new beginnings, fresh starts, and new chances. It seems fitting for me that my last month with Lebanon First Christian Church as interim pastor is during Easter time, a time of introspection and new beginnings...a time of hope and moving ahead with the work of our Creator.

As I review our time together, I affirm we have been creative and busy. In addition to the usual tasks and activities of our church, here is a partial list of our activities together:

Painted and decorated the fireside room, the narthex, and remodeled and painted the soup kitchen restroom. Converted the Serendipity room to the library and prayer room, and we decorated and

Painted the church office spaces. In two separate instances a men's group from Salem First Christian Church came to aid in the remodel, painting and decorating of the church with meals provided by members of our church, it was a joint venture.

In June we had 45 members participate in prayer month. We heard the guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Sharon Warner, enjoyed our worship guests, the

professional Roundhouse Band. We held a Summer BBQ at our home in Salem for church members which was well attended.

Last year at Easter time the Sunday School class was based in the Lectionary led by Myrna.

During the year Noel led Sunday School classes on

Disciple history, and helped train the Elders and Deacons which culminated in commissioning services for both the Elders and Deacons. Noel and Nancey West co-lead the Bible studies for Bible 101.

Christmas sermon time was provided by vocal professional Beth Eck, a member of the Roundhouse Band which provided a concert Christmas afternoon. Special Advent devotional booklets from the national Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were given during Advent.

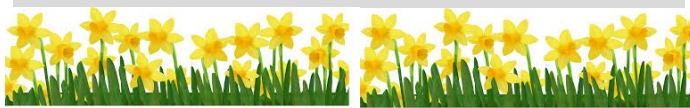
The McIntosh family in conjunction with Noel and Myrna provided a Christmas party with train rides and refreshments on the McIntosh property. Santa and his elf provided entertainment and gifts for young and old.

The Lebanon women attended a luncheon by special invitation from the women at Salem first Christian Church. We had members attend the Regional Assembly and the CWF annual program.

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Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



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The prayer shawl ministry has been revitalized. Guest preacher, Cherry Hoffman filled the pulpit as a birthday gift for Myrna. Lenten devotionals were distributed for church members to study for prayer and preparation for Easter this year.

As our time together comes to a close, I want to say it has been an honor serving with you, and I am blessed to have shared this spiritual journey with you. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers as God continues to reveal the future for Lebanon First Christian Church.

Blessings,
Myrna

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Jim Beamer family
Gloria Bernhard
Tom Chenail
Colton
Myke Eggert
August Fleshman
Blanche Glaub
Patricia Heckman
Shari Howard
Mary Lee Howell
Diana Johnson
Cal Landon
Jesse LeSeur
Robert Maxwell
Maxine Meyer
James Lenfesty
Ann Otto
Fred and Lois Puig
Sandy
Jill Starbuck
Dennis Stover
Natalie Ward
Vila Adkins

Service People:

Spc. Coury Gagne,
Marine Capt. Pete Brawn
Sgt. Scot Noss
Cpt. Tory Petersen
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson
Sgt. Ethan Spurr
Sgt. Daniel Campbell

Pray for our Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen, Kim and Erik Free and their ministry and our Regional Ministers.

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study 9:00 AM

Service at the Oaks Sunday, April 9 @ 6:00 PM

Martha CWF Group Tuesday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM @ Sharon Campbell's

Egg Coloring Party with Soup Kitchen: April 15 @ 2:00—4:00 pm

Garden Club Meeting April 17 @ 11:00 am

Soup Kitchen Board Meeting: April 17 @ 6:00 pm

Church Board & Elders Meetings Tuesday, April 18 6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Church Board

Wild Bunch for Lunch April 27 @ 11:30 pm.—Pizza Hut

Boy Scouts Meet Mondays @ 6:00-9:00 pm

Girl Scouts Meet Mondays @ 4:00-5:00 pm

Prayer to Remember

Dear God,
So far today, God,
I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped,
I haven't even lost my temper,
I haven't been greedy, grumpy,
nasty, selfish or overindulgent.

I am very thankful for that.

But in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed;
And from then on, I'm probably
going to need a lot more help.

Amen

Farmer's Market

The Lebanon Downtown Farmer's Market starts up May 18th. Get your taste buds ready for all those great fresh veggies and fruits! (not to mention a yummy cookie!)



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Kenny and Marcy Gilmore recently spent a week in Las Vegas for a family get-together with children and grandchildren. They also visited friends in the area. While there, they celebrated daughter Renee's 60th birthday. It was nice to have some "sun time."

Tom and Sharon Campbell have recently returned from spending 7 weeks in Indio, CA, soaking up the sun. During that time they visited their grandson from Camp Pendleton, cousins from Yuma and took in many of the sites in the area. Sharon did fly to Seattle to attend a bridal shower for their grand daughter, Alyssa. On the way home, Tom and Sharon visited a Borax mine out of Boron, CA,. They were surprised to learn that Borates are not only used in soap products, but in so many other products. They also learned that the nearby Edwards Air Force Base had built a huge fallout shelter in unused tunnels of the Borax mine back in the late 50's or early 60's. It was large enough supposedly to feed and care for a population of 17,000. Fortunately, it never had to be used.

HOW THE DARTS SPEND THEIR DAYS IN YUMA

Well it goes something like this:

Wednesday, Ed would take Grace and Joyce to 9:00 am women's bible study given by the pastor. On most Wednesdays after bible study he would take Grace home and come back so we could sell donuts & coffee for the church at market until 1:00 pm. At 5:30 all 3 of us would go back for another study on spirituality & mental health.

Thursday we went to 12:00 pm bible study taught by a lay leader. Joyce went to choir practice at 5:30. Friday 9:30 – 11:30 we went to F.A.S.T. (foothills area social time) at the church. Where we played Hand and Foot, Mexican Train or Pinochle. Everyone brought goodies to go with coffee and tea. Often a group of us would go out to dinner about 4 to beat the crowd.

Saturday afternoon was off to Walmart to get Joyce's hair done.

Sunday we left the house at 7:20 so Joyce could be in choir by 7:30 She sang in both services. From 6:00—8:00 pm, Ed and Joyce went to a home where several couples gathered for homemade ice cream & banana sundaes.

We helped serve two meals during Thanksgiving, also two meals at Christmas for Crossroads Mission in down town Yuma which is 14 miles west of where we live. There were 2 serving lines for each meal. Just over 400 went through our line at each meal. All of this took place outside in the "sunshine"

Ed played pinochle on Mon. evenings

Also went shopping in Mexico several times. Just some of the things we did.

A WEEK OF COMPASSION MISSION

An estimated 5.5 million people-nearly half of South Sudan's population-will face life-threatening hunger this year and, in some regions of the country, one in three children are facing acute malnutrition. Additionally, these famine conditions pose serious medical challenges, including a greater risk for infection among an already vulnerable population.

Week of Compassion is responding to the food crisis through our partners: ACT Alliance and IMA World Health. Having been working with communities and local and international groups in the area since 2008, IMA World Health has built strong local relationships that are enabling us to respond effectively.

Through our partners at ACT Alliance, Week of Compassion is helping provide seeds, tools, and other supports to over 250,000 people across South Sudan.