

June 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5 9:00 Bible 6 Community Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
5 9:00 Bible 6:00 pm @ The Oaks	13	14 7:00 pm Martha @ Church	15	16	17	18
19 9:00 Bible	20 12 Garden C 6 SK Board	21 6:30 Elders 7:00 Board meeting	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Bible	27	28	29	30 Wild Bunch for Lunch 11:30 The Point		



Elmer & Arlene Breckel 1
Bruce & Tina Morgan 11
Ed & Joyce Dart 19
Matt and Becky West 26
Jeff & Marilyn Elliott 27
Ron & Peg Vorderstrasse 30



Birthdays

Wendee Kreitzer 5
Annabelle Wells 6
Mary lee Howell 7
David Lewelling 17
Ed Dart 19
Nicole Christie 20
Elmer Breckel 22
Charles Wells 24
Tina Morgan 26

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From the Pastor:

Lebanon First Christian Church has designated June as our month of prayer. We will be signing up in half-hour increments between 8:00am and 8:00pm. Each person will decide how to use the prayer time such as meditation, Bible reading, quiet time, writing in a journal, devotional reading, or focused prayer time. The intention for this prayer time is to specifically include a time of prayer for the members of the congregation as well as prayer for God's guidance for the future of our church. (Some people already have a designated devotional time each day and will not be asked to make a change in time unless they so choose).

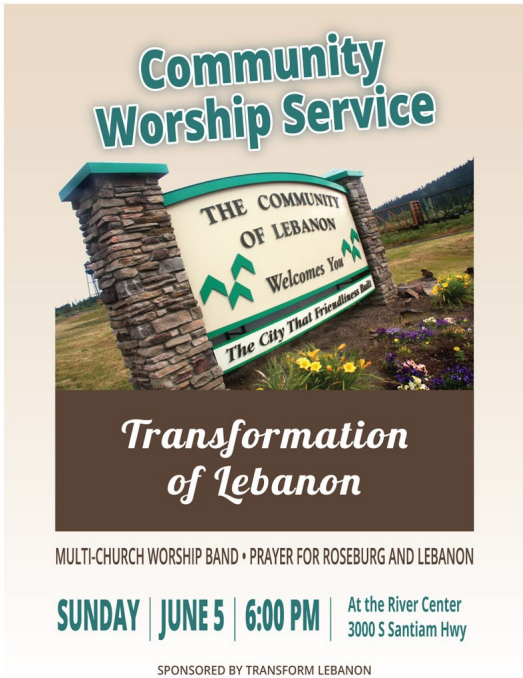
People occasionally say, "I believe in the power of prayer." A more accurate translation to that expression is "I believe in God's power through prayer." We know that when we focus our thoughts, feelings, and very souls in honest, sincere prayer, then we experience the power of God in ways we have never anticipated. Since we have the Holy Spirit to be our translator and interpreter, words are not even necessary. Sometimes we are clear about what to express in our prayer life, other times we have no words. However, God receives our prayers no matter how clear and articulate or confused and baffled, thanks to the Holy Spirit.

For generations, people have written articles and books about prayer, and there will be more to be written for generations to come. These books can be enlightening, educational, and inspir-

ing. However, this month our prayer time calls us to be open to the Spirit, to listen as well as talk, to experience the power of God, and to discern the direction God intends for us as we open ourselves to his powerful presence and love.

Community Worship Service June 5, 6:00 PM River Center

Inner transformation and community transformation will be out theme with Kendal Fitchett sharing. We will highlight the Soup Kitchen and Real Bowls/Real People as examples of ministries that transform.



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A Special Thank you to David Lewelling for organizing an amazing worship service Sunday, May 22, 2016 when Pastor Myrna was gone. Wonderful, inspiring videos and slides.

THANK YOU, David!!!

You won't want to miss worship June 12

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Warner will be our special speaker June 12. Sharon is a retired Professor of Lexington Seminary and now lives in Springfield, OR and a very special friend of Pastor Myrna. Sharon is not a stranger to many in this congregation because she is the daughter of our former pastor, Glen Warner. Accompanying her will be her mother Phyllis and sister Marilyn. It will be such a joy to see this wonderful family again.

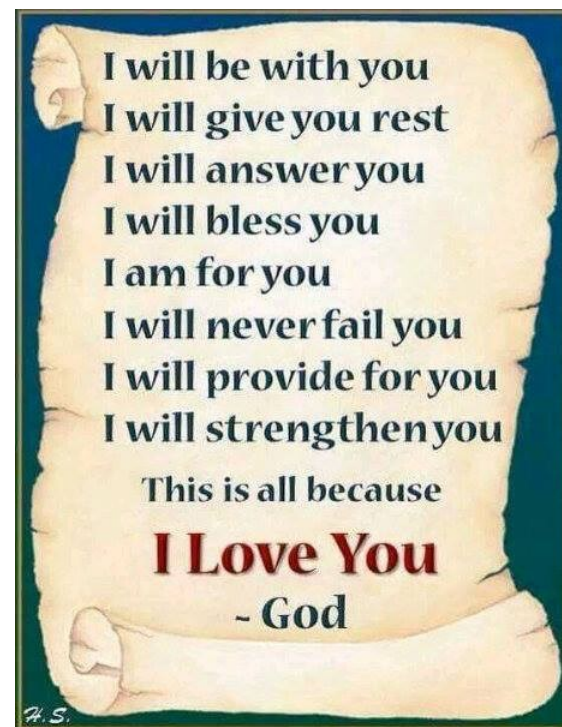
Would you like to learn to use your computer better?

Looking to put together a group that wishes to learn computer skills. We can learn from each other. Please contact Curt Prosa at church or on my cell phone, 541-401-0151.

Get in touch inexpensively with grand-kids and friends no matter where they are.

Graduation Sunday June 12

We will be honoring Madeline Elliott on receiving her AA degree from LBCC.



CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:00 AM Fireside Room

All are welcome

Martha CWF Group

Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 PM

At the church in the Fireside room

Service at the Oaks

Sunday, June 12th, 6:00 PM

Come Join In!

Church Board & Elders Meetings

Tuesday, June 21st

6:30 PM Elders

7:00 PM Church Board

Wild Bunch for Lunch

June 30th 11:30 @ The Point

Pastor Myrna wants you to know that the office "angels" will have her weekly schedule, but you are welcome to call her directly at home or on her cell:

Home: 503-363-2571

Cell: 503-798-7242

Feel free to call the office if you have something you would like to add to the newsletter. Also, please let us know if your prayer list request is no longer needed. Thanks!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Jim Beamer
Jill Starbuck
Mary Lee Howell
Ann Mallet
Sean Casey
Ken Krell
Erin Kilborn
Donna Primasing
Donna Kriner
Jon Morgan
Myke Eggert
Nancy & Curt Prosa
Natalie Ward
Dorothy Love
Jesse LeSeur
Vila Adkins
Lisa Bass
August Fleshman
Colene Macklin
Dennis Stover
Jordan Martine
Derk White

ALSO IN OUR PRAYERS:

Service People: Spc. Coury Gagne, Marine Cpt Pete Brawn, Capt. Gabriel Manning, Sgt. Scot Noss, Cpt. Tory Petersen, Lt. Kellen Peterson, CSM David Puig, Sgt. Ethan Spurr and Sgt. Daniel Campbell

Pray for our Church, 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.

Regional Assembly Report

By Nancy Prosa

The first Speaker was Dick Hamm, who has served as consultant to the Regional Vision Team, meeting since 2014. Did you know that there was a Vision Team working for us? They have listened, listened, listened to the wisdom of our membership in the whole region. Dick presented what their vision was of our future story. Themes were Unite, Support and Equip. The idea is to create networks of congregations in our district, secure sustainable financial and leadership base, and explore the knowledge and share that with each other.

Our region consists of 45 congregations speaking 3 languages and witness to the love of God in 17 Oregon counties and 5 Idaho counties. We have a long term mission partnership with FEDICE ministry in Quito, Ecuador and one in Mozambique through Erik and Kim Free.

He talked about having regional elders (not meaning a certain age) to be there to help guide the current Elders in each of our churches to be the full meaning of Elders. We must Thrive not just Survive. Be in the present. We know more about our cell friends than our neighbors!

We had a choice of two one hour workshops and Curt and I chose different ones but discovered we both - at different hours - chose to go to Jarid McCool's presentation on how to use event streaming technology at a low cost to share events beyond our walls. He has exceptional knowledge of the internet and we were both excited about how we can use those tools for our church and get our faces out to the area. One mistake he said we all have is to put something out there and not change it. It is so important to stay fresh with our information as to what is happening in our church. He even told us that if our minister is gone one Sunday we can tap into another service being held somewhere else and show it on our screen for that Sunday. So much we are not taking advantage of like what we witnessed last Sunday when David Lewelling did his presentation.

We can have Jarid McCool come and help us get up and running with the internet and event streaming technology. If you are interested and want to be on the team contact Pastor and we can form a group to keep things fresh!!

Nancy

P.S.

Forgot to include that we ran into Neil and Nora (Allen). They came and sat beside us during a singing time in the chapel and Joyce and Ed sat behind us. When we came to some of the songs that were familiar, Joyce leaned forward and Neil leaned over and we sang joyously together, harmonizing once again. Neil said several times that the best time he ever had with a congregation was at Lebanon.

(Others who attended were Curt Prosa, Ed and Joyce Dart and Grace Johnson.)

UPDATE FROM ERIK AND KIM FREE MISSIONARIES IN GOI GOI, MOZAMBIQUE

It has been a busy month getting new things started in Goi Goi. Here are a few pictures sharing what has been going on so far. More to come soon! ~Kim F



The ladies literacy group is getting more popular, especially now that they are starting to read!

The literacy class is practicing their reading and writing. It has only been three weeks and they have all been able to start to read. I have two Shona school books and they all take turns reading to each other. The women who are already reading have been helping the others as well. They are excited that they were able to start reading so quickly.



Coloring is a good pre-class hand exercise.



Building their own words and playing memory, these ladies are making good progress.



Erik spent the afternoon with one of the local church members and neighbors teaching small engine maintenance and working to get his small generator up and running again. Most people here rely on these small generators to power their lights, radio, and TV if they have them. It is also what powers the local grain mill. Erik and I use a generator two time a week to charge up the batteries to our devices and lights.



We are learning to eat new things like this cashew apple.



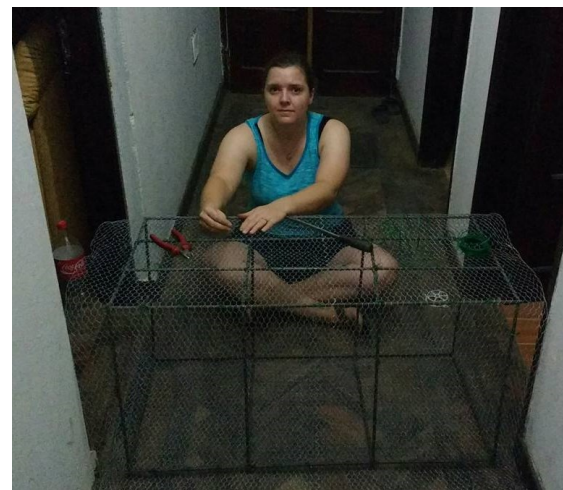
The congregation is growing with services now being held on a regular basis



Kim studying for midterms. Finished them all that day. Her major is Anthropology. She is a senior at Oregon state as an online student.
April 28, 2016



Erik is still the primary tarantula locator



Erik & Kim are teaching about how to keep rabbits and guinea pigs. Kim is getting the hutch ready.



Erik is helping out with the maintenance of their motor bike.



Word had gotten around that we are the place to get your NIV Ndaus Bible

Renamo to resume peace talks in Mozambique

The leader of Renamo said yesterday that he would name a team for the resumption of peace talks to address the deteriorating political and military situation in the Mozambique



Cost of living sky-rockets in Mozambique



The cost of living in Mozambique is worsening daily, with inflation reaching an annual rate of 12 percent last month. With drought affecting the entire southern part of the country, there is little chance of the rise in food prices slowing down.

This situation comes on top of the current political and military tension.

Africa drought fears grip Mozambique

Food shortage fears over a drought in southern Africa have prompted Mozambique to issue a "red alert". Over 10 million people across the region will need food aid in the coming year, according to the World Food Program.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Seeks Applicants for General Minister and President.

The 2017 GMP Search Committee announces, beginning May 19, 2016 through July 10, 2016 the application process is open to all Disciple clergy who have papers in the Office of Search and Call and who are interested in leading and serving the Church as the General Minister and President. The Search Committee invites all to be in prayer for the process and for the person God is calling as GMP.