



The LUMinary

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Pastor's Corner— Saying Farewell

Every Pastor has their favorite gospel, for some of us it depends on the day. Often, my favorite is the Gospel of John. Today, John is my favorite because of Jesus' farewell discourse which is found in chapters 14-17. These chapters contain a number of Jesus' "I am" statements. Additionally, they contain his departing and lasting messages to the disciples. In this discourse, he is handing them the reins while simultaneously assuring them that they will not be in this alone.

The whole discourse is worth a read, but several of the lines have spoken to me throughout much of my life. First and foremost among them is John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I give to you not as the world gives. Do not be troubled or afraid." It has brought me great comfort to know and remember that God does not give to us as the world gives, that, even when the world throws us curveballs, God is there to help us maintain our grip on the bat and swing accordingly.

The world has thrown you and me some serious curveballs of late, but we do not need to fear, because God does not give as the world gives. God will be at work in these good-byes and in each of our new hellos ahead.

As we enter the month of May, my prayers will be for each of you, for the new pastor you will soon receive, and for the journeys ahead of us all. It is my hope that we might prepare our hearts and minds to receive and share the farewell discourses God will place upon our hearts this month.

Blessings,

Pastor Tiffany

Pastor Tiffany could use boxes to prepare for moving. They do not have to be broken down. You can place them on her front porch or leave them at the church.

Leadership

LUMC Garden Club

The LUMC Garden Club will have a workday on Friday, May 10 from 10 am to 3 pm with lunch provided around noon. Leaves need to be raked and sticks picked up. The various gardens and plantings require weeding, addition of more plants, and mulching. Shrubs and bushes should be trimmed and shaped, and there are a variety of other jobs to do. Bring a friend and grab your garden gloves and tools and come join the fun. Note: workday will be postponed if rain is forecast, and planting of new flowers will be delayed if frost is forecast.



Parsonage Repair Activities

The Leadership Team has been reviewing and working on a variety of repairs required at the parsonage. There is still patching and repainting to be done in June. Please contact John Peck, David Draggoo, or Gwen Ginther to learn more and volunteer. Thank you!



Fundraiser a Ringing Success!

The Classical Bells Concert and pasta dinner fundraiser for the Core Youth Group on April 21 brought out more than 70 people to hear the bell group's newest music and help celebrate its 40th anniversary. About 40 people stayed for the delicious dinner served by the youth and their parents.

Thanks to everyone's support and generous sponsors Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, VMD Associates, and an anonymous donor family, we raised more than \$1,300! This will be used for mission trips, winter retreats, meals and curriculum supplies. Here are a few pics from the event.



Worship and Fellowship Events

Worship Time is 10:30 am with Coffee Fellowship to follow.

Please join us as we look at the Pastor's Farewell Discourses.

May 5: *Farewell Discourse: Love One Another*

John 15:9-17

May 12: *Farewell Discourse: Continuing the Work Set Before Us*

1 Corinthians 3:1-13a

Second Sunday Breakfast 9:30 am

May 19: *Farewell Discourse*

May 26: *Farewell Discourse*

Coffee Hour Hosts:

May 5: Wendy Venier

May 12: Second Sunday Breakfast: Pecks

May 19: Clint & Carrie Rathbun Hawks

May 26: Dave & Jessie Sebenick

Discovery

New Bible Study begins Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 am looking at the words of John Wesley.

Service

Change for a Change in May will go to Heifer International

Last year, we were able to send money for many animals to be given to families around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency.

In May, we will collect socks, snacks, and personal care items for the Spring Festival carnival workers to be given to them at our breakfast on May 23rd. Please bring donations anytime to the church.

Shiawassee County Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, May 11, 8:00am-noon Perry City Hall

Put closed containers in boxes and place in trunk of car. Contact Shiawassee Co Health Dept, Environmental Health Division, for more details, or the church office.

Laingsburg Area

FOOD BANK

Open:
Mon. 1-3 pm
Thurs 5-7 pm



The Food Bank is in need of toilet paper. You can drop it off anytime the office is open.

Come join us as we say farewell to Pastor Tiffany Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:30 am



11854 Peacock Road
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Join us at Peacock Road Family Farm for a special worship service, lunch, and farm activities on Sunday, June 2. This will be a time of fellowship and saying our good-byes to Pastor Tiffany who will be heading to her new position on June 3rd.



The worship service will be at 10:30 am followed by lunch.

Please RSVP to the church office.



A Love Offering is being accepted for Pastor Tiffany. Donations can be given to John Peck, Diana Carpenter, the office, or online.

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