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Lonoke First United Methodist



The Beauty of Fall

Fall is my favorite season. Fall makes me think of leaves changing, football, school starting and long awaited cooler weather. It is a season that I really enjoy being outside, and I wonder at the beauty of God's creation. I recently read an interesting fall devotional by Julia Bettencourt that used the many different colors of the leaves to explore the things we should be as Christians. I would like to share some of it with you.

Red- "There's just something about the trees that are full of red leaves glistening in the sun. It's just extraordinary. They stick out and you notice them. Red brings up the thought of passion. No matter where we are in our Christian walk, I think we all could do with a little more passion for Christ. We should stick out in a good way."

Orange- "Orange reflects warmth and symbolizes thoughtfulness and sincerity. As Christians that's something we should portray. We should be that warm inviting person that cares about others."

Brown- "if we didn't have all that brown in the midst of the bright fall colors, I doubt if they'd be so brilliant. Brown represents stability and it anchors all those other beautiful colors of fall. In Christ, we have our anchor. Others can see if

we are living for Christ and depending on Him in our lives. It comes out in our actions and behavior."

Yellow- "The yellow color of fall makes me happy. Yellow conjures up joy and cheerfulness. I don't really think that if we aren't cheerful as Christians, other people will want what we have. If we have Christ, we should have joy in our hearts and that joy should reflect out through us. It's listed right there in Galatians along with the other fruit of the spirit that we should be bearing."

Julia opened my eyes to the beauty of fall in a new way and I hope that this season blesses you as you explore God in your life. You can find Julia complete devotional at <http://www.juliabettencourt.com/dev/fallcolorsdev.html>

Blessings,
Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove



CCC News

By: Stephanie Studer

We would love to start off by saying, "Thank You," for all of the support, individually and collectively, that you provide for the Child Care Center. We deeply appreciate it!

We started our new school year with a successful Open House. The children are getting in to routine quickly. The teachers are doing a great job with the ABEKA Curriculum this year. We are anxious to see the results of this in the future.

We have had a small catalogue fundraiser already, but we are getting geared up to have our Pumpkin Decorating Fundraiser in October as well. We are super excited about this event, as it was such a hit last year. Please be sure to watch for the Pumpkins in the foyer towards the end of October. We would love for you all to vote on your favorite pumpkin! Remember it is a fundraiser, so a \$1 is a vote for your favor-

ite. We would love LOTS of VOTES. (wink) The money from the fundraisers will go towards new purchases for the playgrounds. As you can see in the pictures below, we have already been making a few improvements on the playgrounds using the money from last year's fundraiser events.

Again, thank you for all you do to support our ministry!



Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 10th

The United Methodist Church has designated this coming Sunday, October 10th as Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Our local pastors have been facing many challenges and increased stress for the last 18 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic requiring pastors to make changes in how they do ministry and to continue to support the congregation. We want to show our support for Pastor Jeremy and recognize that these are challenging times for the pastor as well.

There will be a place at the entrance to sanctuary to leave cards or short notes letting Pastor Jeremy know that we appreciate him. You may want to leave a favorite Bible verse of yours on the card or a personal thank-you for something specific. There will be cards available if you don't bring your own card that day.

See you Sunday! Janie Sexton





Thank You from The Call

Spending Sunday with all of you was an absolute blessing! Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for taking the time to visit the Support Center after the service. Meeting you, hearing your excitement about the children and families that will be served, and your interest in the ways you can be involved made my heart glad!

Being your neighbor is a joy and blessing, and I look forward to working shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters at LFUMC sharing the love of Christ with the foster care community.

Melissa Furnell, The CALL in Lonoke & Prairie Counties County Coordinator

Please see the graphic on the right for a detailed list of things that The Call can use.

We Love

- New or Like New In-Season Clothing & Shoes (Premie to Teens)
- Diaper Bags, Backpacks and Luggage in good condition
- NEW Toys (With Tags or In Boxes To Give As Gifts)
- \$20-\$50 Gift Cards to Local Stores (Walmart, TJ Max, Target)
- Freezer or Boxed Meals
- Car Seats With 2 Years Before Expiration (No Wreck & Smoke -Free)
- Cribs manufactured after June 28, 2011
- Swings, Playmats, Walkers/Activity Chairs, High Chairs, Pack n' Plays
- Diapers and Pull-Ups of All Sizes (No Adult Diapers)
- Individually Wrapped Snack and Quick Meal Items

We Cannot Take

- Stuffed Animals or Used Toys
- Hats, Hairbows, Swimsuits/Coverups
- Sports Equipment
- Used socks, underwear or bras

Call 501-831-2476
With Questions



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, November 7th, 4-6pm.

UM Youth will meet each week on Sundays from 6pm-8pm.

Be sure to check out our facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lonokefumc> and website: <https://fumclonoke.com/>

We stream our live service each Sunday morning via Facebook Live and Youtube.

Check-in, Comment, Follow and Like us for updates and announcements! We love hearing from all of our viewers

3rd and 4th Grade Bibles

Our 3rd and 4th graders received their Bibles a few weeks ago. We were missing a few students but were so happy to celebrate this achievement with them all!

Ellison Doom, Ella Pressgrove and Collins Siever are pictured to the right with Pastor Jeremy.



Prayer List

Our prayers are with:

Patsy Goode, Jane Lipton, Peggy Anderson, Debbie Depriest, Emily Clark, Marlo Johnson, Lonnie Davis, Art Cole, Jim Goode, Brenda Dobbs, Jane Fowler, Maleah Behrens and Morgan Burnett.

If you have any changes or additions to the prayer list, please call or email the church office.