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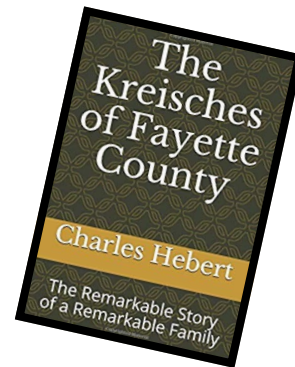
Sages and Saints

Meet Charles Hebert, author of the book
"The Kreisches of Fayette County".

Friday, March 13th

5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

King Ranch Chicken and pie will be
provided. Please bring a side dish.



The following items have been found in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. If
any of these items belong to you, they can be picked up in the office.

- ♦ Worship Booklet for Pilgrams—Walk to Emmaus
- ♦ Gold Hummingbird Brooch with different colored rhinestones
- ♦ Gold & Green Wreath Brooch with clear rhinestones



PASTOR'S PONDERING

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." -
Psalm 42: 1

What did Jesus do without the calendar APP on the iPhone? How did He keep every-
thing organized and on schedule? Jesus was popular with the crowds and was often
pulled in more than one direction. People wanted His attention. Some were looking
for healing, others for a new sense of direction. Jesus handled the constant demands
on His time quite well, but I wonder how He didn't find Himself burned out! I imagine
Jesus faced those days that were both energizing and exhausting...exciting and frus-
trating... challenging and redundant...life-giving and life-claiming.

I know I have experienced similar emotions. Some days I feel energized while on
other days I feel completely exhausted. Some days I feel close to the Lord, full of joy
and passion; other days I feel distant and confused. Perhaps you know what I'm talk-
ing about: life is a roller coaster of ups and downs. I am reminded of the opening
paragraph of the Charles Dickens classic A Tale of Two Cities...**"It was the best of
times; it was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of fool-
ishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity..."** We cannot
escape the inevitable ride of life's joys and disappointments.

This experience also describes our walk of faith. We all have days that seem to nour-
ish our faith, and unfortunately, we face those moments that challenge and create
nothing but frustration. God never promises a life free from hardship or distress.
God does promise that no matter what happens, we will never be alone or separated
from the promises of God.

Part of our work in our walk of faith is to remain connected to God; it is the only way
to survive "the worst of times." This is what we learn from Jesus as He struggled to
face the challenges of each day. Scripture records the many times Jesus set aside
time for prayer, mediation, and quiet inner restoration. Even though He was pulled
in all directions, His inner soul was grounded on His relationship with God.

As we face the struggles of daily living, remember to remain connected to God's
grace. This is what it means to keep the Sabbath. Find time to rest, pray, and listen
for God in your life. Remember to read your Bible, attend worship, and celebrate
the sacraments as much as you can. We need Sabbath each and every day to remain
connected to the One who nourishes and strengthens our lives. Remember it is God
who gives us strength, hope, and peace to face the demands and distractions of our
daily living.

See You Sunday!

Pastor Andy

INSPIRING READS

- Pastor's Pondering
- Choir Notes by Nancy Hajek
- Important Dates to Remember
- Single Board Meeting
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Prayer Garden Update
- The Methodist Men
- January 2020 Calendar
- Youth Group
- 2020 Confirmation Class
- IF:Conference
- New Members of our Church
- Sages & Saints
- Lost & Found

CHOIR NOTES BY NANCY HAJEK

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May this greeting find you well with God and well with your soul.



The Chancel Choir will be presenting *“With Christ, Arising,”* an Easter cantata on Sunday, April 19, at 9:00 a.m. worship and again at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon in the sanctuary. From one of the composers, John Purifoy: “We have drawn from scripture as well as lyrics from some of the great 18th century hymn authors to create new choral settings for this cantata. The profound and poetic texts of Charles Wesley, Isaac Watts, James Montgomery, and William Irons are timeless expressions of our faith in Christ as we celebrate His resurrection. We hope this work will be a vehicle by which you can worshipfully experience the joy, beauty, and new beginnings of Easter.”

Spread the word!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Nancy

Important Dates To Remember

- ◆ **Sunday, March 1st—6:00pm—Healing Service**
- ◆ **March 19th—23rd—SPRING BREAK**
- ◆ **Sunday, March 8th—Daylight Savings Time begins—“Spring forward 1 hour”**
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 11th—No K-Motion**
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 17th—5:00pm—Council of Ministries Meeting—Conference Room**
- ◆ **Thursday, March 19th—6:30pm—Methodist Men—Fellowship Hall**
- ◆ **March 19th—22nd—Women’s Emmaus Retreat—Camp Lone Star**
- ◆ **Friday, March 13th—5:00pm—Sages & Saints—Fellowship Hall. King Ranch chicken and pie will be provided. *Please bring a side dish.***
- ◆ **Sunday, March 29th—10:00am—Combined Worship Service**
- ◆ **Sunday, March 29th—11:30am—Church Picnic—*Please bring a side-dish or a dessert***



SINGLE BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 23rd
5:30PM



IF CONFERENCE FEB. 7-8, 2020

This year at IF: gathering, ladies from all over Fayette county, set aside the chaos that life can bring, to gather together for 1 night & 1 full day to just be inside the Word of God. From powerful speakers and teachers, God’s Word was taught and absorbed into the lives and the spirits of these ladies! The vision, mission, and role of IF: Gathering is that the person of Jesus is learned and known in each and every woman that attends so that there is a ripple effect of discipleship from these women across the world when they return back home and continue to give the Gospel of Jesus away to everyone around them in their homes, churches and communities. Our church represented just 1 location of over 3000 IF: locals watching the live simulcast in Dallas, TX and our country alone is just 1 of 110 different countries watching all over the world! BIG Thank You to all who helped put this on & we are on FIRE to see Jesus working in the lives of His people who have been transformed by this event!



NEW MEMBERS OF LGFUMC

Welcome
to Our Church



Frank & Ceely Dawson



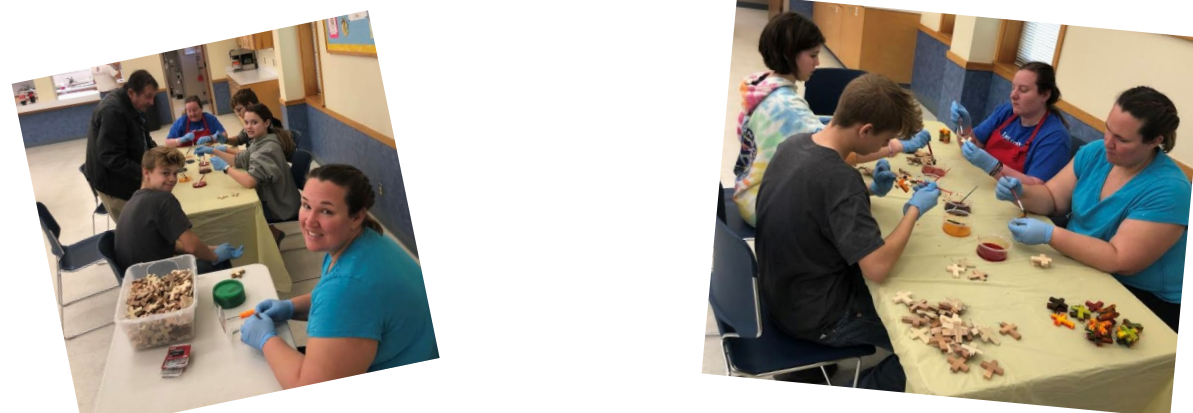
Beverly Edwards

YOUTH GROUP

JERSEY BARNYARD CLEAN-UP...



PAINTING & ASSEMBLING WOODEN CROSS NECKLACES...



2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS:



Student	Parent(s)	Faith Friend
Madeline Willrich	Kari Willrich	
Savannah Bretz	Kellie Bretz	
Arie McGuire-Stewart	Shantondra McGuire	
Naomi Schramm	Michele & Bryan Schramm	Hollie Schramm
Avery Schramm	Michele & Bryan Schramm	Misty Touchet
Chloe Thacker	Nichole Stone	Kristyn Schramm
Cole Thacker	Nichole Stone	Clay Thacker
Daniel Gurley	Misty Gurley	Andy Smith
Riley Gurley	Misty Gurley	Lauren Shaddix
Benjamin Swisher	Brandy Zinglemann	Melba Zinglemann
Bailey Swisher	Brandy Zinglemann	Misty Touchet
Cara Homer	Myra Simmons	Lauren Shaddix
Jacob Chovantez	Tanja & Jeff Chovantez	
Jonathan Chovantez	Tanja & Jeff Chovantez	

**Copies of LGFUMC Financials & Single Board Minutes are available upon request.

Happy Birthday

Jennifer Golan	March 1	Madeline Willrich	March 14	Sandra Smith	March 24
Ronnie Ray	March 3	Darrell Adkins	March 18	Heidi Stone	March 24
Jonathan Jones	March 4	Jacob Dopslauf	March 22	Susan Koenig	March 27
Elyse Menconi	March 5	Theah Fleck	March 22	Emmitt Gaylord	March 29
Sandra Anderson	March 6	Maxine Ballard	March 23	Ruth Ann Wessels	March 29
Linda Childers	March 11	Wyatt Bretz	March 23	Tiffany Van Dresar	March 30
Billie Ayers	March 12	Jeff Powell	March 23	Braden Van Dresar	March 30
Fran (F.D.) Covert	March 13	Myrna Thiessen	March 23	Claire Cutright	March 31
Victoria Gray	March 13				

Happy Anniversary

Cliff & Susan Gage	March 4	E.J. & Beverly Gray	March 21
Jeff & Lisa Dyer	March 10	Ty & Peggy Brisgill	March 24
Troy & Ann Kunkel	March 11	Michael & Anissa Menefee	March 26
Heath & Jennifer Golan	March 15	David & Cindy Zatopek	March 26
Jay & Vicki Watson	March 16	Mario & Lolly DeLaRosa	March 30
Joseph & Kari Willrich	March 19		

PRAYER GARDEN UPDATE

Several of our church members have provided design sketches for the Prayer Garden renovation project. The conceptual master plan prepared by Diana Wilson includes accessible decking, a shade arbor, and an olive jar fountain. Biblical plants will also be a part of the design. Decking plans as well as benches for seating and step stones to provide access to the playground have been designed by Midway Water Gardens and Landscaping, which incorporate the existing memory stones. Carol Martyr has created a perspective sketch showing the proposed view from eye level. Our youth group is continuing to provide clean up efforts by pulling weeds, and pruning overgrown plants. A large-scale poster is being prepared for display, and cost estimates to implement the project are underway!



Our Methodist Men's group would like to keep the congregation informed with what we have planned for our monthly meetings. The following organization will be the program presenter on March 19th.

Presenter/Topic will be _____ (to be determined)



MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 am—Traditional Service with Holy Communion 10:10 am—Sunday School 11:10 am—New Life Service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm—Healing Service	2 12:00 Noon—Women's Emmaus Group—Conf. Room 5:30 pm—Workout Group—Library	3 3:15 pm—Hymn Sing—Monument Hill Nursing Home 5:30 pm—Lifesong—Sanctuary	4 7:00 am—Men's Emmaus Breakfast—Fellowship Hall 3:30 pm—K-Motion 5:30 pm—Glory Tones 6:00 pm—Mid-Week Service 7:00 pm—Chancel Choir	5 9:30 am—Hymn Sing—Jefferson Place Assisted Living :530 pm—Workout Group—Library	6 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study—Conf. Room	7
8 9:00 am—Traditional Service 10:10 am—Sunday School 11:10 am—New Life Service 6:00 pm—Healing Service 2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins "Spring Forward 1 hour"	9 9:00 am—Sages & Saints—Conf. Room 12:00 Noon—Women's Emmaus Group—Conf. Room 5:00 pm—COM Mtg.—Conf. Room 5:30 pm—Workout Group—Library 6:00 pm—Opening Prayer @ City Council 7:00—9:00 pm—La Grange Bible Study SPRING BREAK	10 3:15 pm—Hymn Sing—Monument Hill Nursing Home 5:30 pm—Lifesong—Sanctuary SPRING BREAK	11 7:00 am—Men's Emmaus Breakfast—Fellowship Hall NO K-MOTION 5:30 pm—Glory Tones 6:00 pm—Mid-Week Service 7:00 pm—Chancel Choir SPRING BREAK	12 5:00 pm—Sages & Saints—Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm—Workout Group—Library SPRING BREAK	13 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study—Conf. Room SPRING BREAK	14
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