

*John 17: 20-26*

Dear Church Family

The Lord prayed that all of us may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. Many churches today live in disunity because they argue about unimportant issues ... things like musical instruments, colors of the hymnals, and the style of choir robes.

To truly become a unified body, the church must examine three criteria. First, do we ask the right question, focusing on how our decisions impact Christ's calling? Second, do we focus on a purpose greater than ourselves? Finally, do we work with our ministers to ensure they have a servant's heart? All these questions help us to focus on what truly matters in our Christian faith.

Focus on what is truly what is important. For too many years we have worried about what the media is saying about the United Methodist Church. Do not let the media and rumors take us off course. We are the same United Methodist Church we have always been. Nothing has changed. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Focus on our calling. As one family in Christ let us focus on making Lakeville a better place for all.

God Bless, Pastor Larry

**Funny**

Two brothers are terrible troublemakers. They are always breaking things, stealing things, lying, and making all kinds of general trouble. The parents have tried everything to get the boys to change, to no avail. Finally, out of options, they ask their pastor if he can help. He says he will talk to the boys, but only one at a time. The parents drop off the youngest and go home, promising to return to get him soon. The boy sits in a chair across from the pastor's desk and they just look at each other.

Finally, the Pastor says, "Where is God?" The boy just sits there and doesn't answer. The pastor begins to look stern and loudly says, "Where is God?" The little boy shifts in his seat, but still doesn't answer.

The pastor is starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse and practically shouts "Where is God?"

To the pastor's surprise, the little boy jumps up out of his chair and runs out of the office. The boy leaves the church and runs all the way home, up the stairs and into his brother's room. He shuts the door and pants, "We're in BIG TROUBLE. God's missing and they think we did it!"

## **Something to think about**

Patriotic talk is no proof of patriotism. Anyone can wave a flag. The real patriot lives their patriotism in everything they do.

Major Gen. John M. Devine

## **Church League Softball Games are being played at Newton Park on Thursdays, Cheer our team on!**

May 26 8:00

June 2 9:00, June 9 8:00, June 16 7:00, June 23 7:00, June 30 9:00

July 14 9:00, July 21 Tourney, July 28 Tourney

## **Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule**

**May 29** Greg Feitz

**June 5** Varmel Sykes

**June 12** Farewell for Pastor Larry and family

**Please plan to bring about 4 dozen cookies. Thank You**

## **Food Pantry Needs:**

saltine crackers, powdered milk or shelf stable milk,  
canned vegetables, Hamburger/Tuna Helper,  
noodles, pasta sides, pudding/gelatin mix, breakfast cereal

**Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry.**

**If any church families have children or grandchildren in the preschool age group you may pick up registration forms for preschool in the church office or contact Carlene Weber. Students must be 3 or 4 by August 1.**

## **On the Calendar**

**Softball Game – Thursday, May 26 Newton Park 8:00 PM**

**Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, May 28 at 6:45 PM**

**Ad Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM**

**Apron Sewing – Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 PM Sewing Room**

**Softball Game – Thursday, June 2 at 9:00 PM Newton Park**

**Pastor Larry is attending Annual Conference – June 8 -11**

**Softball Game – Thursday, June 9 8:00 PM Newton Park**

**Farewell for Pastor Larry – Sunday, June 12  
during Fellowship Time**

**Apron Sewing – Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 PM Sewing Room**

**Softball Game – Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 PM Newton Park**

**Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, June 22 at 10:00 AM**

**Softball Game – Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 PM Newton Park**

**Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, June 25 at 6:45 PM**

**Softball Game – Thursday, June 30 at 9:00 PM Newton Park**

## **Coming UP!**

**Farewell for Pastor Larry – Sunday, June 12 following the worship service  
Stonger Together – LUMC Saturday, August 20 11 – 4**

## **Cardio Drumming**

Classes are Saturdays at 9:00 AM in Trodie Hall. Led by Sara Sauer, the classes are FREE of charge. Bring a 55 to 75 cm ball, a 25+ gallon bucket and drum sticks. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate!

**That's All Folks!**