



Locust Leaves



Beyond
the Pulpit
Pastor
Ben
Lee

Please join us for worship.
Sunday School: 10:30
Worship: 10:30

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THIS MONTH

Sundays — 2nd and 4th
5 to 7 p.m.
Midway Students

Mondays — 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 68

Tuesdays — 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study (ZOOM)

Wednesdays —
Midway Hotel Lunch—Noon
Choir Rehearsal — 6:29 p.m.

Thursdays — 9-4:00
Sewcial open sewing
Yoga at 11:00
Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd—Twice Blessed

April 10 — Palm Sunday
April 12 — 12:00 noon
Second Tuesday Lunch
April 13 — 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Compassionate Friends
April 14 — Maundy Thursday
Living Last Supper
April 15
Good Friday — Prayer Vigil
April 16 — Lunch and Egg Hunt
With Easter Bunny
April 17 — Easter
Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Outdoor Worship 10:30 a.m.

MIDWAY STUDENTS

Midway Locust Grove is consistently growing. After getting our Midway Kids ministry up and running, last Fall, we turned our attention to trying to launch Midway Students, a ministry to young folks in 6th-12th grades. In January, I met with Nedra to look at finances and see what we could afford as far as a hire, and we agreed that a full-time staff person was feasible. Our PPR Committee created a detailed job description and took our work to the Administrative Council for approval. The Administrative Council voted to approve the position. We have posted our job listing for a full-time Director of Family Ministries on Indeed and our Missouri Annual Conference website. We have also posted the position on the websites of the 8 Annual Conferences (states) that border Missouri.

We had to flesh out the job description a little beyond student ministry to justify a full-time position. Please make no mistake, student ministry will be the bulk of the position's responsibility, but this staff member will also oversee the volunteers and execution of our Midway Kids ministry. This is a weight Shayla Roop has carried with excellence since we launched. (Thank you, Shayla!) Finally, the planning and orchestration of our Give Back Days and Family Fun events will land on this person's plate as well. With children, students, and family events all listed in parts of the job description, we felt the most accurate title for the position is Director of Family Ministries. If you know of someone who feels called to vocational ministry and would be a good fit for our congregation, please send them our way!

In the meantime, we have decided to begin getting our students together on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of each month from 5-7 pm. All young folks in the 6th - 12th grades are invited! This time will be less structured and more centered around hanging out and beginning to establish relationships. I will be planning/leading these gatherings until we get someone hired and on board. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to work alongside me with our students. Our first Sunday evening together will be on April 10!

Finally, please join me in praying for just the right person to find their way to us. It is my deep desire that this hire is mutually beneficial. I would love for our church to be well served by this person's giftings and graces, and I would love for this person to be loved and equipped for ministry in their years serving here among us. What a fantastic season in the life of our local church. We look to the future with holy anticipation. To God be the glory!

Peace,
Ben

Ministries & Missions

Women still in *Judges* in April

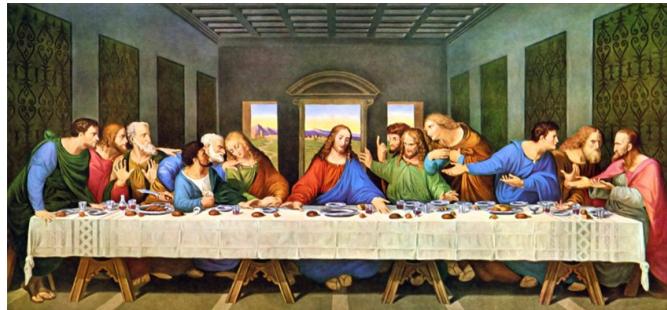
The Women's Bible Study is still in the book of Judges in April. The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 with a prayer time at its conclusion. The Women's Bible Study is open to all women regardless of age or knowledge of the Bible. For more information, contact Marjorie McFann at 573-445-5650 or mjmcfann@hotmail.com.

Midway Kids return for worship encore

The Midway Kids Sunday School Class made a special return appearance in worship March 13 to share their vocal skills under the direction of Beth Luetjen.

This time, unlike their February appearance, the small voices joined with the big voices of the chancel choir under the direction of Director Jim Johnson. The pairing brought new meaning to the expression, "a joyful noise."

Last Supper Rehearsals April 7, 10



We will have rehearsal for The Last Supper April 7th at 7:30 pm following Men's Bible Study. If you are not in Bible Study please do not enter the building before it has finished. We will have dress rehearsal April 10th immediately after Palm Sunday service.

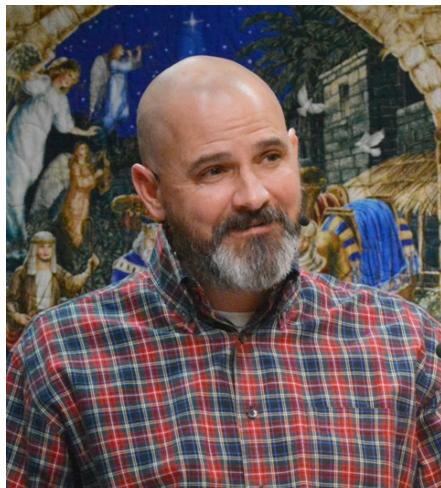


Pastor Ben Lee Chosen as Evangelist of the Year

Please join your fellow Methodists in congratulating our own Ben Lee on his newly announced award from the Missouri Methodist Conference and the Foundation for Evangelism.

Ben will receive the 2022 Harry Denman Evangelism Award in recognition of his innovative and tireless efforts to bring people to Christ in our church and community.

Harry Denman was himself an evangelist much like Billy Graham in the early 1900's – he was an inspiration and mentor to people all over the world for 60 years. He sought to teach the Word of God, finding countless opportunities among all he met in every walk of life. How appropriate that the Denman Award will be bestowed on Ben who shares his



faith with everyone he meets.

Each year the Conference and the Foundation recognize one youth, one clergy and one lay person. Ben will be honored for his distinguished commitment to consistently introduce others to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all ministry settings. As Evangelist of the Year, Ben is recognized for the exceptional number of new Christ Followers who credit encounters with him as critical in helping start or reignite their faith journey.

We live a better life of faith because of Ben. We are very proud of Ben's honor and offer our heartfelt congratulations to him. Thank you for spreading the light and love of Jesus Christ.

Loaves & Fishes serves 120 March 5; next serving May 2

We serve 120 guests at Wilkes United Methodist Church March 5. Our menu was Taco Soup, apple sauce and a brownie, Coffee and Gatorade for drinks. Due to Covid we are still serving in to-go containers. If the sky is clear and the temperature is above 40 degrees we hand out the meals outside. During inclement weather we still serve in to'-go containers and limit the amount of people that sit at each table. Thank you to all that donate food and help serve!!! Our next time to serve is May 2. *Sherri Perry*



You see these two young men each Sunday serving as acolytes.

You see them working diligently at each Church Give Back Day.

But did you know they are also outstanding musicians?

Colten and Dylan are members of the Smithton Middle School Band – Colten on saxophone and Dylan on trombone. They performed in a spring concert on March 22 and presented an amazing concert!

MLGUMC is indeed fortunate to have them in our midst and represent some of the finest.

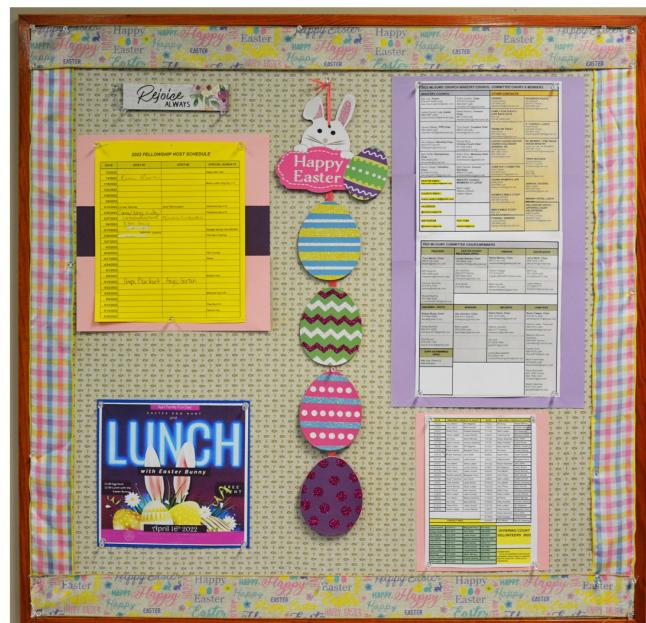
Thank you, Colten and Dylan, for all you do for the church and for being such incredible young men!



Thank you, Jim Johnson, for this report.

Check the Bulletin Boards in Fellowship Hall for information and inspiration

Thanks for Stacy Lee for preparing this month's boards.



In Memoriam



Don Randall—April 10, 1927—March 3, 2022
Thelma Randall—June 7, 1928—March 7, 2022

Columbia, MO – Donald (Don) Randall of Columbia, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on March 3, 2022, followed by Thelma on March 7. Don and Thelma were active members of the Midway Locust Grove UMC. A memorial service is planned for May 22 at 4:00 p.m.



Don was born April 10, 1927 in Ventura, CA to Charles and Susan Randall. Don graduated from Ventura High School in 1945 and then joined the Army Air Corps. He served in the Army until 1946 after which he enrolled in the University of California, Berkeley. He later enrolled in the University of Nevada, Reno where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining and Engineering.

During his career, Don worked at the Stanford Research Institute, Physics International Co., Astron Research and Engineering, Magnetic Pulse, Inc, and Kinetic Systems. In these positions, Don was involved in the planning, conducting, and analysis of experiments in high-energy physics. Don was a Fellow of the Society of Photo -Optical Instrumentation Engineers and a member of the Aeroballistic Range Association.

He also was the inventor and patent holder of an ultra-high-speed camera system. On August 23, 1986, Don married his high school sweetheart Thelma Fox. They enjoyed traveling, backpacking and gardening in California before moving to Missouri in 2006, where the couple continued participating in their hobbies.

Thelma Fox Randall passed away Monday,

Happy Birthday

April 2022

3 Nora Fuemmeler	17 Will Green
4 Gene Baumann	18 Leslie Durrant
9 Bill Graff	22 Jerry Wirth
10 Don Randall	23 Barb Sumner
11 Denise Moore	26 Garrison Gessling
11 Amy Butler	27 Lynda Baumgartner
14 Earl Waddell	

♥ We remember.

If someone's name does not appear here and they do have a birthday this month, please let us know by email and we will update our records.



March 7, 2022 at the University of Missouri Hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Thelma was born on June 7, 1928 in Tacoma Park, MD, to Robert and Lucille (Stancil) Fox.

In 1930, the family moved to California where Thelma spent most of her life. After graduation from Ventura High School, she attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1949. She later received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Chapman College in Orange, CA. For most of her nursing career she was employed in critical care. Thelma was one of the early nurses certified in critical care and enjoyed being preceptor to younger nurses.

The Randalls are survived by daughter Kathy Hughes (Columbia, MO); sons Steven Boll and wife Karen (Fishers, IN); Bob LeSchofs and wife Mary (San Diego, CA); Baraa Randall and wife Yasmeen (Toronto, Canada); David Randall (Bremerton, WA); Daughter Anita Harper (Clovis, CA); and many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of sympathy be made to the Midway Locust Grove United Methodist Church, Columbia, MO; to Rainbow House 1611 Towne Dr. Columbia, MO 65202; to Coyote Hill Children's Home, 9501 Coyote Hill Rd, Harrisburg, MO 65256; or to the PET Project, 1908 Hereford, Columbia, MO 65202.

Great response to church work day





Our red doors never looked more welcoming, the shrubbery never looked better, every tree was mulched to perfection. . . and that was just the outside. Inside, every window, mirror, cabinet, pew, light switch, and even the toys in the nursery were spotless when a team of about 50 members of our congregation gathered Saturday morning, March 26, to spruce up the church and grounds. These photos represent only an example of the people and the work they were doing. Their efforts were rewarded with a lunch of burgers and dogs prepared by chef Billy Cook, along with baked beans and sweet treats. Finally came the task of tidying up in preparation for Sunday's worship.



Team of visitors from Locust Grove share soup with Midway School staff

On Wednesday March 9, we celebrated an early St Patrick's Day with the staff at Midway Elementary School. They enjoyed

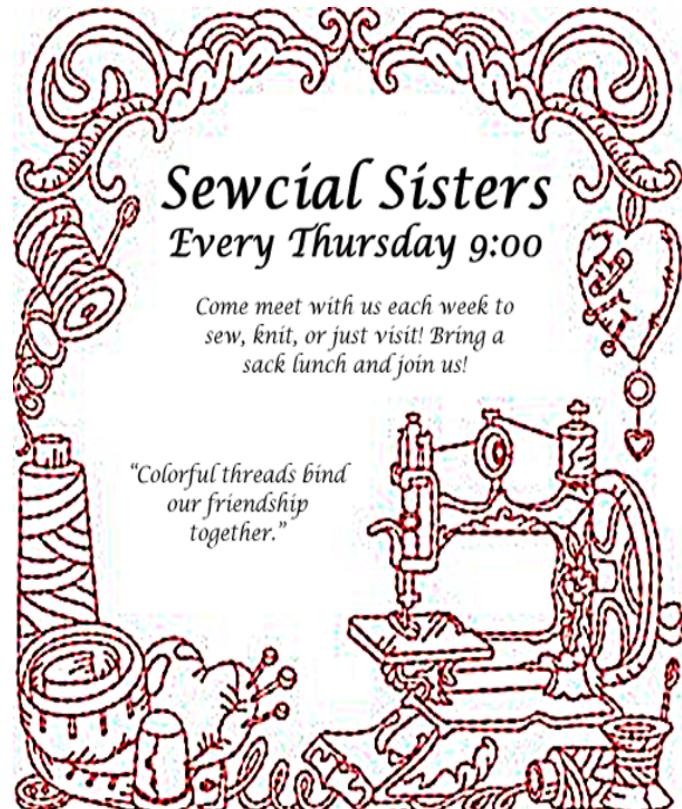


Connie Beth Louise Wieberg,
Beth Luetjen, Jill Walker, Gyla Elmore,
Margaret Preus, Kathy Koehler, Sherri
Perry, Jana Wirth, and Louise Stanley.

We are so "lucky" to have one of the best elementary schools right here in our neighborhood. The team of visitors from the church treated the staff at Midway Heights Elementary School to a soup lunch. The staff enjoyed five different soups and desserts. In September 2022, we have plans to work with the new principal,

Dr. David Stallo, to reinstate a partnership with the school to support the students.

Louise
Stanley



Sisters continue working on social service projects

The Sewcial Sisters have been busy finishing up "fidget quilts" for Alzheimer's patients at Ascend Hospice in Kansas City. We have also finished the 12 disciples robes for "The Lord's Supper". We have collected yarn for knitting and crochet classes taught at Moberly Correctional Center. Last month, we provided a soup lunch for Midway Elementary Staff. It was very appreciated by all! We are stuffing 1000 Easter eggs for our young children to find on April 16th.

Our next project will be making 200 bags for an organization called Faith Through Fire. Barb and Gilbert Harville's daughter, Sarah Hall, leads this group and provides woman who are going through chemo treatment with these positive encouragement bags. We look forward to helping with this ministry. *Beth Luetjen*

TREASURY NOTES

By Nedra Moreau

Fairly good news concerning the budget: we are getting closer to our budget numbers for the first three months of the year. Our total offering is \$49,036, which is \$16,345 per month. Our budget number is \$17,000 per month, so we are close to where we

need to be.

Our expenses are a little under budget, so we are okay for the moment. Thanks to everyone for a good first quarter, especially considering we did not have church two Sundays during the quarter. We also have a nice balance in our general fund checking account, and apportionments are paid to date!





The Kitchen Cabinet

Remembering
Mary Kaye's
Food Ministry

*Here Comes Peter Cottontail...Hoppin'
Down the Easter trail...*

We are all ready for some spring weather and hope there is no snow for Easter!

Here is a refreshing pineapple cake for your Easter Sunday meal.

Enjoy - *Hope Burkart*

Pineapple Cake

1 box yellow cake mix
1 (20 oz) can crushed pineapple
1 cup sugar
2 (8 oz) pkgs softened cream cheese
1/4 cup milk
1 (8 oz) Cool Whip

Directions:

Preheat oven 350 degrees
Make cake according to recipe on box
Bake in greased 9x13
Remove cake from oven and while still hot, poke holes in cake with a fork. Pour pineapple with juice over top of cake.

Mix sugar with cream cheese and milk. Gently fold in 1/2 of Cool Whip. Spread mixture on cooled cake.

Top with remaining Cool Whip and refrigerate overnight.

*The Will of God never takes you
where the Grace of God will not protect you.*



GORGEOUS GIRLS

Join us for lunch!

Monday, April 25

11:00 a.m.

Jose. Jalapeno Mexican
4103 W. Vawter School Rd.
Suite 101

Let Kathy Koehler know if you'd
like to come
kkoehler1976@gmail.com

Historical exhibit includes familiar wedding gown

IDO, a new exhibition featuring 23 wedding gowns from the collection at the Boone County Historical Society, has one dress with a connection to MLGUMC. The society newsletter describes it:

“One special gown was even worn by three generations. The delicate lace dress was worn by Dolores Henderson to her marriage to Don Sanders in 1952. It was worn again by Debi Sanders at her wedding to Dennis Shannon in 2010. It was worn most recently by Alivianna Sanders when she married Lee Hawkins in 2018.

Debi Sanders donated the dress to the historical society’s collection.

**Join us for
Second Tuesday Lunch
April 12, Noon.
Bring a dish and friend.**

*Basic necessities free of charge
to those temporarily in need*

Midway Locust Grove
United Methodist Church

Open Apr. 7 & 21

Twice blessed

**Open 1st & 3rd Thursdays
12:00 – 5:00**

The little white building
on the corner of
Henderson and Locust Grove Church Road



Spring has sprung at Twice Blessed. We are putting away our winter merchandise and bringing out the new Spring and Summer. Our clothing supply is good!

As always, and hopefully acknowledged often enough, your generosity and attention to this mission is appreciated more than we can say ☺ ☺

When Spring cleaning - there are a few specific items of which we are in need:

Always need personal hygiene products, i.e. deodorants, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, aspirin, Band-Aids, razors, Kotex, tampons, large size diapers, etc.

Household cleaning supplies: dish soap, laundry detergent, Pinesol, bleach, etc...

Small appliances: coffee pots, skillets, pots/pans, crock pots

Our customer numbers are still really good, even having customers coming from as far as Centralia and Boonville.

Thank you all so very much for your continuous support and prayers for this sweet, amazing opportunity to serve this community!!

Angels keep you,
Jill and Glenna

Get your caterpillar cup to join our butterfly release Easter Sunday

The cups and instructions are available in Fellowship Hall, one for each family member. Do not open your caterpillar cup. Do not place it in a window, draft, or indirect sunlight.

Be very gentle handling the cup.

It is good to see webbing in cup.

Try not to handle the cup while cocoon is forming. This is a very delicate time.

The cocoon will hang from the lid.

Bring your cup with you to church on Palm Sunday. Be very gentle.





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Ministers: The Congregation

Our Mission:

To celebrate God's presence in everything we do, bring our neighbors to Jesus and fellowship in our church family, develop them to be followers of Jesus, and equip them for service ministry and life missions to communicate God's word, in order to magnify God's name.

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The Back Row



By Gene Baumann

The most dominant marker in The Village of Locust Grove is that of Alfred Houghton Hart, 1830-1917, and his wife, Albinia, 1830-1893. They came to Boone County in 1870.

Alfred was a great-great-grandson of John Hart, of New Jersey, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Alfred's father, Nathaniel, is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery northeast of Rocheport. His grandfather, also Nathaniel, died in Kentucky, burial place unknown.

Alfred and Albinia had one son, William Stout Hart, best known to our church for his Hart Store in Midway, where the ladies met to sew items as fundraising for the church.

A friend recently gave me a copy of small book by Paul Harvey which is a tribute to the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He describes



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what happened to each of the signers the rest of their lives. I was especially interested in John Hart. Harvey wrote:

"John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled in all directions for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the war to find his wife dead, his children gone, his properties gone; he died weeks later from exhaustion and a broken heart."

The title of Harvey's book is "Our Lives, Our Fortunes, Our Sacred Honor," the oath taken by each of the signers. Harvey wrote, "They knew if they won the fight, the best they could expect would be years of hardship in a struggling nation. If they lost, they'd face a hangman's rope. But they signed the pledge. And they did pay the price." He then tells THE REST OF THE STORY, of the tragic lives each lived out until their deaths.

This is but one of the stories we find in our historic village. Some are equally tragic, some are heartwarming, all are sure to tie us closer to our two centuries plus of life in our Locust Grove.