

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell

Tele-Christian June 2025 Edition

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Mark's Remarks...



Father's Day is coming. I found a devotional by Max Lucado on being a father. Enjoy.

Fathers and mothers enter the child-rearing business at two different times. Mothers decide to be mothers long before dads do. A mother carries a baby for nine months, giving her an opportunity to grow content with her decision to parent the new family member.

Dad, however, goes about his daily routine, pretty much unaffected by what's going on inside the womb. Oh, he's supportive and excited, but compared to Mom, he's an observer. Until delivery time. Then Dad's world takes on new meaning. He looks into the face of the new life and is faced with the realization: "I'm the father of this child." You might call it a "delivery room discovery." At this point a good dad makes a big decision. He has to decide to become a father. And that decision sets up dominoes of decisions he will make for the rest of his life. It's a rational choice to alter his life, schedule, direction, and priorities in order to be a good dad to the tiny life in his arms.

Fathering a child is, for many, not difficult. But being a father is! It's the first and most important decision of fathers: to make a conscientious choice to be a father.

The decision to be a father is not just a delivery room decision, though. It is a daily decision. A century ago, dads were on-site parents, working the farm or running the family store. Children spent a great deal of their time alongside their parents, working together. But in our modern culture, employment distances most dads from their kids. Some dads leave home before the children are awake. Others arrive home long after the kids are home from school. Consequently, it is possible, even common, for a father to forget about fathering—to emotionally disconnect himself from his children. Throughout the day, every day, dads need to renew their "dad" decision. "Will I attend this convention?" "Is this meeting essential?" "Can I rearrange these appointments to get home earlier?" On the way home from work, dads have to decide to take off the work hat and put on the "dad" hat. It's a decision to manage his time, carefully reconciling work with the priority of family.

Being a good dad means making tough, sacrificial decisions. Decisions that tell our children what is important to us.

Have a great Father's Day and make those decisions to be a Godly dad!



June Sermons

In June we will finish our series on God's call in our life. What is God calling you to do? How are you serving God currently? Are you doing more than God has called you to do? Come to learn more about this important topic.



June Sermon Title and Scripture Schedule

June 1:	Scripture: Acts 1:6-11	Sermon Title: 'Called To Go'
June 8:	Scripture: Acts 2:1-4	Sermon Title: 'Filled With the Spirit'
June 15:	Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4	Sermon Title: 'Called to Be a Father'
June 22:	Scripture: Luke 8:26-33	Sermon Title: 'Are Demons at Work?'
June 29:	Scripture: Luke 9:57-62	Sermon Title: 'The Cost of Following Jesus'

Worship News ~

Linda Hayden and Trudy Corning, Co-Chairs

During the summer months our adult and children's Sunday School leaders take a well-deserved break, along with our choirs and directors, and also the volunteer hosts who provide treats & coffee in the library on Sundays.

Don't panic. Those needing their 'coffee fix' are welcome to bring their own coffee in a travel mug (with a secure lid) or use the Keurig coffee maker in the Fellowship Hall. The library will be available to gather for fellowship before and after the church service. During the worship service, the library will be used for children's activities led by Judy Williams and Kim Westerfield. Volunteers are needed to help fill the special music slot for summer services while the choirs rest. Do you, or someone you know, have a musical gift to share? Let Patrice Martin or the office know.

On Father's Day, June 15, all men in attendance will receive a sweet treat from our United Women in Faith!

In August the Worship Committee will offer an opportunity to our congregation to serve as an usher, greeter and liturgist. You are not sure how to usher, greeter and or be a liturgist? No problem!! We will host a learning workshop for all those who currently serve in these areas and those who are interested in serving. At the workshop, we will review the key points to serving as an usher, greeter and liturgist. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



LYFT is our Thursday evening worship service. We start at 5:30 pm with dinner and go right into worship at 6 pm. Worship includes music, a lay person or Pastor Mark speaking, prayer and communion. LYFT is a casual worship service where each week we enjoy food, fellowship and fun! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Remember...if you can't arrive in time for dinner, you can still come for worship!



Mission of the Month

Our June Mission of the Month is Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti. Grace Children's Hospital primarily treats children with tuberculosis, HIV, and malnutrition. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. With support for Grace Hospital many children's lives have been saved. On June 8 there will be envelopes in your bulletins if you would like to help with this mission and a trifold display will be in the Narthex.

Giving to missions should be above and beyond your giving to the ministries of the church. It is called second-mile giving. Don't feel bad if you don't feel you can afford to support any of these monthly missions.



Senior Bingo

Young at Heart Sr. Bingo meets on the fourth Tuesday.

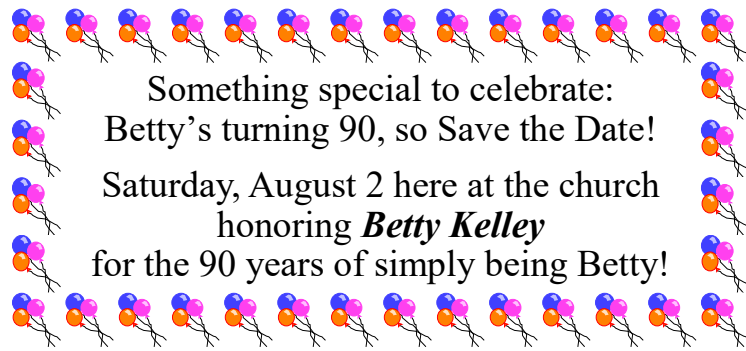
The next gathering will be June 24 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Invite someone to come along with you.

This is a free Bingo with dessert and snacks and prizes for the winners.

It's a fun time!

Save
the Date



Something special to celebrate:
Betty's turning 90, so Save the Date!
Saturday, August 2 here at the church
honoring **Betty Kelley**
for the 90 years of simply being Betty!



Buddy Bag Satellite Program at FUMC ~ from Laura Eller

The word "opportunity" means a God-given moment to live out our faith--a chance to make a difference. We have a wonderful chance for you to serve our community this summer.

The Buddy Bag Program runs for 8 Wednesdays throughout the summer where you can help families "shop" at a food distribution center located here in our church.

Starting date is Wednesday, June 18 from 10-1. The program will run for 8 consecutive Wednesdays.

As Hebrews 6:10 reminds us, "God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

If you feel called to serve in this ministry please let Laura Eller or the church office know so we can get you on the schedule for 1 or more Wednesdays. Let's show God's love through action this summer!



The Trustees will hold a **rummage sale** on
Thursday, June 12 and Friday, June 13 from 8 am - 4:30 pm
The purpose for the sale is to raise money for a new boiler.

If you are interested in donating items to the sale, please drop them off on June 10 and 11 between 9 am and 4 pm. There will be people at the church to collect the donations.

NO clothing will be accepted.

All other donated items will be greatly appreciated.
If you need someone to pick up your larger items,
please contact Kathy Taylor or Dennis Olson.

Any questions please contact the church office.



1st & 3rd Wednesday Country/Gospel Music Jam...from Peggy Hendricks

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, local musicians from around the area gather to play and sing your favorite country gold, gospel greats, bluegrass, old rock 'n roll, folk, and more. You may bring an instrument and play along, or just come to listen.

Our very own United Women in Faith will be on hand with refreshments for purchase. As with all of their projects, the proceeds will go to help others through missions. We really hope to see you there.

Mark the following dates on your calendars: June 4, 18; July 2, 16; August 6, 20; September 3, 17; October 1, 15; November 5, 19; December 3, 17. **Just remember 1st & 3rd, 1 to 3.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be at

First United Methodist Church

June 17-19

12:00 - 2:00 pm

(lunch will be provided)

Ages 4 through those entering 5th grade

Register online at:

<https://vbspro.events/p/90fae9>

Registration will also be available upon arrival at VBS

***Look on table in Narthex for ways to donate to VBS



Kidz Karnival

Friday, June 20 from 5-7:30

Olde Towne Square (park right west of the church)

FREE

Bounce Houses, Petting Zoo, Games, Food & Fun!

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and flowers sent to me during my rehabilitation time. Thank you to Pastor Mark, Bev Kussy, Patrice Martin, Sue McQuiston, Melanie Eller, and especially Betty Kelley for your visits and words of encouragement during my time at Cedar Creek Health Facility! Thank you to the Joyful Strummers for coming to Cedar Creek to help me enjoy our playing for two weeks as well.

Your Sister in Christ,
Nancy Lain

Pastor's Comic Corner

In case you haven't noticed, I love humor.

Below are comics that I've come across. Enjoy and smile! Pastor Mark



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday - Worship ~ 9:30am (in Sanctuary), **Mon.** - A/A 12pm (303) **Wed.** - A/A - 8pm (Fellowship Hall), A1/Anon - 8pm (lib)
Thursday - Dulcimers 10am (303), *LYFT* Dinner 5:30pm/Worship 6:00pm (F.H.) **Sat.** - A/A 11 a.m. (303)

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Graduation Sunday Fellowship Hall rented 2 pm	2 Tri-Kappa 6 pm (FH)	3	4 Country/Gospel Jam 1 pm (FH) UWF Exec. 5:30 pm (lib.) Trustees 6 pm	5	6 Working Together Circle 1:30 pm (library)	7
8 Pentecost Birthday Brunch	9	10 Rummage Sale Drop-Off 9-4	11 Rummage Sale Drop-Off 9-4	12 Rummage Sale 8-4:30 pm	13 Rummage Sale 8-4:30 pm	14
15 Father's Day	16	17 Household Pantry 9-12 & 5-6 VBS 12-2pm	18 Summer Food Program 10-1 (rm. 300) VBS 12-2pm	19 VBS 12-2pm	20 Kidz Karnival 5-7:30 pm	21 Tele- Christian Articles are due!
22	23	24 Senior Bingo 1 pm (FH)	25 Summer Food Program 10-1 (rm.300)	26	27	28
29	30					