



The Leavenworth Christian

Sowers' Seeds

April 15, 2021

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite things is to send out birthday greetings either by text, by card, by Facebook message, or phone as the case may be. It is so profoundly meaningful to be remembered on our birthdays and note that people care enough to make contact with us. Today I sent a message to Hunter both via text and by Facebook. Hunter is turning nineteen years old. It is hard for me to believe that he is really that old. I think of when I first got acquainted with Hunter. It was in July of 2007 shortly after I arrived in Rushville. Hunter was often my little shadow on Sundays. He would stand next to me sometimes when I was greeting people at the door after church. Then, I volunteered in Mrs. Crane's kindergarten class as a way of getting to know the community. Hunter was a part of that class, and I still have one of the pictures he colored for me on my refrigerator. The years have flown by quickly and almost effortlessly. How is it possible that Hunter is turning nineteen? Alas some members of my first youth group in Pound Ridge, NY are in their mid-thirties now. Even though I have not yet been privileged to be a parent, I think this is one of the ways that God has granted me an insight into a small portion of that journey. I find the journey of walking along side to be beautiful and deeply humbling. I marvel at the shape and scope of some of those journeys.

Think about the human interactions we have had and do have. There are some friends and family members that we have known nearly all of our lives. We have watched each other grow, change, develop, and experience both joys and sorrows. There are other people who have crossed our paths for a briefer span of time. With some we have shared close kinship, and with others we have shared strong disagreement or dissatisfaction. The relationships we have are each formative in their own ways. Early on I asked the preschool teachers if it hurt when some of their students left with their families to go to new duty stations. Each teacher sighed and said, "Oh yes." I think one prays that some part of a relationship formed is positive enough that people remember, smile, and reflect on those bits of shared journey.

If I do not say it enough, I am so grateful to be on this journey with you. On May 1st we will mark three years of journeying together. In many ways this journey has been everything I expected and then so much more as well. We never know which people will cross our paths or for how long, but perhaps we need to stop, pause, and give thanks for all those who have been a part of our journey, and continue to walk with us in this pilgrimage through life.

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Praises!!!

Praise!! **Barb Kessler**- scheduled to come home from MedicalLodge. *Tom Kessler*

Praise!! **Alice Bushman** had a good report from her cancer scan. *Kim Kincaid*

Prayer Ministry

Alice Bushman- Relief from hives. *Kim Kincaid*

Brian Onasch – seizure

Brooke Gilfert- scheduled to have surgery Thursday. *Shanda Gilfert*

Healing for **Judy Wesley**. *Ruth Kenton*

Healing for **Ginger Young** following surgery. *Ruth Kenton*

Continue praying for **Luke Euler & Family**. *Danielle Euler*

Prayers for Dea Nicodemus' sister, **Mary**- health issues.

Lillian Edmonds-Selas Family

Staci Lewis & Family- lost their Mother last week. *Dea Nicodemus*

Prayers for **Dee Shoemaker**- has stage 3 breast cancer. She will be undergoing surgery & radiation treatment. *Dea Nicodemus*

Please continue to pray for **Mary Blanton (Pinkham)**- heart issues. *Kathy Ramirez*

Kathy Ramirez' **Nephew** was told he has a condition called polycythemia.

Our Nation: pray for our country and its people.

Covid

Marta – works in the office at Anthony Elementary. She is in ICU with Covid pneumonia. She was not able to have the Covid vaccination because of a pre-existing condition. *Sue Hubert*

Residential Communities- dealing with Covid.

Prayers for **School Systems & Colleges, Teachers, Support Staff & students**.

Pray for **Those with the Covid-19 virus, First Responders, Those offering Care & a Cure**.

(please send in your praises and prayer concerns or call the office and leave a message)

Children's Moment

Upcoming events

April 24th

1:00pm ~ Youth house yard makeover
Cleaning and planting flowers
Drinks and snack provided



May

Nature walk and family picnic
(More details to come)

Ongoing Cares & Concerns

Steve Martin, Sandy & Alice Bushman, Marilyn Vance, Noah Kincaid, Bill Wilson
Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Ruby Corbet, Don Bohnsack, Winnie Henderson, Judy Wesley,
Brian Onasch, Pearl Stonebraker, Danielle & Doug Euler & Family, Ann Crum, Bill Cass, Jim Snell

Pray for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One

Lillian Edmonds-Selas ~ April 4th **Paula Darling** ~ March 4th
Helen Nowlan ~ February 17th

Pray for our out-of-town Active Duty Personnel

Melissa Van Valkenburgh, Hannah Bond, Rob Widmyer, Jim & Rachel Sullivan,
Nelson Hanson, Cameron Brown, Christin Collins, Nickalas Derringer, Rose Uy,
Edison & Faviola Urquiza, Jeremy Bower, Tyler Kowalewski, Brandon Williams



Worship Schedule

Watch last Sunday's Service now



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click on "Sermons" on the upper Right of the Homepage

Here are 3 ways you can connect to Sunday Worship at 10:30am

***On your Computer - Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/6823543423?pwd=cWRSTVQ3TGhGK2JIQTR5N1J1TdG9GZz09>

Meeting ID: 682 354 3423

Password: 838807

***You can also reach Zoom through
a link on our Website:**

www.leavenworthchristian.com

***Home phone (no video)**

Dial any of the following numbers:

833 548 0282 US Toll-free

877 853 5257 US Toll-free

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free



We are HIRING!

Director of Youth Ministries

Call the office or go to our website for more info:

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Leavened Bread

Tuesday, April 13th

9:00am

Pullman Place

aliVe

Wednesday, April 14th

7:00pm

Zoom

Board Meeting

*Tuesday, April 13th
Zoom*

Worship Meeting

*Tuesday April 20th
Zoom*



In-Person Church Has Returned!!!

In-Person Schedule

Sunday Worship: 10:30am ~ In-Person & Zoom

You can also join us via Zoom & Facebook

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Then, in a moment of humility we can reach towards the God who has always journeyed with us, who is journeying with us, and will continue to walk with us wherever life leads us and takes us.

As of late, I find myself asking what type of companion I want to be to others as they journey through life. I pray that I can be a companion is who kind, warm, generous, and able to bring a bit of laughter when the moment and mood is correct. If when people think of us, they smile, it has been a very blessed life. Know I smile broadly as I consider the journey I am on and the people I have met here in Leavenworth, Kansas.

All the Best and God's Blessings, Pastor John

First Christian Info

Flowers were donated for the altar this past Sunday by Sue Hubert in Memory of "The Hubert Parents" Anniversary. Wes & Connie Hubert were married in the church, April 11, 1943.

Flowers will be donated by Wyatt Moore in Honor of his Mommy's (Chelsea Moore's) Birthday April 18th.



April 17th

Sarah Alvarado

April 18th

Chelsea Moore

April 19th

Jeremy Prochaska

April 20th

Patricia Diehl

Jacob McKay

April 21st

Danielle Euler

Attendance

April 11th

In-Person	35
On-Line Worship (Live Connections)	25

Your Giving

April 11th

General	\$4,660.00
Backpack Buddies	75.00
Easter Offering	210.00
DWF	20.00
Total	\$4,965.00

Please remember your commitment to the Church by mail or through eGive:

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First Christian Calendar



April 14-28, 2021

Thursdays

Choir Practices cancelled till further notice

Wednesday, April 14th

Prayer Group	<i>Kitterman</i>	8:30am
Steineker	<i>Kitterman</i>	1:00pm
aliVe	<i>Zoom</i>	7:00pm

Sunday, April 18th

Worship	<i>In-Person & Zoom</i>	10:30am
Seekers	<i>Zoom</i>	3:00pm
Lenten Book Study	<i>Zoom</i>	5:00pm

Monday, April 19th

Prayer Bkfst ***Pullman's/Zoom*** 6:30am

Tuesday, April 20th

Leavened Bread	<i>Pullman Place</i>	9:00am
Worship Meeting	<i>Zoom</i>	7:00pm

Wednesday, April 21st

Prayer Group ***Kitterman*** 8:30am

Sunday, April 25th

Worship	<i>In-Person & Zoom</i>	10:30am
Seekers	<i>Zoom</i>	3:00pm
Lenten Book Study	<i>Zoom</i>	5:00pm

Monday, April 26th

Prayer Bkfst ***Pullman's/Zoom*** 6:30am

Wednesday, April 28th

Prayer Group	<i>Kitterman</i>	8:30am
Elders Meeting	<i>Zoom</i>	7:00pm



(Calendar subject to change)

Lenten Study

Continues through April

Sundays ~ 5:00pm / Zoom

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