

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Today

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Be the Church" Meeting at Lawson Methodist	2:00 p.m.
VBS	6-8:30 p.m.

### Monday

Exercise Class	8:00 a.m.
VBS	6-8:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts Meeting	8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Exercise Class	8:00 a.m.
VBS	6-8:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts Meeting	8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

VBS	6-8:30 p.m.
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### Thursday

Exercise Class	8:00 a.m.
VBS	6-8:30 p.m.

### Friday

VBS Celebration at Smith's Home	6:00 p.m.
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### Saturday

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
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### Sunday

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## THE SUNDAY CUP

August 1, 2010

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT UCPC !** We are grateful for the love we experience as the family of God gather around Christ's Table, as we are doing this morning, celebrating God's grace.

**THE CHURCH NURSERY**, (for children birth up to 2 years) is located at the west entrance to the church. Two attendants are on hand each week to welcome you and your precious baby. An usher will be happy to help you locate it.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** for children up to and including first grade begins following the Children's Sermon. Adult leaders will be waiting for the children at the east entrance to the sanctuary.

### AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Lawson United Christian & Presbyterian Church is affiliated with both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Presbyterian Church (USA). Membership is by (1) Profession of Faith and Baptism, (2) Transfer of Membership, and (3) Reaffirmation of Faith.

### **BEYOND THE PULPIT**

In Hosea 11:1-4 God is depicted as a loving parent reaching down to guide an infant and care for its every need. Is this the image that commonly comes to your mind when you think of God? If not, how might this image refresh or deepen your relationship with God?

How does God's disappointment with Israel resonate with your experience as a parent (or someone close to you who is a parent)? How might this passage give you hope or reassurance as you struggle to be a loving and responsible parent?

This morning we sang "I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me." Take a minute or so to meditate upon these words. Do you think of coming to communion as joyful? Why or why not?

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** begins this evening from 6:30-8:30 and runs through August 5th. A light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. The theme for 2010 VBS is "Saddle Ridge Ranch."

**A VBS CELEBRATION** will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 6th at Sharron & Gary Smith's Round-Up Ranch. We will grill hot dogs and hamburgers and ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert. There will be music, games, good grub and fellowship so grab your partner (don't forget the kids) and do-se-do on out to the Smith Ranch for a trail blazing good time.

**BE THE CHURCH!** The Lawson faith community is gearing up for "Be the Church" which takes place on September 26th. **At 2:00 today** everyone in the Lawson community is invited to gather at the Lawson United Methodist Church to call leaders of the program. Please consider how you might serve on this team. The following leadership positions are being called:

Campaign Director: plans and organizes meetings; communicates and mediates

Assistant Director: supports director and assists with meetings

Outreach Director: PR person; local ads; assist in-house coordinators with consistent messages to all churches

In-house Coordinators (ONE PER CHURCH): oversees all in-house promos; organizes project sign-ups; answers questions

Project Selection Committee (5 + people): reviews projects & accepts, rejects, or refines based on Be the Church guidelines; Categorizes projects

Project Leaders: plan and carry out projects

Once the core group of leaders is formed, they will begin to publish criteria for projects and begin to take suggestions.

**THE CHURCH BOARD** will meet next Sunday evening, August 8th, at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to all. Questions or concerns may be directed to any of the following Board members: Roy Rinehart, Bonnie Cates, Dan Hostetler, Janice Vaughn, Chris Lanning, Kevin Avise, Bill Crouse, Marcia Petty, and Sharron Smith.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet Wednesday, August 11th at 10 a.m. Don't have a book....that's okay; you can join in on the discussion!

**THE ELEMENTARY YOUTH** Grades K-4th are invited to go swimming on Saturday, August 14th at the home of Karen Dolt from 2-4 p.m.

**ALL-CHURCH DINNER** August 15th following worship service. Please bring a dish and join us for this time of good food and fellowship!

**SENIOR TUESDAY** will be August 17th at 11 a.m. Melba Crouse will be doing the program. Pat Modin will be in charge of the food with Marilyn Schmidt and Carolyn Robinson assisting, spaghetti will be our main course. Please join us for this program, good food and fellowship!

**REQUESTS FOR NAMES, EMAILS, ADDRESSES** The campus ministries of Synod of Mid America and Disciples of Christ are asking for contact information of students who will be attending college in the fall. If you have a family member or friend that this pertains to please contact the church office at 296-3991.

**SAVE THE DATE!** October 9th is the annual Soup Cook-off and silent auction. More information to come.

**THE JULY-AUGUST UPPER ROOM** is now available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

**THE JULY BOARD MINUTES** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**USHERS ARE NEEDED** for the upcoming months. If you are interested please contact Mike Vaughn or Bob Ensley.

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