



LEBANON
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NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING WHAT GOD HAS DONE

2020 (SO FAR!) AT LEBANON FUMC

In case you missed Pastor Ryan's sermon on 8/23, here's a recap of just some of the things God has done in and through Lebanon FUMC in 2020 so far.

We are celebrating!

Note: To hear or replay the message, visit our sermon podcasts at lebanonfumc.com or watch the video on our YouTube channel.

ATTENDANCE IS UP BY 20%!

New people have discovered us and count us as their church because of online worship. We've received 12 new members: 6 by profession of faith, 6 more since the pandemic started...and more are looking to join when things settle down.

WE'VE MET - AND EXCEEDED! - OUR MEALS GOAL

Our original goal (which we thought was ambitious) was to provide 85,000 meals for Wilson County in 2020. So far, we've already provided 157,000 meals...and it's only August! This has happened through our Food Pantry (which has never closed), community food giveaways, tornado relief efforts, and more.

THE BEAT GOES ON FOR OUR CHOIR

When circumstances prevented the choir from gathering, they adapted their talents to take worship out of the building and into the world through remote choral anthems. The first one has racked up over 12,000 views so far, and the second is close on its heels...with more coming soon!

COMPASSIONATE HANDS IS GROWING WITH US

Expanding beyond our traditional partnership of hosting winter meals together, Compassionate Hands stayed on with us to host weekly dinners from the Spain House on Fridays...and even added a shower ministry!

YOUNG AT HEART FINDS NEW WAYS TO PLAY

From drive-thru picnics and lunches to Zoom Trivia and other games, our Adult 55+ Ministries are an inspiring model of how friends can adapt to keep relationships healthy and thriving.

WE CREATED OUR OWN ORIGINAL CAMP-IN VBS

Not only did our Children's Director write and assemble a curriculum from scratch, but her team also created take-home activity bags and provided meals to ensure a fun and accessible VBS experience 75 kids in our community.

WHAT WILL GOD DO WITH US NEXT?!

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Calling all families with a college student or young adult: We'd like to update our records and send out some special treats this fall! Please send your young adult's name and best mailing address to Pam in the church office.

Calling all church members: If you'd like to bless our young adults this fall, you can help by sending cards and gift cards to the church office for us to disseminate. Think Starbucks, Wal-Mart, Amazon, etc. Thank you!

PROMOTION SUNDAY PARTY!

8.30 / 5-6PM / PARKING LOT

All families are invited for ice cream, bubbles, music, parking space chalk art, and more.

Bible presentation to 1st Graders will be at 5:30 PM.



Coming
Soon!

LEB UNITED YOUTH
FALL KICK-OFF

WATER WARS

Wednesday, Sept. 9
6-7:15 p.m.
Westland UMC
110 Dawson Lane



LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

Gail Sallis and family on the passing of her mother, Yolanda Rambin

Kelly Clemmons and family on the passing of her father, James Timbs

Kirsten Harris and family on the passing of her grandmother, Ardyth Huntsburger

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6) Bobbie Farmer

12) Ann Harper

14) Martha Bradshaw

15) Myron Smith

21) Martha Ricketts

25) Josephine Morgan



MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received in memory of Bob Scott, Ron Walden, Lenore Davis, Jennelle Drennon, Gary Hallums, Brownie Hall, Joe Fagan, Sue Hamblen, to the Jason Snyder Prayer Garden, and to the Alicia Stephens Scholarship Fund





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**TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED
THROUGH THE LEBANON FUMC
FOOD PANTRY IN 2020 SO FAR:**

3,688!

LEBANON FUMC STAFF

Clergy: Rev. Ryan Bennett, Lead Pastor

Rev. David (Bucky) Hesson, Minister of Discipleship

Age Level Ministries: Cori Brantley, Adults 55+
Rebecca Dixon, Children | Mandy Rogers, Youth & Young Adults

Music & Worship Ministry: Windell Little, Director
Joseph Walker, Accompanist | Marcus Wanner, Sound & Media

Administrative Ministries: Cori Brantley, Business
Lucinda S. Sutton, Communications & Operations
Pam Vandever, Congregational Care & Membership

Weekday Children's Programs

Erin Stone: Director, Preschool 4 | Tanja Manus, Preschool 3
Jennie Howell, Parents' Day Out

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

August 16

Estimated Worship Attendance: 541

405 online | 99 on site | 37 Thu

Budget \$5,864 | Missions \$200

August 23

Estimated Worship Attendance 562

447 online | 82 on site | 33 Thu

Budget \$17,957 | Missions \$ 274 | Memorials \$100