

Newsletter 09.25.25

Do you know what those little plastic tips on the ends of shoelaces are called?

It's okay if you don't. That bit of trivia isn't exactly life changing. Knowing the name of your shoelace cap isn't going to come up in most conversations. In fact, most people don't even realize those things have a proper name.

Which is kind of strange, right? We see them practically every day when we tie our shoes. On average, we probably look at four times as many shoelace tips as we do people (unless you're a sandals-only person). Yet they slip by unnoticed. They're so ordinary that they're practically invisible. They don't seem important at all, yet they still have a name.

Everything has a name. The random piece of plastic in your car's engine. That pretty rock you found in the garden. You may not know what it's properly called, or even care to ask, but someone does. To that person, it matters. You see a rock, but a geologist sees a fine example of quartz. You see a broken doohickey, but a mechanic sees a spark plug that needs replacing.

Just because you don't know the thing doesn't mean it isn't important. It doesn't mean it doesn't matter. Someone out there cares.

And there are days when we feel like that shoelace tip. We're present. We're here. But it feels like no one notices. No one seems to care about the work we do. Sometimes it feels like no one even remembers our name.

Friends, that is a heavy feeling. It can be lonely. It can be discouraging.

But hear this: you are more than a bit of plastic on some strings. You do matter. You are cared for. Scripture tells us, "I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1b).

The Lord of All Creation knows your name. The God who counts the grains of sand on the beach and watches every bird in the sky knows you personally. God loves you and cares for you. God has a plan for you, and it is good. You matter.

You are loved. Never forget that. My prayer is that you remember it every day of your life: no matter what, God loves you completely. You are important to God.

And because we are loved by God, we are called to love others too. No one is unimportant. No one is a mistake. Every person we meet has a name and a story. Every person we see is loved by God. Isn't that wonderful?

Friends, God calls us by name. We matter. So, let's live like it. Let's reflect that love, sow peace, and lift up those the world has forgotten, because God hasn't. And if God loves them and us, who are we to do any less?

Oh... and those little plastic shoelace tips? They're called aglets. Who knew?
God Bless! Pastor Ed

New Sunday Worship Schedule beginning Sunday, September 28

Worship 9:30 AM

Fellowship 10:30 AM

Sunday School Classes 11 AM

Disciples and Dragons Youth Group is meeting every other Sunday at 6:30 PM

TOPS Club meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

Looking Ahead

Nominations Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 PM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Sept. 27, 6 PM

Worship Service Time Change – Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:30 AM

Preschool Board Meeting – Monday, Sept. 29, 12:15 PM

Rummage Sale Work Day – Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8:30 AM

Rummage/Bake Sale – Saturday, Oct. 4, 8:30 – 1 PM

Charge Conference – Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 – 10:30 AM, Clay UMC

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Oct. 5, 6:30 PM

Lakeville Fall Festival – Saturday, Oct. 11

LaVille Fall Break – Oct. 16-20

Newton Park Truck or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 18, 6 PM

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group Sunday, Oct. 19, 6:30 PM

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7 PM

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10 AM

Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, Oct. 22, 10 AM

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 25, 4:30 PM – Here

Euchre Game Night – Saturday, Oct. 25, 6 PM

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Oct. 28, 3 – 6 PM

All Hallows Eve – Friday, Oct. 31, “The Barn”

Online giving is available for your convenience

Scan the QR code for the direct link.

Also, at lakevilleumc.org



Food Pantry Needs: vegetable oil, dishwashing soap, ketchup, box potatoes, boxed rice side dish, ranch dressing, pancake syrup, cake mixes, frosting, baking supplies, pancake mix

Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

Thank you

Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards during my recent surgery.

Your love and prayers were a great comfort and I give praises to our wonderful God for each of you. In His abiding love, Judy Hygema

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

Sept. 28 Charlotte Oct. 5 Carolyn O. Oct. 12 _____

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

Sept. 28 Hope Oct. 5 Communion Oct. 12 Charlotte

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