



Liberty Road Faith Fellowship

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Rev. Lisa Wood
Senior Pastor

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Who We Are

Liberty Road Faith Fellowship is a multi-denominational fellowship of Christian believers who enjoy traditional worship services.

This Week

Sunday, November 5, 2023

10:45 a.m. – Sunday
Worship at Liberty Road
Faith Fellowship and online.

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A Word from The Pastor

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.
1 Thessalonians 2: 13

As I write this article, the words to the hymn, “For All the Saints” (pg. 767 in our hymnal) are running through my mind. Today is “All Saints Day,” and the names of so many saints I’ve known throughout the years have been brought to thoughts in my prayers this morning. Many, whose positive influence on my faith in childhood, have long since passed from this life into eternal light; but many others are still living out their faith and continue to encourage and inspire me through their wisdom and spiritual insights.

Today, even though you’re likely reading this on the day *after* All Saints Day, I invite you to take a few moments to remember the “saints” who have ministered to you, witnessed to you, and accompanied you at various junctures throughout your life. The Apostle Paul was doing that when he wrote to the people of Thessalonica. He gave thanks for the people who responded to his teachings and shared the Gospel of the Risen Jesus in their own words and actions. These new believers had become Paul’s “support network,” and he challenged them to live their lives in glory to God, and become “witnesses” to everyone they encountered.

Paul’s words to the Thessalonians apply to us today. “Don’t hold back! Don’t keep your relationship with God a secret!” It’s as though Saint Paul is instructing, imagining, claiming, and nurturing *our* discipleship journeys today! I pray you will find encouragement in his words as we apply them to our own lives. We are, after all, living saints in our 21st Century culture.

Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

My prayer for you today: *Dear God, Equip us and embolden us to be the ones whose words and actions reflect the light of Christ to those around us. May we open our hearts and hands in service to those around us, trusting that you will be with each of us, your “saints,” today – and in all our tomorrows.*

“For All the Saints”

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rev. Lisa Hoel

***Don't forget to “fall back,” and set your clocks back this Saturday night.
Claim that extra hour of sleep and come to church Sunday morning
refreshed and ready for worship!***



Wildcards Gather for Workshop November 15th



These ladies were thankful to be together and share laughter and creativity around the tables. They will gather again on Nov. 15 at 9:30 for more card-making and holiday crafts.

Sign up to join the fun!
Friends are always welcome!



Your Help is Needed!



Once again, we will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent. Volunteers are needed to help unpack decorations and set the sanctuary in our traditional Christmas décor. If you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday morning, Nov. 25, please let Valda May know she can count on you. A group will be gathering at 10:00 a.m. “Many hands make light work” holds true, so plan to show up and be a part of the group’s festive camaraderie.

Coming Events

November

- 4 – Kearns Hall Rented
- 7 – Grief Workshop
- 8 – Dine Local, Luna's
- 19 – Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 25 – Decorate Church for Christmas
- 26 – Advent Fellowship in Kearns Hall
- 28 – Administrative Board Meeting

December

- 1 – Women of Faith Christmas Party
- 5 – Grief Workshop
- 7 – Kearns Hall Rented
- 11 – Church-wide Cookie Swap
- 12 – Church-wide Caroling
- 24 – Christmas Eve Service **at 10:45 a.m.**

DINE LOCAL LUNCH (DLL)

Dine Local at Luna's

November 8th Our next culinary adventure will be at **Luna's** off

Harrodsburg Rd. **November 8th at 11 am.**

A sign-up sheet (and menu) is available on the bulletin board.



Thanksgiving Fellowship Feast

Sign up **NOW** to reserve your place at our Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal that will follow the worship service on November 19. In addition to the hearty dinner, there will be a brief devotional and time for those who wish to share what they're thankful for. Cracker Barrel will be catering this meal that will consist of the traditional menu of turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad. Plus we'll have homemade desserts.



Suggested cost per person is \$10.



GRIEF WORKSHOPS RESUMES NEXT TUESDAY

Our monthly Grief Workshops **ON THE FIRST TUESDAY** of each month will continue beginning November 5th @ 11am

Grief is a normal response to the loss of someone important to you. It can be powerful, painful, and disorienting physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Each person will experience grief in ways that are unique to them, but we need not make this journey alone.

This group is open to anyone who has experienced a profound loss. We offer a "safe place" where all are welcome to process and ponder the myriad of feelings and find Christian support from others who are coping with their own grief.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Women of Faith are re-launching and celebrating with a Christmas Party on December 1st in Kearns Hall at 1:00 pm

Plan to attend and bring a friend!

(More information will follow so keep an eye on this space)



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To watch our worship services click on "Watch Our Services Online Now" at the bottom of our website homepage.

Services begin at 10:45 A.M.

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Richard Dwyer
Minister of Music and Organist

Mr. Paul Taylor
Administrative Board Chair

Ms. Jerilyn Ehrlich
Financial Manager

Ms. Vicki Hurst
Ministry Assistant

October 31, 2023

Stewardship: Living and Giving in Gratitude

Dear Members and Friends of Liberty Road Faith Fellowship,

Our God is a generous God, giving us abundant life and unconditional love. When we give, we reflect the nature of God. When we are generous, we are reflecting God to the world and our hearts cannot help but be gladdened and joyous.

This is, indeed, a congregation with a generous heart. We – and those who have felt the blessing of God's love and joy through you – are grateful for your generous gifts of your time, talents, and financial resources. Now, we ask you to prayerfully consider pledging your support of our church and its ministries for the year 2024.

2023 has been an exciting year at Liberty Road Faith Fellowship. That was made possible only by your commitment and generosity.

The brochure for the stewardship appeal is available in the Church office. Please read it and prayerfully consider your response and reflect on how our generous God is calling us to be generous also. You will also find a giving statement reflecting your gifts from January 1 through September 30, 2023.

On Sunday mornings we have been hearing from various team representatives about accomplishments and plans for the future to inform us of our ongoing financial needs.

Please return your completed pledge card by Sunday, November 19, 2023, by dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, mailing it to the church in the enclosed envelope, or bringing it to the church office during the week. We need to receive your pledges no later than November 25 to complete our budgeting process.

On behalf of every life touched, every soul saved, every person prayed for, every person fed, every spirit grown, thank you for supporting God's transforming work in us as the Body of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lisa Wood
Senior Minister

Linda Martin
Finance Team Chair

Ann Crowe
Acting Treasurer

LRFF FAMILY



12 Ricky May	13 Scot Reeves	15 David Curry
17 Pat Host	20 John Arebalo	23 Jim Host
25 Nancy Strassner	29 Patty Layson	30 Tandy Haggard



Hope's bright smile always brings the sunshine!!



Kevin Maudsley at work behind the scenes making the parking lot safe for Sunday foot traffic. Thank you for your labor of love, Kevin!

**We had a great crowd for our Lunch & Learn with LPD's Sgt. Ben Baker and Detective Jason Collins. Our next Lunch & Learn event will be scheduled after the first of next year.*

Stewardship: Living and giving in Gratitude

Okay fellow LRFF friends, the 2024 Budget time is upon us, which connects with the pledge commitment funding source. It is comfortable to pledge the same as last year, but maybe we can exercise our imagination and increase the pledge by 1%, 2% or 5% just to see how God might provide the means for this new thinking to bear fruit in the ministry of LRFF.

Or perhaps if some did not pledge last year, make 2024 the banner year to begin a pledge promise. The budget process becomes so much stronger when there is a reliable estimate of income to support the expenses of this ministry. The Teams you have heard shared reports of exciting stewardship. I am so grateful for the love, fellowship and outreach in all our ways of work and play here at LRFF.

I have to complete my pledge card right when I get it or I can lose it in other paper items. You may be more disciplined and wait to turn your pledge in when directed. Unlike a media campaign we have no mugs, T-shirts, CD's or tickets for incentives. Just pledge and see what God has in store through you. It is out of this world!!

Linda Martin, Finance Team Chair

Thoughts on Stewardship

Ann Crowe has done an excellent job over the last couple of weeks explaining the budget process and the financial needs of our church in the Current.

We all know from meeting our own financial obligations that it takes money to exist. The Church also needs money to pay the bills and we should all contribute. But let us consider another type of stewardship, service. I Peter chapter 4, verse 10 states:

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

We have all been given different gifts and talents. Is there some way that you can use those gifts to serve God and the Church with your abilities?

A good way to start is by regularly attending church services, serving on a committee or team, and calling or sending a card to someone who is experiencing a hard time in life.

Above all, pray for each other and our church.

Mission Moment
Liberty Road Faith
Fellowship seeks to become
the hands and feet of Christ
in the world through
engagement in missions.

by Mary Anne Pollock

Take a moment to close your eyes and envision the following: You are enrolled in one of the local high schools, your sister is a middle schooler, and your little brother is an elementary school student. The day dawns bright as the three of you wake up to get ready for school, but this is not an easy task. You dig through plastic bags in the trunk of the car that is serving as your home to find clothes, hopefully for an outfit that is clean and something you did not wear yesterday. Your classmates tend to notice things like that. Your mother drives to a nearby big box store so you can use the facilities to take care of your personal needs and buy a box of cereal that will serve as breakfast and part of your dinner and a bag of chips for each of you to take to school for lunch. Today is lucky since your mother is able to park near the three schools you and your siblings attend – and it is not raining! You feel fortunate because your best buddy lives on the street and is terrified to go to sleep each night, not knowing what might happen after dark.

Based on data from September of this year, at least 453 Fayette County Public School (FCPS) children face similar scenarios daily. It is suspected there are many more students who are homeless, and that number is rapidly growing.

FCPS participates in the McKinney-Vento Program, a federal program that provides services to students as they struggle with homelessness, but it does not have funding for housing. Obviously, housing is a huge need; however, in a society recovering from the pandemic and inflation, agencies in Fayette County that serve the homeless population have been at full capacity for many months. Give Kids A Home Initiative (GKAH) is a community effort to raise funds that will be available to the McKinney-Vento Program to ensure that our FCPS children are housed. The Catholic Action Center is accepting donations for Give Kids A Home, and our Missions Team has made a \$1,000 donation.

Please close your eyes again and visualize how much easier it is to get ready for school when you live in an apartment!! Your clothes are organized, you have some food in the kitchen and a way to prepare that food. You can walk or ride the bus to and from school each day, and best of all, you actually have an address and know where you will be sleeping tonight.