



Liberty Road Faith Fellowship

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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, October 29, 2023

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

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A Word from The Pastor

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

*Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I **delight** in it.* Psalm 119: 35

I guess I've always been a *delighter*. I delight in the fragrance of freshly mowed grass – and lilacs. I delight in the sound of cooing doves - and the soulful drone of a train whistle. I delight in a velvety night sky strewn with twinkling stars – and Carson's paw in my hand. I delight in laughter with beloved friends – and in big, wet, snowflakes that waft silently into white, drifted blankets.

Delighting can be a holy thing. The Bible is full of references to laughter, smiling, gladness, joy, and *delighting*. (Check your concordance and see this is true!) Delighting can be intentional – or spontaneous. You can turn your face toward a crimson sunset or direct your feet to a woodland path. You can delight in the sudden surprise of a convenient parking place, or a random kindness from a stranger. Pausing in our busyness, and stepping away from the cacophony of technology's chirps, beeps, and buzzes frees us to reflect on the graces that adorn our days and engage our senses in delight of creation.

Set aside (at least) half an hour this week, and spend some time *delighting* while in your sunroom, on your patio, on the lake, or on your favorite walking path. Delight in the beauty of creation you can see, hear, smell, and touch. (The world is full of things to delight in!) Delight in the presence of God's Spirit with you in the moment and linger awhile in the posture of prayer. *Delight yourself in the Lord* and know that the Lord of all creation is delighting in you!

Sharing in the delight of our growing fellowship of faith as we journey together toward home.

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Traditional Worship ~ Contemporary People

Administrative Board Nomination Forms Available

This is the season when we traditionally nominate members who will serve on our Administrative Board for the coming three years. Four members of the Board have served their three year terms and will rotate off the Board, making them ineligible for nomination. Those members are: Mary Anne Pollock, Terry Layman, Pat Hill, and Karen Maudsley. Paul Taylor, our current Board Chair, is also rotating off.

An Ad Hoc Nominating Team, composed of five members not currently serving on the Board, has been appointed for the purpose of receiving nomination forms and creating a slate of prospective candidates who will be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the church-at-large prior to the annual meeting in January.

The deadline for submitting your **Nomination Form** is November 2.

(The nomination form is attached to the end of the Current.)

Wildcards Gather for Gratitude Workshop Oct. 31st



Plan to join this jolly group of crafters for a Gratitude Workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 9:30. We'll make four projects with simple, yet elegant designs that you can use to remind friends how special they are to you. If celebrating warm fellowship and sharing around the tables isn't enough, completing each design with our own personal variations is always a gratifying and spirit-lifting experience we all enjoy.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to help us plan enough supplies and "sirsees."* Friends are always welcome!

*A sirsee is a small, handmade trinket that may contain candy, lotions, or other treats.

The beautiful flowers that will be on the altar this Sunday are in celebration of the love Les Anderson has for his wife Cathy on what would have been their 53rd anniversary.

FREE FRENZY

ANNUAL PECAN SALE

**Pecan sales will close on Sunday
October 29th**

Please help with these efforts by placing an order for these good pecan products. Place your order on Sunday or call or text Carolyn Blair or Rachel Jones. You can also contact the church office at 859-277-0420 and place your order.

Thanks.

(see box below for an idea for the use of your pecans)

Coming Events

October

26 – Lunch & Learn – Sgt. Ben Baker, LPD, “Financial Fraud”

29 – 5th Sunday Musicale

31 – Wildcards

November

7 – Grief Workshop

14 – Dine Local, Luna’s

19 – Thanksgiving Luncheon

26 – Advent Fellowship in Kearns Hall

28 – Administrative Board Meeting

December

1 – Women of Faith Christmas Party

5 – Grief Workshop

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.



Pecan Stuffing

6 Tbsp butter	2 ½ cups cooked rice
1/3 cup chopped onion	3 Tbsp chopped parsley
½ cup finely chopped celery	1 clove garlic, slivered
¾ tsp salt	1 cup chopped pecans

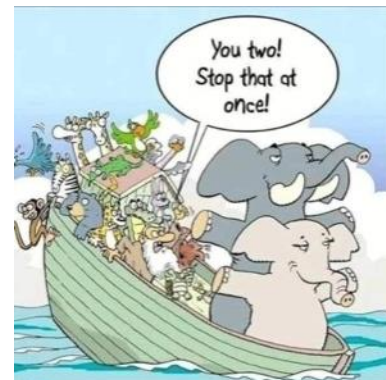
Saute the onions and celery in the butter. Mix in the remaining ingredients and loosely pack into Cornish hens (or other whole poultry)

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)



LRFF FAMILY



27 Michael Brown



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



Invite your friends to worship with us in song at our 5th Sunday Musicale **THIS SUNDAY**, Oct. 29. The featured music will be familiar arrangements of hymns and worship songs composed *in our lifetime!* These anthems and hymns will surely bring back fond memories of special times in our faith journey. Come prepared to “join the mighty chorus” in this service worship and praise!



These members of the Lafayette Orchestra send their “notes” of thanks for the assortment of goodies we provided for them during rehearsal last week. We are thankful for the rapport we have been able to establish with this group of young musicians and look forward to having an ensemble playing for us during one of our events very soon.



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

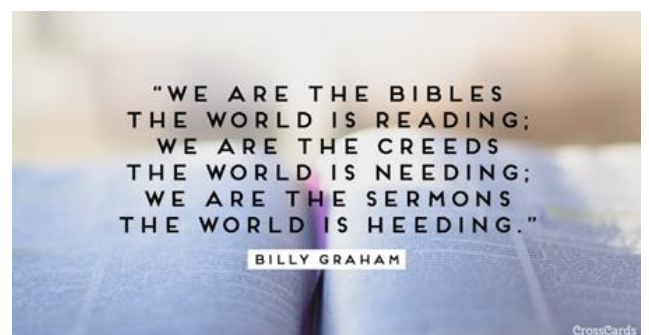
Take a moment to close your eyes and envision the following: You are enrolled in one of the local high schools, your sister is a middle schooler, and your little brother is an elementary school student. The day dawns bright as the three of you wake up to get ready for school, but this is not an easy 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.



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. (See right)

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 it’s 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.

All personal and collective resources are gifts from God. One element of our worship is returning a portion of what we have been given through our tithes and offerings to the Church. Scripture dictates that we must be good stewards of what we have been given.

This summary provides a basic description of the process for budgeting and pledging taking place in our church. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Financial Manager, Jeri Ehrlich, at 859-277-0420.

Pledge Appeal

Shortly, you will receive a letter and pledge card by mail. It will also contain an updated Giving Statement for your donations to Liberty Road Faith Fellowship thus far in 2023. During the remainder of October and early November, team leaders will speak on Sunday mornings about accomplishments during 2023 and plans for 2024.

We ask that all pledges be received by November 30, so we have this information for our budgeting process.

Budgeting Process

Summaries of income and expenses by budget categories have been prepared. These were sent to team chairs, church staff and others who are responsible for various budget categories of income and expenses. Leaders and their respective teams or advisors are asked to assess needs and make recommendations for the budget for the following year.

Once pledges are received and other income is estimated for 2024, a projected budget for the coming year will be developed. The budget document also will include actual expenses for the most recent 12-month period for comparison. This projected budget is reviewed by the Finance Committee and adjustments are made, as necessary.

The budget approved by the Finance Committee is taken to the Administrative Board for approval in December. Once approved by the Board, church members will be given access to the budget and explanations of various items in it. Then LRFF members will be given an opportunity to vote to approve the budget.

We hope this summary of the process will help LRFF members understand what to expect as we consider our response for serving God through Stewardship. We ask that you prayerfully consider what God would have you return to His Kingdom from the many gifts he has given you.