



# LUMC FAMILY NEWS

## SUMMER EDITION - July/August

We live in a world filled with confusion, chaos, and misunderstandings. However, this is not something new, as Jesus explained to his disciples in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John; 16:12-13b “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.” We have a set of instructions in the Bible. We have a guidebook to assist us along the way. Unfortunately, we live in a world that has veered far from biblical teachings and the (black and white) borders of right and wrong, which once existed, have been replaced. It seems we have created a massive area of “GRAY”. In this GRAY area it seems all decisions are ok as long as it is what you want to do. In times when the world seems so small and the means of communication are more widespread than ever before, we can’t seem to communicate.

Author Dennis Rainey tells about an exercise he leads each year with his sixth grade Sunday School class. He divides the class into three groups. These groups then compete in putting together a jigsaw puzzle. As these 12-year-olds scatter into three circles on the floor, he explains that there is only one rule in the competition: to put together the puzzle without talking. The contents of puzzle number one are deposited on the floor and Group One immediately goes to work. The group promptly sets up the box top that depicts the picture of the puzzle it is completing. Then Dennis Rainey moves to the second group, dumps the pieces of a second puzzle on the floor and quickly gives the group a box top. What the group doesn’t know is that the box top is for another puzzle! The third group is given the same puzzle pieces, but it doesn’t receive a box top. Usually the kids in the group start to protest, but Rainey quickly reminds them there is to be no talking! (What follows is fascinating.) Group One is somewhat frustrated by not being allowed to talk, but it still makes steady progress. Group Two keeps trying to use the picture, but nothing seems to work. And since the kids in the group can’t say anything, their frustration level soars. The group members look at their teacher with pleading eyes. Soon, he sees that misleading box top go flying out of the group across the room! Group Three is interesting. Because the kids have nothing to guide them, they do their own thing. The kids give up and just lie on the floor. Dennis Rainey asks, “Am I a cruel teacher? No, there is a point that I make that day. Life, marriages and families are like the pieces of the puzzle. The pieces are all there for us, but something is needed to help us bring order out of chaos.” *Guidance for a time of chaos*. Dennis and Barbara Rainey, Moments Together for Couples (Ventura, California: Regal Books, 1995).

Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley, took time to read the Bible and discuss the Bible with her children as they grew up. She was also known for having several Bible study groups in her home. Ok that was then and this is now and things are different. My point exactly! Something to think about this summer is how is God present in my life and the decisions I make. Is there something God is nudging me to start or take part in? Is there some area in my life God wants me to examine and to make adjustments in. Do I (really) pray about the things I do and for others like God wants me to pray.

We’ve all got the pieces to our puzzle and the picture on the box is yet to be determined.

B Blessed Jim

The following are unable to attend church on a regular basis.

Wesley McDonald  
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Gene & Debi Shanks  
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Robertsdale, 36567



PFC Wilson, Michael  
264 EN CC  
Bagram Airfield  
APO, AE 0935

**2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.....

Brody Wilson (M), Lucas Napper (M), Wayne Miller (M), Luke Blackwell (M), Josh Godwin (M), Dakota Kent (M), Jonathan Fisher(M), Rebecca Baker(M), Jeremy Harkus(M), Jake Burroughs(M), Kody Dickerson(M), Tristan Brake(M), Jordan Wilson(M), Noah Steinberg(M), Pedro, Gene Shanks, Billy Middleton family, Hannah Hollis, Patsy Hathcock, Bella, Miley, and the Davis Family, Mary Beth Ezell, Kellee Mosley, Minnie Gwin, Patsy Kee, Charlie Hough, Chase Langham, Valna Hinote, Myrtis Dyess family, Annie Jones, Deloris Dyess

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## LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS!

We renew our prayer list monthly.

We will type an (m) following the names of those in the military.

To place a name on our Prayer list, **place the name in our offering plate** or give to Barbara. To have a prayer placed on the call multiplier call Debi 978-2395. If God has blessed someone on our Prayer List and we can remove that name, see above.

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**

### Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor continues to expand as more people are finding time to fellowship.

Monday mornings from 9:00 am until...

Unless otherwise noted in the bulletin.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8am Casual Service

10 am Traditional Worship Services.

Sunday School begins at 9am.

### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

6pm—Family Fun Supper

6:30pm -Youth

7:00 Choir Practice

SEE SUMMER SCHEDULE ON  
CALENDAR



**VBS - What a wonderful turn out we had for this years Shipwrecked Part 2 Vacation Bible School! Many thanks goes out to all that participated. Without our Church family plugging in their time and talents where needed, we would never be able to serve our Community as we do. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED THIS YEAR. Don't forget, we will be doing it again for ARC in July. Watch your email and bulletin for the exact dates.**

**FISH FRY - August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, from 11 - 1pm. Volunteers are needed.**

**Greer's Apple for Schools receipts -** We are collecting Greer's receipts in the same containers as the Boxtops for Education to donate the Loxley Elementary. Millie Capps is delivering them to the school.

**Nursery Workers -** If you are willing to work the nursery at the 10am service, may be only 1 week a month, please see Jenifer after church or text her 509-3736.

**Mission Trip to Costa Rica in 2020 –** The mission team is putting together a trip to Costa Rica for Spring 2020. If you're interested in possibly going on this mission trip, please contact Gina at 251-504-4846. She will be planning a meeting in the near future.

**Summer Wednesday Night Schedule –** We will have Wednesday Night gathering on July 24<sup>th</sup>, and we start back on August 21<sup>st</sup> for our regular schedule.



# JULY, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00 am Coffee With the Pastor	2	3	4 	5	6
7 COMMUNION 8am Service 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional	8 9:00 am Coffee With the Pastor	9	10	11 7am Loxley Optimist	12	13
ARC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
14 8am Service 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional	15 9:00 am Coffee With the Pastor	16	17	18 7am Loxley Optimist	19	20
21 8am Service 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional	22 9:00 am Coffee With the Pastor	23	24 6pm Family Fun Supper 6:30pm -Youth	25 7am Loxley Optimist	26	27
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Don't forget to pick up school supplies for our Carnival next month! Fun and Games, Arts & Crafts. Volunteers will be needed for inside and outside activities. Check with Jenifer Hall for your volunteer spot. This has a huge turn out and we need as many hands as possible!

# AUGUST, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7am Loxley Optimist	2	3 FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES  BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL
4 COMMUNION 8am Service 9am Sunday School 10am Traditional	5 9:00 am Coffee With the Pastor	6 Admin Board Meeting 6:30	7 7:00pm Choir	8 7am Loxley Optimist	9	10
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School starts back and all Church activities return to their normal schedule. Watch your Bulletin for upcoming activities and events.





Volunteer in your favorite area of our Church! There is always something happening around Loxley United Methodist Church. Just watch for our Quarterly Newsletter and stay up to date with our Sunday Bulletin. Don't know where your help is needed, just ask and I'm sure there is something you can do to help!



## JULY

2	Tim Barnhill
7	Emily Lancaster
10	Landon Ellison
11	Jennifer Hall
12	Carol Nimrod
	Kay Ellison
13	John Godwin
14	Amanda Noles
	Tim Whitten
15	Hadlee Pierce
16	Joshua Batchelor Jr.
19	Lily Hinote
20	Chris MacCartee
21	Katie Knight
22	Brayden Nelson
	Logan Hughen
23	Joey Knight
24	LaVonne Blackmon
25	Ken Devine
	Chris Chappell
26	Maggie Thrasher
31	Kevin Barnhill

## AUGUST

3	Judy Baker
6	Tiffany Henderson
7	Don Newberry
	Ruth Spicer
9	Brooke Flower
	Marc Hendrickson
10	Loretta Knight
11	Jennifer Fisher
13	Chris Mosley
14	Nancy Webster
15	Kristin Hinote
16	Charlotte Parker
17	Angel Brasington
	Rylee Davis
20	Ernest McCrary
21	Emma Waltman
22	Sherri Mosley
23	Emily Sinclair
25	Morgan Thrasher
27	Barbara Davis
29	Sandy Lee



**AUGUST 3, 2019 – 10AM – 2PM**

**LOXLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Free School Supplies for all grades. Free Carnival style games, slip and slide, Local Vendors, Arts & Crafts and Food!

### **ELEMENTARY AGE**

Composition Notebook –  
Wide Rule

No Spiral Notebooks please.

Loose Leaf Notebook Paper  
(Wide Rule)

#2 Pencils

Glue Sticks

Crayons

Washable Markers

Colored Pencils

Handheld Pencil Sharpeners that hold shavings.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL**

Loose-Leaf notebook paper –  
College Rule

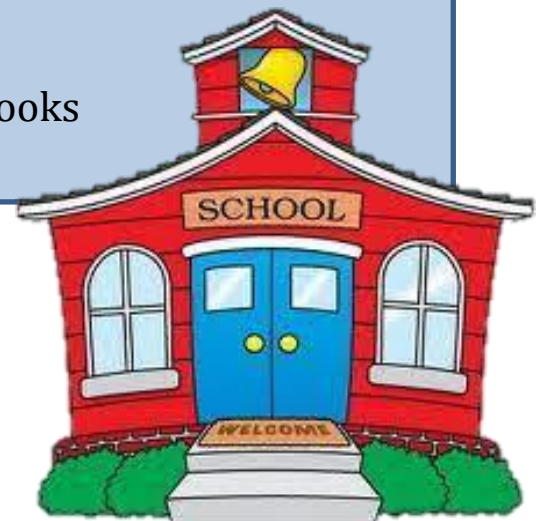
Black Ink Pens

#2 pencils

Mechanical Pencils

Colored Pencils

Composition Notebooks





## 2019-2nd Quarter Usher Schedule

If for some reason you cannot be present on the dates assigned to you, it is your responsibility to swap out with another person on the list. Be sure to call the church office to let them know in time to make the change in the church bulletin.

On communion Sunday four ushers may be needed, if so it is the responsibility of those assigned to draft two others.

### Ushers

### Date

\*Communion Sundays

Willy & Mary Lois Bray	*07/07/2019
Floyd & Nancy Webster	07/14/2019
Gordon Dyess & Irvin Mosley	07/21/2019
Steve & Gina Wilson	*07/28/2019
Jeff & Pam Knight	*08/04/2019
Caiden Arnold & Irvin Mosley	08/11/2019
Gordon Dyess & Don Myrick	08/18/2019
Willy & Mary Lois Bray	*08/25/2019
Jeff & Pam Knight	*09/01/2019
Floyd & Nancy Webster	09/08/2019
Steve & Gina Wilson	09/15/2019
Gordon Dyess & Caiden Arnold	09/22/2019
Don Myrick & Irvin Mosley	*09/29/2019



## YAYAH CLASS

Young And Young At Heart enjoying music video's a light breakfast snack and meaningful conversation on difficult topics guided by the letter of the week! We start at 8:50 A.M. on Sunday mornings in the Family Activity Center. Grab a chair, Grab a cup, Grab a snack AND Check your "tude" at the door because it's time to engage in meaningful conversation. Drop the children by Sunday School and you are invited to join in with the older youth and young or young at heart adults for some real Christ Centered Conversation

*with God,*  
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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