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Pastor's Post

Coming Together

As I begin my tenure here with you - my new church family - I cannot help but admit that I want to look back. Back on the memories, the good times, the tears and the struggles experienced with the church family I just left. I'm sure you can relate in some sense. Pastor Terry has been with you - among you - a part of your families for nearly a decade.

I suspect we (you and I), can share similar experiences from our past, whether it be illness, new life, a pandemic and yes, even some times when we did not agree with those in our church family. It seems as though it is human nature to remember the bad times, the struggles or the ill-advised words. In those memories, we begin to form bricks made out of materials from phrases like, "yeah but they", "I will never", or "they had no right."

Recently, during my daily scripture readings I was reintroduced to Peter and his brash style when he asked, "Lord how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus responded, "Not seven times, I tell you but seventy-seven times (Matthew 18:21-22). I can only imagine Peter standing in front of Jesus and the other disciples, his mouth wide open. You see, we are called to forgive. Our call to forgive is affirmed in Luke 11:4 when Jesus shares these words, "forgive us our sins as we also forgive everyone who sins against us." The thing is, forgiveness isn't for the other person. We are not setting them free, rather we are set free when we forgive. We are living into a life that we are called to live, allowing the love and grace that God has shown us to flow into those around us. Our energy and our focus are on that which lays ahead of us rather than that which has already happened and cannot be changed.

Our future does not live in the transgressions of the past but in the grace of the moment. We can invest our time and energy on that which has happened, or we can come together and begin to pour ourselves into that which is happening. We don't drive our cars by looking in our review mirrors, but by looking through the front windshield. And while we may need to look back for context or perspective, our focus and our energy would be better used to come together and change the world in which we live, one life at a time.

May you know the freeing power of forgiveness. As God forgives, so should we all.

Blessings,

Pastor Rob

A NOTE of Thanks

Jenny and I would like to say THANK YOU! For everyone who helped us move in. For the food and welcome meals, for the grace, for the warm smiles and open arms. Starting new is never easy, but you've made these "new kids on the block" feel like old friends.

In Christ,

Pastor Rob and Jenny

**Happy
Birthday**

8-2 Cheryl Cooley
8-4 Rebecca Esteves
8-4 Kaye Worthington
8-5 Zoe Godddard
8-7 Dalton Grafton
8-7 Dillian Grafton
8-10 Jeff Simpson
8-10 Molly Chandra
8-14 Joey Mizell
8-15 Christy Sudbrock
8-17 Cain Vernon
8-20 Tanya Vernon
8-20 Cooper Davis
8-22 Kennedy Lynn
8-28 Randy Craft
8-28 Jessica Backs
8-29 Sheila Stier
8-31 Patty Skelton



Please remember that as we go about our summer activities, PLEASE remember your church still needs your support!



August 24, 2022

**Our Worship
services are available
on line
www.lexmoumc.org
under "MEDIA**

Members in Care Centers

Dawn Meierer,
Life Care Center
300 Life Care Ln
Carrollton, MO 64633

Beth Simnitt,
Riverbend Nursing Home
1211 S Business Hwy 13
Lexington, MO 64067

EJ Guevel
TMC-LTC
c/o EJ Guevel
3 South, Room 327, Bed 2
7900 Lee's Summit Rd
Kansas City, MO 64139



August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 1 pm Quilters	2 ELECTION DAY AD Council	3 9 am Exercise 630 pm Youth	4 VBS Last Day of Bible	5	6 Choir Room Reserved, 10-2
7	8 Harvesters, 8-11am 1 pm Quilters	9	10 9 am Exercise 630 pm Youth	11	12 Women's Luncheon noon	13 Lexington Community Fair begins
14	15 Liz Johnson's First day	16 Distribute School Sup-	17 9 am Exercise 630 pm Youth	18	19	20 Last day of Lexington
21	22 Newsletter information due to the church office	23	24 9 am Exercise 630 pm Youth First Day of	25 Commodities 8:30-12:00	26	27 Baby Grace 9-11am
28	29 1 pm Quilters	30	31 9 am Exercise 630 pm Youth			