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# Kettle Beef Dinner Set for Sunday

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**Dexter, Missouri -** Since 2008 the members of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ have served delicious Kettle Beef on the first Sunday of October.

The tradition continues on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tickets for adults is \$8.00 each and for children 10 and under \$5.00 each.

Kettle Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, rolls, drinks, a dessert will be served. Sound delicious!!

Carry-outs are available on adult ticket orders only and drive-thru is also available. Call the church at 624-4341.

All proceeds will be used to help provide Easter dinners for families in the Stoddard county area.

The First Christian Church is located at 224 East Stoddard Street, Dexter.

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## Pancake Fundraiser for Levi

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#### Pancake Fundraiser for Levi

**Bloomfield, Missouri -** Levi Stinson is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and all proceeds will got to help with the financial burden of fighting this awful disease. His mother Sarah Stockton and father Clinton Stinson would like you to please enjoy an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at First Assembly in Bloomfield on Saturday, September 17th. Mark your calendar!

The church is located at 20034 State Highway E in Bloomfield. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, children 4 - 10 the cost is \$4.00 each and children 3 and under are FREE! You will also be given a choice of side of bacon or sausage and drinks will be coffee, juice, milk or water.

Levi has two siblings at home, Lindsey and Cole and recently turned 4 years old in May 2016.

No child should ever have to endure living with cancer. Levi Stinson of Bloomfield was diagnosed with type B acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in 2014.

(ALL) is a form of cancer of the blood cells which causes the overproduction of immature, cancerous white blood cells and limits the production of normal red and white blood cells and platelets.

Levi has been receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Please come out and raise money for a wonderful family and a good cause as Levi fights daily to get well.

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## Praying for America Each Thursday

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## Praying for America Each Thursday

**Dexter, Missouri -** Join the First Assembly of God Church located at 911 Brown Pilot Lane in Dexter on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. from August 25th - November 3rd. You don't have to be a member of the church or any church to drop in and pray for our great country.

Praying for America is a non-denominational time to just get closer to God and pray for our country, the military, our schools, our economy, or whatever may be troubled in our state.

- Pray that God will turn people's hearts toward Himself, and that He will be glorified in the outcome of the upcoming general election.
- Pray that God's people will demonstrate a spirit of repentance and prayer--individually and corporately. (2 Chron. 7:14)
- Pray that God will raise up righteous leaders who will model integrity and authenticity. (Eph. 4:1-2; Prov. 14:34)
- Pray that Americans will see their spiritual poverty; that our nation's citizens will awaken to their great spiritual need. (Joel 3:12)
- Pray that godly men and women will be placed in positions of authority so that God's people can rejoice. (Prov. 29:2)
- Pray that leaders we elect will be just, fear God rather than men, and depart from evil. (2 Sam. 23:3; Prov. 1:7; 14:26; 16:6)
- Pray that citizens will seek wise leaders who listen to biblical counsel. (Prov. 1:3–5)
- Pray that citizens will vote with wisdom and discretion. (Prov. 3:21b)
- Pray that people will be able to see truth (Ps. 86:11), that error will be exposed, and that people with wicked agendas will be made weak. (Prov. 25:5)
- Pray that Christians will speak the truth, but in love, concerning those running for office. (Eph. 4:15)

- Pray that Christians will avoid negativity, fault-finding, and contentiousness, but instead, will stand out as God's loving, pure children. (Phil. 2:14–15)
- Pray for truth in the media. (Prov. 12:22) Pray that Christians will put their confidence in God, rather than any political candidate. (Ps. 118:8–9)
- Pray that Christians will look to God to overcome the enemies of truth and righteousness. (Ps. 60:11-12)
- Pray that those who love righteousness and truth will fulfill their responsibility to vote. (Matt. 22:21)
- Pray that God will work through leaders to keep the doors open for His Gospel to be proclaimed. (Col. 4:3a)
- Pray for God's will to be accomplished in the elections. (Ps. 33:11; 103:19; 115:3)

For more information contact Alma Smith at (573) 624-8916 or (573) 625-0427.

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# First United Methodist Church Delivers Goody Bags to School Employees

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First United Methodist Church Delivers Goody Bags to School Employees

**Dexter, Missouri -** First United Methodist Church in Dexter created 300 educator goody bags for Dexter Public School teachers and staff.

Today, Donna Keller, Dee Wamble, Vicky Jarrell, Pastor Ron Beaton, Shirley Alexander, and Larry White delivered the bags to the schools.

What an awesome idea and everyone appreciated all the surprises. The bags were filled with chocolate candy, hard candy, chips, pencils, popcorn, protein bars, Post-it notes, pens, tissues..and a note that they are praying for everyone at all the schools, bus garage, and administration building..

This morning Donna Keller, Dee Wamble, Vicky Jarrell, Pastor Ron Beaton, Shirley Alexander, and Larry White delivered almost 300 educator goody bags from Dexter First United Methodist Church to all the employees of Dexter Public Schools.

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## First Prayer Walk for Bloomfield Schools a Success

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First Prayer Walk for Bloomfield Schools a Success

**Bloomfield, Missouri -** More than 100 people turned-out for the first Prayer Walk for Bloomfield Schools. It was a powerful and emotional evening as community members walked the campus and prayed for Bloomfield R-14 staff and students.

Administrators, teachers, parents, students, former students, school board members, retired staff and members of the community were in attendance.

"Our school matters," commented Barbara Rice. "I am so proud of our school and our community. This brought happy tears upon recalling many happy school years for me, my family and the 28 years of being a part of the staff at Bloomfield Schools."

"There were prayers for students, staff, administration, parents for protection and for knowledge," commented organizer Heather White. "It was powerful! I can't wait to see what good things are in store for our school."

"I think we have a new tradition," continued White.

Bloomfield R-14 Schools begin on Thursday, August 18th. We hope each of you have a great 2016-2017 school year!

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