



The Good News

Lake Gibson United Methodist Church

Our Vision: To be a joyful church family that is crucial to our community



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From the Pastor's Desk

³⁵ This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.
John 13:35, Common English Bible (CEB)

I have a proposition for you. What if the church were to **adopt the month of February to be its special month of love in action?** Hasn't the secular world hyped Valentine's Day for long enough? Hasn't society and the commercial world told us what love encompasses and how love is to be demonstrated with candy, cards, diamonds, dinners and other presents long enough? There is nothing wrong with those things, but are they a true measure of real love?

Christ followers are the ones that should know and feel real love. The Apostle John writes this: **⁸ The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love.** 1 John 4:8 CEB

If this is true, then the whole ideal of love came from the mind of God, not man. The life of Jesus Christ was lived as a life of love. All of the actions and words of Christ were made in love.

The Apostle Paul wrote: **But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us.** Romans 5:8

If we as Christians and the Church are to be imitating God, then we should be the ones full of love. Satan, who is a deceiver, has taken over the concept of love to be a *feeling that we deserve instead of an action we give to others*. This should not surprise us because Jesus said Satan was a liar and deceiver. Satan can create nothing; he can only misuse and question what God has created.

Real love is willing to give without getting anything back. Real love keeps no record of rights or wrongs. Real love has patience and strength. Real love never gives up and never fails. Read 1 Corinthians 13.

This month let's try to show the world real love here at Lake Gibson UMC. May the love of God fill us and flow from us to touch and enrich the lives of everyone in our community, and may they then spread God's love wherever they go.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Steve

Publication Changes Starting with the February 2017 Issue of *The Good News*

To better serve members of our congregation who are vision-impaired or who do not use a computer to view the on-line version of *The Good News*, we are printing a few tabloid-sized copies of the newsletter. Please contact Dwight or Phyllis Kitchens if you would like to receive this 11 x 17-inch version at church. Due to cost, we will not mail it. We will also print more copies of the regular-sized version than the 20 - 25 copies we have been. The ushers will hand them out as you leave church.

At the January Administrative Council meeting, Pastor Steve requested that printed copies of *TGN* be available in the narthex **on the first Sunday of each month**. It will be posted on the LGUMC web site (lakegibsonumc.com) as soon as it is approved, which may be a few days earlier.

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, February 26, 2017

If you would like to raise money for a good cause and have a relaxing, refreshing stroll after church along beautiful Lake Hollingsworth, CROP Hunger Walk is for you. Last year we had three walkers (Shirley Lux, Dwight and Phyllis Kitchens) and the congregation donated \$425.00 to the cause.

The First UMC (Lakeland) web-site (fumc.org) contains the following background information under its *Serve* page: "CROP stands for **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty. After World War II, churches in the mid-west started sending products such as corn, wheat, beans, canned goods, clothes, and animals on trains. These were then loaded on ships and sent to Europe. In 1969, George Sturgeon asked people to get donations for walking. The project then became: The CROP Hunger Walk. CROP now serves in 80 countries and provides shelter, food, clean water, education, and medicine where needed. Church World Service distributes the funds. Our church community walks together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together with walkers, CROP raises awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting."

Because of the difficulty we've had funding the programs and projects in our church budgets the last several years, we have made a decision to not push fund-raising for CROP Hunger Walk this year. If anyone would like to take the lead as LGUMC's coordinator, please contact Phyllis Kitchens, 863-984-4564 (phyllis_kitchens@hotmail.com). She can provide a recruiter kit with flyers and the forms walkers can use to list sponsors.

To donate money to this charity, one-quarter of which stays with Lakeland groups that feed the hungry, please write your checks to Lake Gibson UMC with an annotation that they are for CROP Hunger Walk. Our bookkeeper will provide all of the designated donations to the walk's organizers. (If you prefer to donate cash, please put it in an envelope marked "CROP Hunger Walk".) Put your donations in the collection plate or bring them by the church office Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The 2016 walk raised a total of \$22,891. Fifteen churches plus Talbot House and Lighthouse participated. The five participating United Methodist Churches (College Heights, First, Lake Gibson, Mulberry and Trinity) donated 44% of the total money raised.

The walk starts at 1:00 pm on February 26th at First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive. Please bring a non-perishable foodstuff to donate to local food pantries. If you didn't donate through LGUMC, turn in your money to the organizers at the start of the walk.

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February 2017		Special Monthly Events Calendar				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
See Weekly Recurring Events for the Rest of February's Activities			1 United Methodist Women (UMW) Ruth Circle of Love 11:00 am FLC	2 ALBOH Board Mtg 4:30 pm FLC;	3	4
5 Super Subs, 8am to noon FLC; Communion Sunday	6 UMW Heart to Heart 10:30 am FLC; Trustees 2:00 pm office	7 Staff Meeting 9:30 - 11:00 am Office	8 Pedaling Parsons arrive 6pm FLC	9 Breakfast for Pedaling Parsons 7:00 am; Cub Scout Leaders Mtg 7:00 pm FLC upstairs	10	11 United Methodist Men breakfast mtg 8:30 am FLC; Youth prep Super Subs 8:30 FLC
12 Vow Renewal for Jesus during service; Love Boat Movie 3:00 pm & Dinner 5:00 pm FLC	13 UMW Unit mtg 10:30 am FLC; UMW Evening Circle 6:30 pm off campus; SPPR mtg 7:00 pm FLC	14 Valentine's Day	15 Directory Photo Shoot 1-8:00 pm FLC	16 Directory Photo Shoot 1-8:00 pm FLC	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> ; Directory Photo Shoot 1-8:00 pm FLC	18 Directory Photo Shoot 10:00 am - 5:00 pm FLC
19 BLOOD DRIVE 9:00 am - noon	20 <i>President's Day Holiday</i> ; Finance Com Mtg 7:00 pm FLC; Worship Com Mtg 7:00 pm Sanctuary	21 Staff Meeting 9:30 - 11:00 am office	22	23	24 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet Set up FLC & S 4:00 pm	25 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet FLC & S 5:00 pm (dinner \$2.00, reservations)
26 CROP Hunger Walk @ Lake Hollingsworth 1:00 pm	27	28 UMW Leadership Team Mtg 9:00 am FLC				

Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday		
Traditional Worship Service	8:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday school classes	9:15 am	FLC
Contemporary Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
Youth Ministry (YM)	6:00 pm	FLC
Monday		
Intercessory Prayer	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FLC
Tuesday		
Sunday Bulletin Deadline	noon	Office
Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Cub Scouts Den Meeting	7:00 pm	FLC

Wednesday		
Mid-week Devotions	8:00 am	FLC
Chapel Pre-school	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Open Gym (YM)	3:00 - 6:00 pm	FLC
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
YM Upstairs	7:00 - 8:30 pm	FLC
Bible Study with Pastor	7:00 pm	FLC
Thursday		
Food Pantry	9:30 - 11:30 am	Office
Bible Study with Pastor	10:00 am	FLC
YM Volleyball	7:00 pm	FLC
Friday		
Saturday		

January News

Campus Revitalization Campaign

As you know, we are in the middle of raising funds for four major projects. The first is the cleaning, sealing and repainting of the outside of the sanctuary and the Family Life Center. Through mid-January we are about \$761 dollars short of attaining the Phase 1 goal.

As a reminder, the remaining phases of the Campus Revitalization Campaign are:

Phase 2. Landscaping around the campus	\$3,000
Phase 3: Repairing the circle in front of the Sanctuary	\$4,500
Phase 4: Purchasing and installing an electronic sign board near W. Daughtery Road	\$30,000
Contingency for cost overruns	\$1,800

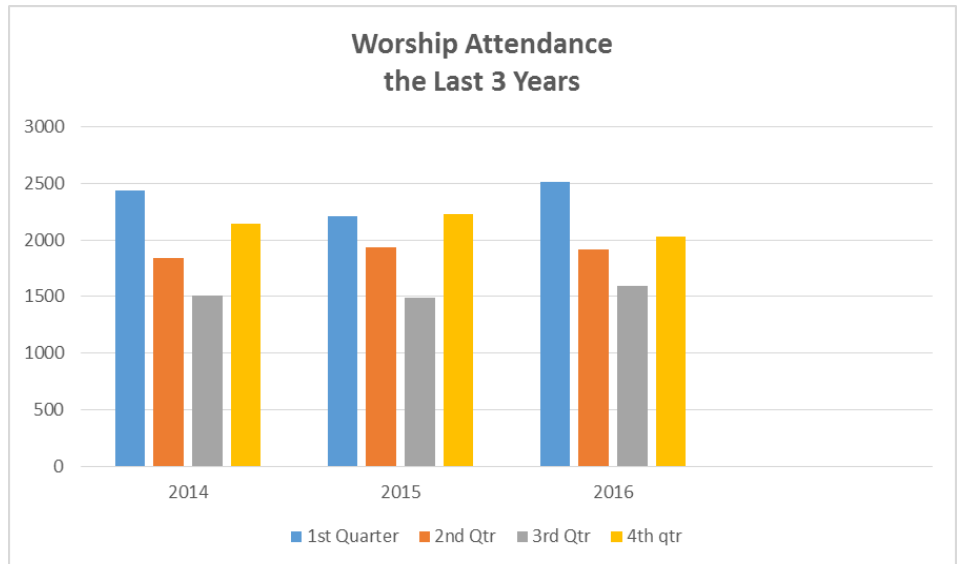
Work will be started as funds become available, progressing from phase 2 through 4. We hope that our renewed emphasis on the appearance of our campus will help attract others to check out our community of faith.

Worship Attendance Summary for the Last Three Years

Do you ever wonder if our church is growing or shrinking? We collect and report to the South Central District the total worship attendance by quarters (1st Qtr: Jan - Mar; 2nd Qtr: Apr - Jun); 3rd Qtr: Jul - Sep; 4th Qtr: Oct - Dec). The graph below shows that there has been relatively little change in the total number of people worshipping at Lake Gibson UMC over the last three years. That's not necessarily good news, since it looks like we're not achieving the goal of making more disciples for Jesus Christ, but it's not bad news, either.

The most noticeable fact is the seasonal nature of our attendance. Our winter visitors, who are usually members of their northern churches, have a big impact on LGUMC. This isn't a surprise, as we can see them filling the pews and adding their voices to our worship during the winter. The 3rd Quarter figures also show that many of us Florida residents flee during the hot, humid months.

Phyllis Kitchens



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January News, Continued

The Music Department Presented The Popcorn Concert and Talent Show



**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENDANCE
AND SUPPORT OF
OUR POPCORN
CONCERT AND
TALENT SHOW
DURING JANUARY!**

104 and 54 persons respectively
enjoyed both events. Your generous
giving is genuinely appreciated!

Watch for other special Music and Worship opportunities!

Poster by Glenda Grant Hess, Music
Director



Photos by Dwight Kitchens

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January News, Continued



Popcorn concert and lasagna dinner.

Photos courtesy of Dwight Kitchens
and Don Heishman



January News, Continued

Child Protection Policy Class, January 28th

The church presented its mandatory Child Protection Policy class on January 28th. This class is required for anyone who would like to work with children or youth (ages infant to 18 years). If you were not able to attend this class (or ALBOH's class on January 10th), please contact the office (863-858-5431) to make arrangements to take the self-paced version of this class. You will need to read the materials, complete an "open book" test (a worksheet) as you read, and fill out forms for the required background check.

5th Sunday Service and Chili Potluck, January 29th

In keeping with our 5th Sunday tradition, we had a single, combined worship service on January 29th at 10:30 am followed by a Providence Meal (pot-luck luncheon). This month's lunch theme was Chili: Mild, Hot, Extreme and Nuclear. We had such an abundance of chili that the leftovers were frozen and will be served to the Pedaling Parsons when they visit on February 8th.

The next 5th Sunday is April 30th. We'll announce the lunch theme closer to the date. Fifth Sundays have special collections for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (and for our Youth Ministry if you wish to help).

Painting Preparation Reveals a Mystery

When the shrubs around the sanctuary were removed, a dark gray plaque was revealed on one side of the sanctuary. The bottom line reads "A Livingston Mission Church". Rev. Ken Cocker, who was here



at the time the current sanctuary was built, remembered that the group provided \$10,000 in seed money with the proviso that a plaque be installed on the building with this statement.

Thanks to Nell Thrift, Archivist, Florida United Methodist Heritage Center, we have learned about the will of Charles O. Livingston which established the Livingston Mission Fund. Ms. Thrift wrote that

the fund has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and loans to United Methodist churches. The fund is administered by the Florida Conference.

Per the will, the trust was directed to "use the income . . . for the uplifting of Souls to God."

Mr. Livingston originally appointed the trustees of Snyder Memorial Church in Jacksonville, FL, to oversee his bequest. According to the web site, Waymarking.com, the church has been closed for some time and sits in a state of disrepair. It is currently owned by the city of Jacksonville.

Snyder Memorial Methodist Church
(from Waymarking.com)



February Events

There is Still Time to Schedule Your Photos for Our New Church Directory

It's been four years since we last issued a church directory. So . . . sign up for a photo appointment this month between February 15th and 18th. Each family will receive a **complimentary** (free!) 8" x 10" photo and have an option to purchase additional poses.

But, as important, each family will receive a printed, spiral-bound directory with all of your contact information such as names, addresses, photos and phone numbers. For those with smartphones, we'll have a searchable **.pdf** directory. It will help you find church family information, show photos, dial numbers, and give driving directions.

Participants in the photo sessions also help Lifetouch provide support to our food pantry through their 'Feed the Need' outreach program. Please bring a canned food to your appointment. Your participation helps those within the congregation and those outside.

Photo sessions will take place between 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Wednesday through Friday, February 15th - 17th), and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 18th. We hope this will permit both employed and retired members and constituents to schedule an appropriate time for their photo session.

You can still sign up for a date and time with JoAnn Mickle by calling her at 863-255-8391.

While professional photos are the best looking and give the directory a consistent appearance, if you can't get into church during February 15th - 18th, **contact Dwight Kitchens (863-984-4564) and he'll come by and take a photo for the directory.** So far nine people have asked for this assistance.

The Pedaling Parsons Are Coming February 8th with a Mission:

The Adopt a School Initiative

While cycling through Florida, the Pedaling Parsons from North Canton, Ohio, are raising monies to help **fund partnerships between churches and local schools**. This is one of four rides held this season to raise funds for missions. Using the model taken from www.churchadoptaschool.org, they are offering \$1,000 grants to churches which want to adopt a school.

The concept is that graduations rise, while drug and alcohol use and truancy decrease, when there are effective role models in children's lives. *They are encouraging a partnership whereby adults might visit with children weekly during their school lunch periods.*

The Pedaling Parsons will stop overnight on Wednesday, February 8th, enjoying a chili dinner at 6:00 pm and explaining their concept. **Anyone interested in learning about the Adopt a School Initiative is invited to attend.** We have a fertile mission field with Padgett Elementary School just a block away from the church. On Thursday we'll host a breakfast for them, and the group invites all to devotions at 7:15 am.

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February Events, Continued

Key Fund-raisers for the LGUMC Youth Ministry, February 5th and 12th



On February 5th Super Subs will be available after each service and Sunday school from 9:00 am until noon in the FLC. The cost is \$6.00 for a sub or \$7.50 for a meal of sub, chips and soda. The last day to order is **February 2nd**.

On February 12th, the Lake Gibson Love Boat sails again. Be sure to watch the movie (*The Ultimate Gift*) on the Lido deck (FLC classrooms 1 and 2) at 3:00 pm. Then enjoy a delicious dinner at 5:00 pm served by members of our youth group. Meal choices include perfectly flame-kissed steak, juicy grilled chicken breast or fall-off-the-bone ribs. All entrees come with vegetables and a salad. Dessert is a choice of strawberry shortcake or chocolate lava cake with vanilla ice cream. All this for \$15.00 per person! We'll have a harpist playing during the dinner to set an appropriately romantic mood for this pre-Valentine's Day celebration.



Why not invite your friends, neighbors or co-workers to join you? What better way is there to introduce others to Lake Gibson UMC?

These two events showcase the service of our youth and raise money to offset costs of their summer mission trip and other activities. When you purchase a sub sandwich and/or buy an afternoon of entertainment and special dinner on the SS Love Boat, you are supporting these and other activities that make a difference in the lives of young people.

Marina's Corner

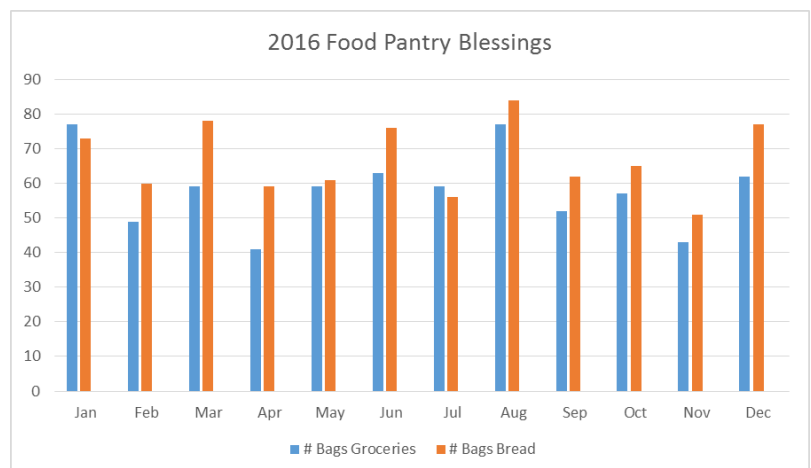
Please contact me at the church office, 863-858-5431, if you need offering envelopes. If you have moved or changed your phone number(s) or e-mail address, please update that information on your Connection Card at a church service (or call or e-mail me at office@lakegibsonumc.com). Group leaders, if you haven't already done so, **please sit down with me** and go over your group's calendar items for 2017 to ensure that the electronic calendar on the web site is accurate.

Marina Garcia, Administrative Secretary

Food Pantry Report for 2016

During 2016 Lake Gibson's Food Pantry gave out a total of **698 bags of groceries** and **802 bags of Publix baked goods**. People who live in our area and are in need of food can receive one bag of groceries each month and one bag of baked goods every week.

THANK YOU to everyone who makes this possible! We are so blessed by the work of Yvonne and Todd Bower and Marina Garcia who make this mission possible, as well as the volunteers who help carry out the bags, who pick up the Publix breads and who donate food and money to the pantry.



Finance and Related Topics, Continued

Approved 2017 Budget

[The text below was presented to the January 30th Administrative Committee and approved for execution. Editor]

LGUMC's church budget is an estimate of what we desire to be able to raise and spend during a year. We have both fixed and variable expenses within the budget. Our salaries, apportionments, and contractual obligations are considered fixed. What we spend on ministries, electricity, printed copies, etc. are considered variable and easier to change.

For 2017, there are some significant changes in the budget. We have added nearly six percent of the salaries for our Youth Director and Music Director into a Salary Contingency Fund to pay for substitutes while the directors are on vacation (if you volunteer, we save the expense). We have planned for a half-time Children's Program Director to develop programs to draw in children and young families. We have kept minimal funds in both our Maintenance Reserve (to fund property repairs) and New Equipment Purchases (to cover future upgrades and replacements). Most of our variable expenses (electricity, telephone, water, lawn maintenance, and printed materials) incurred increased costs in 2016 and are, therefore, increased within the 2017 budget.

In 2016 we set our budget at \$328,821, with \$32,882 (10%) being specified for various missions outside the church. This left \$295,938 for expenses within the congregation. As of 31 December 2016, our General Budget receipts were \$283,040. While we are generally doing slightly better in 2016 than in the past few years, we averaged \$25,186 in contributions during the past three Decembers, yet only received \$23,214 this year, \$5,450 less than in 2015.

The Finance Committee earlier in the year determined that we would not spend General Budget receipts on external missions until we had covered our other expenses. We were not willing to take it on faith that if we spent mission funds first, the balance of the needed monies to operate the church would be given by our members. Our bills are being paid on time. Our Apportionments are fully paid. Neither our Maintenance Reserve (\$8,085) nor our New Equipment Purchases (\$10,000) have been funded. Our checkbook has funds to cover approximately two weeks of operations.

For 2017, we are proposing a budget of \$321,692. This includes fully paid Apportionments as well as Property and Liability Insurance, a Maintenance Reserve, New Equipment Purchases, 'Love in Action' and the 'Food Pantry' through the General fund.

Individuals may continue to contribute designated funds to missions of their choosing. We will combine those funds and either send them along or actually expend them within the church in accordance with your wishes (examples: backpack purchases for Padgett Elementary School, bicycles for FUMCH, Lighthouse Ministries, Hope House, etc.).

Through the designated funds, we have contributed to missions, just outside of the General Budget. A total of \$18,773 was expended, \$12,128 specifically to the missions line item (5006), \$4,416 to member-designated donations (5053), and \$2,499 elsewhere.

To accomplish all programs currently within the budget, we need to see an **increase in our offerings of approximately 16% for 2017**. Without this increased support, something must eventually be dropped. We would like to move many items into the General Budget and avoid recurring campaigns to raise funds for specific items which should have been planned for and covered, over time, within our General Budget.

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Finance and Related Topics, Continued

Approved 2017 Budget, Continued

It would be helpful to have a 1-n prioritized list of items which would be either delayed or deleted should we not reach our financial goals for 2017. These are the four items we propose to be eliminated in this order:

1. Repayment of 1/10th of monies taken from Youth Endowment (\$1,500)
2. New Equipment Purchases (\$10,000)
3. Maintenance Reserve (\$8,035)
4. Children's Program Director, part-time (\$12,057)

For example, the first item to be unfunded would be the Youth Endowment repayment, while the last item to be eliminated would be the new Children's Program Director.

The Administrative Council approved the above proposal from the Finance Committee for our 2017 General Budget at its January 30th meeting. Now we need to assess how we will encourage our members to support the approved programs with their prayers, their labor and their tithes and offerings.

Dwight Kitchens, Finance Committee Chairperson

A Modest Proposal to Build a Maintenance and Repair Fund

For many years we have failed to set aside money for a Maintenance and Repair (M&R) account in our annual budgets. The last few years the General fund has carried a budget item for M&R, but the money has never been available to put into it. Recently, Pati Gilmore suggested that we build on the success of the "Make a Joyful Noise" campaign (5th Sunday pocket/piggybank change collection for FUMCH that raised \$180.06). She suggested that we put special envelopes in the backs of pews asking for pocket change or a dollar bill for the M&R fund, which would then be placed in the collection plates. Mighty oaks from little acorns grow and a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. What do you think? Will you help?

Planning Your Financial Future Workshop

If you missed 2016's two presentations by Thrivent at church, you may be interested in attending this workshop, Planning Your Financial Future, at **First United Methodist Church on Thursday, February 16th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Reservations** are required by **February 6th**. Lunch will be provided. The workshop will be held in the Welcome Center, second floor, room C201-D. First UMC is located at 72 Lake Morton Drive in Lakeland.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Please call Jeanne Griffith at 386-668-4774, ext. 2234 (plannedgiving@fumch.org) to sign up.

Volunteer Help Wanted: Grant Researcher and Writer

We were so blessed to have our local Walmart grant the Lake Gibson Food Pantry \$1,000 last year! We would like to continue to search for grants that would support our missions and outreach programs in 2017. If anyone has experience in doing this, or just wants to give it a try, please call or e-mail Dwight Kitchens at 863-984-4564; dwight@dwightkitchens.com.

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Finance and Related Topics, Continued

Income Tax Time is Coming

It's approaching that time of year when Federal Income Taxes are due. Thankfully, most of us either use payroll deduction, or pay quarterly to set aside what we believe will be due, or have taxes withheld from our pension checks. Recently I looked at our 2015 tax return and realized that our marginal tax rate (that on the last dollar earned) was 25% as a married couple. In the U.S. we have a progressive tax where we pay a higher percentage as we move through increasing tiers of income. We paid an average overall rate of 16.56%.

What I found interesting is that the Federal Government of the United States receives more per person, on average, than most people contribute to our church. Unlike in certain European countries, the U.S. Government does not collect and distribute any church taxes. Therefore, we, the church, rely upon generous contributors to continue our ministry.

Why pay taxes? Possibly it can be summed up by our Pledge of Allegiance: *I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.* It is of note that 'under God' was not added to the Pledge until 1954. As a nation we say we believe in God as our ruler, with temporal leaders to help us along our way until we leave this earth. We contribute to our republic so that it might be maintained.

As Christians, we believe that a new covenant has been established with the birth and death of Jesus Christ. He embodies the concepts of the laws from the Old Testament. Yet, additionally, he offers grace given by his death upon the cross for our sins.

Throughout the Old Testament, the concept of giving was spelled out. The Levite Tithe, the Festival Tithe, Welfare Tithe, and Poor Taxes totaled some 23.33% annually. These were essentially taxes to operate a theocracy. Today, we may consider them replaced by our Federal Income Taxes which support our Republic. But, with the separation of the Church and State, our religious groups rely solely on voluntary offerings.

My step-brother, a retired Methodist minister, believes that there is no obligation to tithe (on the 1st 10% of our income) for today's Christians. He does believe that we pledge to support our church with our membership vows. Of the seven vows, number six includes: *To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.* Therefore, Methodists do, in fact, have an obligation to provide gifts to maintain and expand the work of the church. We give out of gratitude and a sense of mission. This vow is commonly linked to the pledge request we make of members of the congregation. For specific purposes, we frequently make "free will offerings" and "second-mile gifts" (voluntary religious contributions made in addition to what may be expected or required).

Is not the work of our church as important, if not more so, than that of our government? We offer not only a better life, but an eternal one. Consider our commission and how we might expand the community of faith. This requires us to renew our vows and act with vigilance.

As you work on your taxes, consider how you might also pledge and set aside an appropriate portion of your income to our church's mission. The church is everlasting and worthy of your support.

Dwight Kitchens

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Finance and Related Topics, Continued

Gratitude

We are one of the most fortunate nations on earth. We have a higher standard of living than most other individuals worldwide. Why God made this so is unknown. Does it give us additional responsibilities? As stewards of all that God has provided for us, are we not responsible for using our wealth to expand God's kingdom here on earth?

As Christians, we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We do this through our actions. We celebrate our lives by introducing others to Jesus Christ. Are we not blessed to have Jesus Christ in our lives? If we are to lead by example, this should show up in how we are seen by our neighbors.

Might our priorities be different if we really wanted to bring others to Christ? I certainly hope so! Let us express our gratitude by helping others through our actions.

Dwight Kitchens

Rightsizing

Have you ever seen those advertisements with a man concerned about keeping up with his neighbors, abhorring that he is swimming in debt? It's not a pretty picture. While Maslow's hierarchy of needs reflects physiological and safety needs at the base of his pyramid, it says nothing about 'how much' is needed to meet these needs. Most living in 'third world' countries consider what we have not to be meager, but wealthy beyond belief. It is all a matter of perspective. Whether we ask to be 'supersized' or 'rightsized' is a matter of choice.

We can choose to either eat in daily, or to eat out. The first requires a smaller investment than the second. We can live in a 1,000-sq. ft. home, or a 2,500-sq. ft. home. The property appraiser will likely tell us that one is more valuable than the other, and likely more expensive. We can purchase a new replacement automobile (either by loan or with cash), or a gently used automobile. Hopefully, the second is much less expensive than the first. But, in each case, our decision places limitations on our future purchasing power.

In most cases we make choices. Some are more expensive than others. Often our earlier choices affect what we can do in the future. *But from today forward, we can choose to honor God first and use the remainder of our resources to meet future needs.*

As Christians, we are called constantly to balance between our desired wants and our perceived needs. We should be putting our faith in God and designating our 'first fruits' to expanding God's kingdom.

Dwight Kitchens
Finance Chair

Editorial Policy

The articles contained in *The Good News* express the opinions of their authors, and do not necessarily reflect policies of the United Methodist Church or of Lake Gibson United Methodist Church. All members of LGUMC are encouraged to write articles and share their thoughts with the congregation. The purpose of this newsletter is to foster better communication of ideas and opportunities for worship and service among LGUMC members and friends as we seek to share God's love and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Phyllis Kitchens, Editor

Our Departments

The Administrative Council

Please see the 2017 Budget article in the Financial section. The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on a 4th Monday in either April or May, at a date to be announced later. Chair Sarah Schiemann charged each member to focus work in his or her mission area on moving LGUMC toward actively living our Mission statement: Sharing God's Love through Action, and achieving our Vision: To be a joyful church family that is crucial to our community.

The Board of Trustees

We will meet with the painter soon to schedule his work (as of January 22nd, we were short only \$761 of paying for the painting project). We expect the work to start by early February. As a reminder, the Administrative Council selected the Sherwin-Williams color "Camelback", sw6122. You can see the color on the Sherwin-Williams web site using their Visualize Color tool. The trim color will remain the same as it is now, a dark, chocolate brown.



We are starting each phase of the Campus Revitalization Campaign as the funds become available. The next challenge will be raising money for re-landscaping the campus (Phase 2), estimated to cost \$3,000. Ann Fox is leading the selection of Florida-friendly, low maintenance plants with advice from Lee Mueller and Florida Master Gardeners. All of the old landscaping around the buildings was removed in January. **[A big thanks to Brad Fox and Tom Burns!! And thanks to Ann Fox for her pictures! Editor]**

What remained to be done in late January was for volunteers to come in with rakes and shovels to remove any little roots or plants that the blade didn't get. We need the planting beds leveled to help the painter access the walls safely.

Several people have asked when the concrete circle between A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center and the Sanctuary will be repaired. This work is Phase 3 of the Campus Revitalization Campaign. Once the painting and landscaping are completed, we will tackle the concrete circle. We are planning to have the concrete cut to resemble cobblestones and painted in a color to coordinate with the sanctuary.

The next Trustees meeting will be held Monday, February 6th at 2:00 pm in the office.

Tom Burns, Chair



Our Departments

Rooted Student Ministry

Hard to believe January is over! A group of us were able to worship with David Crowder and company at WinterJam -- an amazing experience to worship and praise God with fellow Christians at Amalie Arena!

We are gearing up for Super Subs (and commercials!) on February 5th, and our Valentine "Love Boat" movie and dinner cruise on Sunday, February 12th. The movie, *The Ultimate Gift*, starts at 3:00 pm with dinner to follow at 5:00 pm -- come join us for one or both! Be sure to get your dinner reservations in to the office by Monday, February 6th. Our entertainment will be a harpist this year. Anchor's Away!

Lee Mueller, muellrcg@verizon.net

Synopsis of *The Ultimate Gift* (Source: Wikipedia): "When his wealthy grandfather dies, trust fund baby Jason Stevens anticipates a big inheritance. Instead, his grandfather has devised a crash course on life with 12 tasks -- or "gifts" -- designed to challenge Jason in improbable ways, sending him on a journey of self-discovery and forcing him to determine what is most important in life: money or happiness."

Music Department

We have selected an Easter Cantata and have begun rehearsals. Easter is April 16th -- please invite your family and friends to join us.

Lay Leader's Letter

Dear Church Family,

I am Sue Shelton and I will serve as your Lay Leader for 2017. This will be a learning experience for me and, prayerfully, a growing experience for me and our church.

Part of my responsibilities include representing and advocating for us as a church family. As your representative, I will be communicating with the pastor and various committees as to where we are as a church family, where we want to be, what works well for us, what things might need to be improved, new ideas that will move us forward toward fulfilling our mission: Sharing God's love through action and our vision: To be a joyful church family that is crucial to our community.

I will need your help and having served LGUMC in a couple of different capacities in the past, I know I can depend on you. What I first would like to do is establish a very open line of communication with you. Please, as groups or individuals, let me know the problems you see, things you think are working well, things that might need to be tweaked, new ideas, etc. I will be as confidential as you want me to be, and please know that I will respect each member of this church family and will not take sides or judge -- not my job! So please know that I am genuinely interested in hearing from you. You can speak to me at church, call me at home (863-853-9212), e-mail me at gatormom2@verizon.net, text me or call my cell (863-272-8316). You could also write me a note or letter and send it to my home (1712 Sir Georges Trail, 33809) or put it in the Lay Leader box in the office.

Let's make 2017 a great year in worshiping and serving our Lord and Savior!

God bless,
Sue Shelton

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Our Departments, Continued

A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center

Enrollment is currently at 46 children and we have a total of 17 staff. As part of our on-going staff highlights, we present staff member Jenniffer Guerrero. She has been employed at ALBOH about 5 years and currently teaches pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) children. Asked what she likes best about her job, Jenniffer replied, "I like being able to inspire my students to want to learn more about themselves and the world around them."

Jenniffer's favorite scripture is Proverbs 31:25: **She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.** (New Living Translation) When she's not working, Jenniffer enjoys spending time with her family and shopping.

We presented our Child Protection class on Tuesday, January 10th; thank you, Marina Garcia and Dwight Kitchens, for conducting the class.

The next ALBOH Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, February 2nd at 4:30 pm in the FLC.

Lisa Bacon, Director

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:15 - 10:15 am in the FLC

Friendship Sunday School Class -- Mike Stafford, Leader

We cover a wide range of Biblical subjects and share interesting insights. Please join us in the main room of the FLC.

The Seekers Sunday School Class -- Eric Hines, Leader

We use *The New International Lesson Annual, September 2016 - August 2017*, published by Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN

SECOND QUARTER

CREATION – A DIVINE CYCLE

DECEMBER 4, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2017

UNIT 3: THE BIRTHING OF A NEW COMMUNITY

February 5th - 26th, 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Lesson Scripture</u>
2/5	10	Re-created to Live in Harmony	Galatians 3:26 - 4:7
2/12	11	New Birth Brings Freedom	Galatians 4:8 - 20
2/19	12	Freedom in Christ	Galatians 5:1 - 17
2/26	13	Christ Creates Holy Living	Galatians 5:18 - 6:10

We meet in FLC rooms 1 and 2 at 9:15. All adults are welcome to join us!

Our Departments, Continued

Worship Committee

The next Worship Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We are looking at ways to spread the Lenten season outside the walls of the church. Please join us!

Glenda Grant Hess

Kitchen Committee

No report

Our Ministries

Mission Moments

I am a little late thanking all of you for supplying the sox for the Pick-A-Pair event in December. I have been laid up, literally, but wanted to let you all know that **over 200 pairs of sox were picked off the bushes!** There were six pairs left, so I took them to Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, put them in a box marked "Free Sox" and they were gone in two hours.

This was a new outreach for our church, but I think it was a success and I will plan on doing it again next year. If you have any feedback, please let me know.

Wishing all of you a Blessed New Year!

Linda Alvarez, Missions Coordinator

United Methodist Men (UMM)



On January 14, ten men from Lake Gibson UMC met to kick off the new year. Mike Booker was installed as President for another year. One of the items discussed was that **October 29th, 2017** will once again be **United Methodist Men's Sunday**. Plans are being developed for either having a guest speaker, or three volunteers to give testimonials.

It behooves all men in the church to ask themselves how they may be able to contribute to the growth and well-being of the church. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me to guide the Men's group.

The next meeting of UMM is scheduled for **Saturday, February 11th at 8:30 am**. All men who attend LGUMC are eligible to join the UMM, whether you are a church member or not. Please bring a nonperishable food or personal care item for the Food Pantry and \$5.00 for the monthly dues (or \$60.00 per year). We will enjoy a breakfast and discussion.

[Three members of the UMM culled the donated black chairs and fixed those that were fixable, and gave the broken ones to the Youth Ministry for salvage. Thanks to Mike Booker, Jeff Acor and Bill Sadwick for their work. Editor]

Mike Booker, President
mrbooker413@tampabay.rr.com

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Our Departments, Continued

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Lake Gibson's UMW Unit consists of three circles which meet on different days and times to best serve our congregation's needs. Three times a year all the circle members meet together for a Unit meeting to worship, handle UMW business and usually to hear a guest speaker.



Pati Gilmore is the President and Pat Moon the Vice President for 2017 and 2018. On January 21st, members of the UMW Leadership Team (formerly the UMW Board) attended annual Leadership Development training by the South Central District (SCD) UMW. One of the initiatives announced is for every lady in the UMW to **complete a membership log by March 30th**. Please go to the web site www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw to register. Circle leaders will be discussing this with their members in upcoming meetings. Be assured that the UMW will not share contact information without express permission. For ladies who don't have access to the internet or use a computer, the leaders will assist them. The purpose of the registration is to speed up the process of communication among all UMW members in the SCD.

The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 21st and 22nd. The UMW and the Trustees' sheds are full; Mike Booker agreed to allow us to store items in the UMM shed. One change this year: We will begin set-up/emptying sheds on **Wednesday morning, April 19th** instead of in the evening. Bob Gilmore will pick up large items if needed.

The **Unit Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th, at 10:30 am**. Guest speaker will be from Arbor Oaks. Lunch will be served. The Leadership Team will provide entrees; other members are asked to bring side dishes, with each day-time circle bringing two desserts. Heart to Heart will set up in the FLC starting at 9:00 am and Ruth's Circle will clean up.

UMW Circle News

Heart to Heart meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 10:30 am in the FLC except during the summer months of June, July and August. We ask that you bring your accumulated pocket change for a Sunshine Fund donation and some paper money or a check to put into an envelope for missions at each meeting. Bring your lunch to enjoy fellowship after the meeting. Dessert will be provided.



Our annual pledge-to-mission ceremony will be held on **Monday, February 6th**. There is no fixed amount suggested for the pledge. You can pay it all at once, or pay a little at each meeting. We don't check to see if you're keeping your pledge, either.

Be sure to bring your handout on Deborah as we will finish this study. If you have any questions please call Ruth Zona at 863-859-5967.

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Our Ministries, Continued

UMW, Continued: Circle News

The **Ruth Circle of Love** meets at 11:00 am on the 1st Wednesday of each month; the next meeting will be on the February 1st in the FLC. We will be studying "**A Community in Action against Human Trafficking**", the February 2017 program from the United Methodist Women Program Book 2016 - 2017 titled *A Call to Community*. We welcome any and all ladies interested in participating in this study. (You don't have to buy the Program Book.) We hope you will decide to join a circle.



This month we will be sending in our **pledges**, so don't forget to bring cash or checks! Also, don't forget to bring your lunch.

A big **thank you** to all the ladies who have been working so hard these last couple of months on the funeral/memorial service receptions. We've shown our love for the deceased and their grieving families with these efforts.

Please call Pat Moon at 863-858-6883 if you would like to join this lively group or if you have any questions.



The **Evening Circle's** regular meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of each month, with the February meeting at 6:30 pm on the 13th. The group meets at the home of circle leader, Debbie Moore, 400 Vineyard Drive in Lakeland, 863-614-7193. Everyone is invited to join us.

We are studying the book Women of the Bible by Frances Vander Velde. In February we will discuss chapter 9, Jochebed (Moses's mother) and the scriptures Exodus 1; 2:1 - 11; 6:20; Numbers 26:59; and Hebrews 11:23 - 27. We will continue discussing our initiative to undertake the task of filling the church's visitor gift bags by brainstorming ideas for their contents and ideas for gift bags for visiting children. Pastor Steve has requested that we have 25 filled gift bags prepared (with appropriate seasonal contents), 5 of which would be ready to distribute on any Sunday.

Ladies, if you have difficulty attending a work-day meeting, please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Light refreshments are available if you don't have time to eat before the meeting.

Preparations for Lakeland's First Wonder Walk April 22nd

The Wonder Walk in Lakeland will be held during our Spring Rummage Sale, making it difficult for most of our Unit members to participate in it. If anyone represents LGUMC, please write an article about it for the May issue. The Wonder Walk will be held at College Heights UMC in Lakeland on April 22nd.

There will be a **Wonder Walk Team Leader meeting on Saturday, February 11th, 9:00 to 11:00 am at College Heights UMC**. Phyllis Kitchens already has registration materials; if anyone would like to volunteer to recruit walkers, just give her a call at 863-984-4564 or send an e-mail to phyllis_kitchens@hotmail.com.

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Our Ministries, Continued

United Methodist Women (UMW), Continued Preparations for Lakeland's First Wonder Walk April 22nd, Continued

At the January 21st South Central District UMW Leadership Training we were told that donations of **any amount** will have an impact. A single scholarship to the Rosa Valdez Center costs around \$2,200. The families of the children who should attend rarely have this kind of money. With the loss of the Florida Conference's apportionment for the Rosa Valdez Center, it is critical that other sources of funds be obtained.

It was suggested that, since this is the 37th year for Wonder Walk, we should commit to each walker raising a minimum of \$37.00 -- this should be doable, even for Lake Gibson. All we need is some volunteers to recruit walkers and collect pledges. Again, as with CROP Hunger Walk, we would prefer that donations be sent through our church which will then send 100% of the money raised to the Wonder Walk organizers.

The Lakeland walk will start at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 22nd and you don't need to pre-register. Just show up with your pledge sheets and \$ (or tell them that the church will forward a check). Walkers need to sign a release form, which is in the recruiter package, to participate.

A continental breakfast will be offered before the walk, and lunch will be ready about 11:00 am. There will be an opening ceremony at College Heights UMC before the walk starts. There is no required distance; walk as long as you feel like. You can also sit on a bench and pray for the walkers and for the Rosa Valdez Center's children. (Walkers will be given tags bearing the image of a child who attends the center to focus their prayers.) The walk will go from College Heights UMC to Lake Hollingsworth; a police officer will control traffic. The route will be marked with signs indicating the distance walked. College Heights UMC is located at 942 South Blvd, Lakeland 33803.

Prayer Ministry

February gives us opportunities for sharing God's love and compassion to one another.

The first commandment in Mark 12:30 says to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. The second commandment in Mark 12:31 tells us to love your neighbor as yourself. Then, in James 5:16, we are to pray for one another. This is a gracious combination to love God and to love others.

The best connection to God is through prayers. What better time than before and during the Lenten Season to show our love for God and one another than through our prayers?

Become a Prayer Warrior at Lake Gibson by joining one of our in-person prayer groups or by joining the prayer-by-e-mail warriors. Prayer by e-mail allows you to receive notice of a prayer request during the week that you would normally not have access to. You will feel blessed as you lift that individual up in prayer in your own home.

Please mark "Becoming a Prayer Warrior" on the "Connection Card" on any Sunday and place it in the offering plate if you would like to join the Prayer Ministry in either form, in-person or by e-mail. You may also call 863-858-3935 for more information.

Thank you and have a blessed Lenten Season.

Prayer Ministry-Fran Mudge

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Our Ministries, Continued

Visitation Ministry

No report.

Neighborhood Missions Ministry

We are looking for new individuals or families to be served by this low-key ministry. Last year we helped three families by mostly performing outdoor chores (lawn mowing, shrub trimming, etc.) and doing occasional house cleaning jobs that they couldn't do on their own due to injury, illness or other factors. We also donated money to the Youth Ministry's Odd Jobs by Odd People program to accomplish some of our work -- a win/win for the church!

As part of Lake Gibson's mission to be *crucial to our community*, we'd like to expand the number of people we help, particularly in the neighborhoods the church serves. If you know of someone who needs this type of help (or other tasks), or if you would like to volunteer to help, please call or e-mail Phyllis Kitchens (863-984-4564, cell 410-790-2662; phyllis_kitchens@hotmail.com).

The Scouts

Cub Scouts

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 25th**, 5:00 pm to attend the **Blue and Gold Banquet**, the Cub Scouts' biggest celebration of the year -- don't miss it! There will be lots of awards, dinner and the Cross-Over ceremony for the Webelos 2 Den as they become Boy Scouts. The scouts will wear their Class A uniforms. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Please call Tom Burns at 863-670-5233 or Marina Garcia at 863-858-5431 to reserve your seat.

This ceremony is an important milestone in the lives of these boys on their journey to becoming men.



We'd like the church to be visible in its support of the Scouting program and of both Pack 711 and Troop 711. Please **join us** to show our support for the boys and their families. It's one thing to say we want to attract young families, but we need to show our willingness to support them as part of our church family. Being present and being engaged demonstrate our commitment to children and youth.

On Saturday, January 28th, Pack 711 held their Pinewood Derby.

Photo by Dwight Kitchens (sorry, failed to get the names of the men cutting out Pinewood Derby cars outside of the FLC)

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts camped out on January 20th to 22nd at the Alafia River Rendezvous 1840 Park in Homeland, FL (about 4 miles south of Bartow).

On February 18th, as part of Brady Pennington's Eagle Project, the Boy Scouts will plant 50 bald cypress trees on the old Carpenters Home property. They are scheduled to work from 8:00 am to noon, and the Cub Scouts have volunteered to help.

Tom Burns, Scouting Representative
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Our Ministries, Continued

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Be sure to mark your calendars for the FUMCH annual **Day on Campus, Saturday, April 1st**. Jeff Acor will be driving the church van and we are looking for people to join us. The gates will open at 9:00 am. There will be a program in the Gymnasium at 11:00 am with a free picnic lunch at noon before tours resume. To adequately plan for this event, FUMCH is asking that reservations be in by Friday, March 17th. Please let our representatives, Jeff and Karen Acor, know if you will attend (863-858-0400).

Visiting the campus is a life-affirming experience that will last for a long time. Previous visits have resulted in members of the LGUMC congregation becoming enthusiastic supporters of the Children's Home. (You don't have to be a member to attend!)

The 5th Sunday collection for the Children's Home on January 30th included \$180.06 in loose change from the "Make a Joyful Noise" campaign and \$438.50 in designated funds. THANK YOU SO MUCH!! (It took three people an hour and twenty minutes to count the change.)

As a reminder, we made a commitment several years ago to actively support FUMCH at the level they requested of \$12.00 per year per member. That sum is about \$3,600.00 for the year.

So far in 2017 two adult-sized, used bicycles have been donated for FUMCH. We were hoping that Santa would bring more new bikes to our friends and neighbors in Lakeland, and we'd receive many the old ones to be refurbished and taken to the Children's Home. If you know of rideable bikes looking for a new home, please let Dwight Kitchens know.

The 2nd Sunday of Every Month is Harvest Sunday

Food Pantry Needs

FOODSTUFFS

Spaghetti Sauce
Pastas – Spaghetti, Noodles, etc.
Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper
Dry Soups – Ramen Noodles
Canned Soups
Canned Ravioli or Spaghetti
Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Jelly or Preserves
Canned Tuna, Salmon or Chicken
Canned Meats (Ham, Spam, Potted Meat, Vienna Sausages)
Canned Fruits
Frozen Ground Beef (1 lb pkgs)

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Toilet Paper
Diapers (All Sizes)
Baby Wipes
Toothbrushes
Travel-sized Toothpaste, Soap,
Shampoo, Deodorant

At the end of January 2017 we had a particular need for spaghetti sauce and Hamburger Helper-type foods. Beans, rice and other staples are greatly appreciated.

Yvonne Bower
Food Pantry Coordinator

Final Thoughts on the Pastor's Message

If you missed Pastor Steve's sermon on January 22nd, please listen to it on the Lake Gibson UMC web site. (And if you heard it at church, listen to it again to renew the message.) It will inspire you to listen for God to speak to you, and will challenge you to show the love for others that Jesus commanded.

During February think deeply about love and pray for guidance on how you can expand the ways and places that you show God's love to others as Pastor Steve wrote about on page 1. Then, get out and DO IT!

When Lent begins on March 1st, keep on showing your love for others! Instead of giving up something material for Lent, this year commit to **give your love** (concern, prayer, money, time, labor, anything you can think of) **to others**.

Be inspired by our Mission and Vision Statements:

Our Mission is: Sharing God's Love through Action.

Our Vision is: To Be a Joyful Church Family That Is Crucial to Our Community.

Let us know how you showed your love in action for future issues of *The Good News*. Your testimony here and in church will inspire others to step outside of their comfort zones, and together we can all be the disciples Christ asked for, leading others to Him.

Phyllis Kitchens, Editor

Ideas for Giving Love

Sign up for "Reading Pals" with the local school system. Go to the web site <https://www.uwcf.org/servlet/eAndar.article/519/ReadingPals> to learn more.

Attend the Pedaling Parsons' talk on February 8th at church on the National Church Adopt a School Initiative. Then, figure out what Lake Gibson UMC can do to make a difference to "Wage Peace in Our Schools".

Knit or crochet warm stocking caps for the homeless.

Volunteer at the Hope Center to improve the lives of some of north Lakeland's homeless adults.

Talk to Tom Burns about how you can become an active supporter of our Cub or Boy Scouts. The Cubs welcome all children in a family to come on Tuesday nights. You could help with activities for these children or the Cub Scouts.

Volunteer to read to the children enrolled in A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center. Call Lisa Bacon (child protection class and background check required before serving).

Volunteer to be the second person in our nursery on Sunday mornings, during either service or Sunday school. Call Jan Booker, Nursery Coordinator, at 863-858-6129 or cell 863-602-2117 to sign up (child protection class and background check required before serving).

These are just the first ideas off the top of my head -- if you ask God to show you how you can help, I'm sure He will. Phyllis

Celebrations

(If there are errors in these lists, you can correct them using the on-line church directory, or let the editor know so we can correct the data base. We print both members and constituents' birthdays.)



Anniversary in February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
2/11	Ruth and Henry Zona

Birthdays in February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
2/2	Lonnie Brady
2/3	Don Love
2/3	Carol Troup
2/3	Tim Watson
2/4	Sandi Harwell
2/6	Yvonne Bower
2/6	Edward Chambers
2/9	Edison Arnett
2/10	Betty Jennings
2/11	Travis Andrews
2/14	Mary Piraino
2/15	Logan Oliva
2/15	Maria Thomas
2/16	Doug Harwell
2/16	Trevor Watson
2/16	Wayne Wesley
2/17	William Anderson
2/17	Mary Lou Barrell
2/18	Tom Herzog
2/19	Marjorie Mann
2/20	Bonnie Waugaman
2/21	Courtney Wilkinson
2/21	Doris Wooden
2/22	Bill Webb
2/23	Peggy Coppola
2/23	Rita Fredrikson
2/26	Larry Gitt
2/26	Linda Imel
2/28	Juanita Loomis

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