



The Good News

*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...
to instruct Heads to know God's Word
to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love
to offer Hands to show God's Grace
in our community and church family.*



Lake Gibson United Methodist Church

October 2012

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Thoughts from the Pastor

Have you ever had a time in your life when not only was nothing going right but the bad news came in bunches and you couldn't even catch your breath before more bad news arrived? You were overwhelmed and felt you could never catch up – you were in hot water up to your neck and beyond; there was no relief in sight and no light at the end of the tunnel. What should you do as a Christian? How should you respond to the circumstances? Perhaps you have heard this analogy but it is worth repeating.

Take a boiling pot of water and put a potato in it. The boiling water represents the hardships in life. The boiling water will eventually turn the potato into mush if you leave it in long enough. The hot water takes all the resistance out of the potato until it conforms to the water. May times trials and hardships make us conform to the situation around us. Take the same boiling water and put an egg in it

and it will become hard boiled. In this case the water hardened the egg to the point that the egg was hardened just like many times adversity makes people cold and bitter.

Now take the same boiling water and put coffee beans in it. The coffee beans will change the water into a substance that smells good, tastes better and stimulates a person for activity. We all encounter hot water in our life but what happens when we do? Do we cave in like the potato, become hard and bitter like the egg or do we change the circumstances until others smell the fragrant aroma of a Christ centered life well lived and desire to do the same themselves? That is the only proper way for Christians to react to hardship, that's what Jesus did. When you encounter trials allow the Holy Spirit to release His sweet aroma into your life and make coffee.

Pastor Steve

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We will be producing a new pictorial directory.

Lifetouch Photographers will be taking pictures on November 29th, 30th and December 1st, 2012.

We will be signing up for pictures Oct 21st thru Nov 25th between the 2 services on Sundays.

Hope all of you can be in our new directory. We need volunteers to take pictures of shut ins, activities, committees and also someone to do the final layout of directory.

And questions – call Jo Ann Mickle @ 255-8391

Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2012

Meeting Opening-Chair, Mike Stafford, opened our meeting at 11:15 with a prayer.

Calendar-

UMW Rummage Sale, October 19-20

Homecoming Jubilee of 50 years, March 9 & 10, Eric Hines, planning is in motion. We would like to send invitations to current and past members. Saturday morning fellowship day with games and activities, golf?, noon potluck, BBQ dinner in fellowship hall and then sanctuary for fun, fellowship, and music. Sunday, 9am Sunday School, and 10am worship, special choir music and preacher, with a potluck to follow.

Finance, Wayne Wesley-

2013 Budget,

general funds are monies for day to day operations

Restricted Funds-endowment fund=\$104,445, scholarship, youth, & 2 others, principal can't be used, only 95% of interest

designated fund-\$24,387- bus, alter flowers, etc separate checking acct at conference overseen by finance committee

memorial fund-donations need to be expressly written to the memorial fund, which has caused some confusion. According to the Book of Discipline, paragraph 259, Church Council may establish a memorial committee to oversee memorial funds. Policy will be worked up regarding memorial funds and presented to November Church Council meeting, perhaps working with both Trustees and Finance to see where special funds should go. At this moment, checks should include some note saying to be used in the memorial fund.

Budget 2013-Wayne Wesley, we at Lake Gibson are changing lives and saving souls for Jesus Christ.

2012 budget

Ministries-\$28,770

Finance-\$32,353

Trustees-\$66,715

SPR-\$173,376

Total\$301,214

See attached 2013 budget worksheet

Ministries-\$33,710 includes \$7500 covered by Youth Checking account.

Finance-\$33,103 includes an approximation for 2013 apportionments.

Trustees-\$71,579 includes utilities, maintenance, and insurance (2013 prices not in yet)

Trustees would like a capital line item expense to save money for large items. ½ of %1 of our property, \$10,000. This is being discussed as a possible designated fund.

SPR-\$174,759 includes staff payroll and expenses

Total \$313,151, pending apportionments and insurance prices for 2013.

Wayne Wesley made a motion to approve this budget, Tom Burns 2nd, APPROVED with no opposition.

Nominating Committee will start looking to fill 2013 positions. Please have an open mind and heart as well as helping the new person fill your position.

Next Church Council meeting will be November 17, time TBA.

Charge Conference is November 1, at Kathleen UMC.

Motion to adjourn made by Yvonne Bower, 2nd by Beverly Hines, Approved.

Respectfully, Lee Mueller

Fall has arrived which means Christmas will be here before we know it. We will be doing the Angel Tree again this year. Look for the Angel Tree in November.



The next Day on Campus will be March 16, 2013. If you are interested in going, please mark your calendars.

Karen & Jeff

Sign up for one of the - **Men's Annual Spiritual Retreats-**

October 5-7 October 12-14 October 19-21

Lift your Spiritual Awareness and Joy by attending this exciting and challenging weekend with other Men from the Church and around the Conference. Experience some new and exciting speakers and music which have been added to past popular favorites, plus

Bible Studies led by Rev. David McEntire and Dr David Brazelton,
which will have your spirits lifted and challenged.
Contact Don or Sue Heishman at 863-858-4985

Find full information and register at www.ummflconf.org

UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY AND SATUDAY OCTOBER 19th AND 20th, 2012

We will be emptying the shed on Wednesday evening October 17th after pot luck.

Setting up and marking will be on Thursday October 18th at 8:00 AM to ??.

Our sale will be Friday October 19th 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Saturday October 20th, 8:00 AM to noon. If you are bringing items, please have them at the FLC by noon on Thursday October 18th

If you have large items to be picked up, call JoAnn Mickle at 863-255-8391.

The FLC will be open Wednesday @ noon if you need to bring items early

Thanking you in advance
JoAnn Mickle
UMW President

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

www.lakegibsonumc.com

10/4 Charles and Linda Alvarez

10/9 Gene and Helen Vandervort



10/29 Ray and Margarie Ford

10/30 C.B. and Ginger Fredrickson



Birthdays

10/3 Nick Stafford

10/5 Garnett Retter

10/5 Elinor Henry

10/7 Franki Bailey

10/8 Ken Hawthorne

10/9 Lee Mueller

10/10 Tammie Schertzer

10/10 Marty Sargent

10/11 Betty Fischer

10/11 Karel Knox

10/12 Karen Acor

10/12 Penny Polk

10/14 Fran Mudge

10/15 Bob Butler

10/15 Mary Beth Kuhlman

10/15 JoAnn Mickle

10/15 John Escobar

10/18 Marge Payne

10/20 Sylvia Barrett

10/20 Gail Travis

10/20 Jim Sargent

10/21 George Davis

10/22 Jack Curtis

10/23 Clara Sawyer

10/26 Amy Schertzer

10/26 Sue Hawthorne

10/27 Ann Fox

10/31 Mary Friend

10/31 Ethan Roberts



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