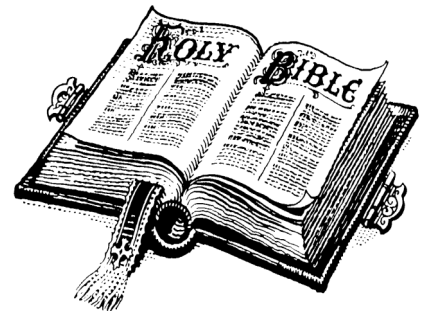




The Good News

Lake Gibson United Methodist Church



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

June 2018

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From the Pastor's Desk

Summer in Florida is a kick-back, lay-back time. Many of us take vacation at this time of the year, and our winter residents have returned to their native abodes. It is for those reasons that we go to one service at this time of the year, and we will suspend our reading of *The Story* for the summer. We will resume *The Story* on September 16th with chapter 19. I have heard many good comments about this study we have undertaken including: I learned this today . . . ; I am seeing an overall picture of scripture; I see that God cares about me; and I now have an interest in reading the Bible. Praise God for leading us in this journey.

I hope you are beginning to see that reading Scripture does not have to be dull, and that God's word intersects with and directs the way we live our lives in this world. I pray that the things we have studied and the sermons preached have increased your desire to know more about the things of God.

Just because we are suspending the study for the summer does not mean you have to stop reading and studying Scripture. I encourage you to read any Bible translation that speaks to you. The Holy Spirit will speak to you through God's Word regardless of the translation. I personally have read many translations and each one has spoken to me. Reading other translations makes you think differently, so that you don't put God in a box; and yet with all the translations I have read, God's theme of love for mankind can be seen.

The King James Version (KJV) is the most poetic translation; the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is considered to be the most accurate from a scholarly view; the New International Version (NIV), used in *The Story*, is perhaps the best understood because of its common language; *The Living Bible* (TLV), which is a paraphrase, not a translation, gives a great overview and is easy to read; *The Message* (MSG), which is also a paraphrase, does the same in a more modern vernacular. The difference between a translation and a paraphrase is this: a translation takes the original scriptures and tries to translate the thought either word-for-word (or idea) into the language it is translated to. In a paraphrase, the writer takes that into account, but writes to get the point across without necessarily translating words or ideas. You need to be aware of that. Most of the seminaries and Bible scholars use the New Revised Standard Version.

While you rest, relax and have fun this summer, set aside some time for God and His Word and allow the Holy Spirit to continue to deepen your walk with God. Hebrews 4:12 says this about the Scripture: ¹² *For the word of God is alive and active.* May God's word come alive to and in you and may the Spirit activate you to draw closer to Him and His ways.

Pastor Steve

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Special Monthly Events Calendar for June

(Events that do not occur on a weekly basis, or the first occurrence of a *new* weekly event.)

2018 JUNE

CALENDAR YEAR CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY
FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02 Cub Scouts Splash Day, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, behind FLC
03	04 Board of Trustees Meeting, 2:00 pm, Office	05 UMW Heart to Heart, Lunch mtg, 11:30 am, Chili's	06 FL Annual Conference ; UMW Ruth Circle of Love, Lunch mtg, Olive Garden, 11:00 am	07 FL Annual Conference	08 FL Annual Conference	09 FL Annual Conference
10 Blood Drive, 8:00 am, Parking Lot; VBS meeting after worship service	11 UMW Evening Circle, 6:30 pm, off campus; SPPRC mtg, 7:00 pm, FLC	12 Cub Scouts NERF Games, 7:00 pm, FLC	13	14 ALBOH Board mtg, 4:30 pm, FLC; Cub Scouts Committee mtg, 7:00 pm, FLC	15 Private Function Setup, 6:00 pm, FLC	16 Private Function, 8:00am, FLC - Polk Area Model Society (PAMSCON 18)
17 Father's Day	18 Finance Committee mtg, 7:00 pm, FLC	19	20	21 Craft Workshop, 10:00 am, FLC	22	23
24	25 UMW Leadership Team mtg, 1:00 pm, FLC; Worship Committee mtg, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary	26 Cub Scouts Bowling Night, Orange Bowl Lanes, 7:00 pm	27	28	29	30

June Weekly Recurring Events (Changes are announced in the Sunday Bulletin)

Sunday

Adult Sunday school classes	9:15 - 10:15 am	FLC
Kidtricity Children's Ministry	9:15 - 10:15 am	FLC
Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
Children's Ministry continues (nursery available)	10:30 - 11:45 am	Sanctuary & FLC
Asian Christian Service	3:00 pm	Sanctuary

Monday

Intercessory Prayer	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Boy Scout Troop 711	7:00 pm	FLC

Tuesday

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin	noon	Office
Praise Team Rehearsal	To be announced	Sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack 711	7:00 pm	FLC

Wednesday

Mid-week Devotions	8:00 am	FLC (on hold)
ALBOH Chapel	9:15 am	Preschool
Book of Acts Messianic Study	10:00 am	Off-campus
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm	Sanctuary

Thursday

Food Pantry	9:30 - 11:30 am	Office
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May News

Children's Ministry Prepared Mother's Day Gifts

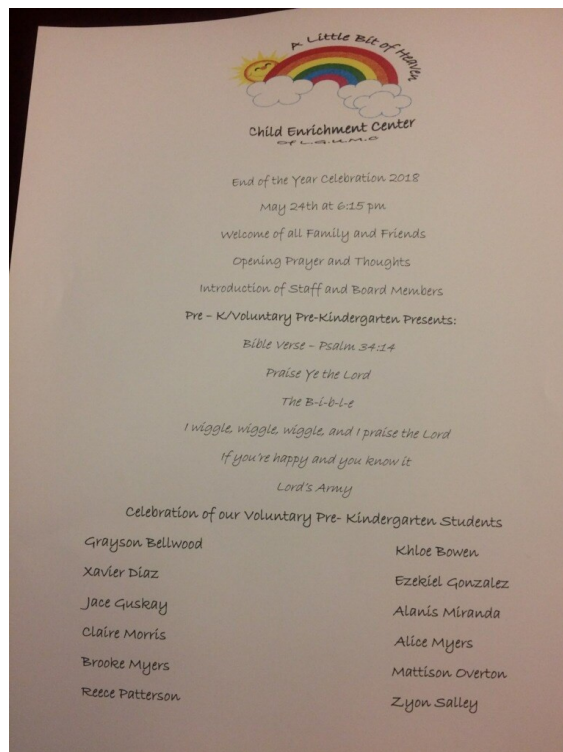
Ladies in church on Mother's Day, May 20th, received cute "hats" filled with potpourri and lovingly decorated by our kids in the Children's Ministry. Photos provided by Debbie Moore.



May News, Continued

ALBOH Graduation on May 24th

Photos by Sarah Schiemann



June Events

Remembering Who We Are



2018 FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 7-9, 2018

Florida Southern College
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

Schedule

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

9:30 am Registration opens (Clergy and Lay), First UMC Lakeland

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:30 am Clergywomen Breakfast, First UMC Lakeland

7:30 am Expo opens, Music Building 208 and 210
Morning Communion, B201
Prayer Garden opens, B203
Spiritual Direction, B204

8:00 am Laity Registration opens, Honeyman Pavilion
Clergy Registration opens, First UMC Lakeland

10:00 am Clergy Session meets, First UMC Lakeland
Laity Orientation meets, Branscomb Auditorium

12:00 pm Clergy Registration re-opens, Honeyman Pavilion
Lunch Break

1:30 pm Opening Plenary Session with Worship, Branscomb Auditorium

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June Events, Continued

Florida Annual Conference, Continued

Thursday, June 7, 2018

- 5:00 pm Reception and Open House, Archives and History Bldg.
Dinner Break
- 7:30 pm Communion Service, Branscomb Auditorium
Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, North Carolina Conference,
preaching
Bishops Offering

Friday, June 8, 2018

- 6:30 am 5K Run/Walk, Lake Hollingsworth
- 7:30 am Expo opens, Music Building 208 and 210
Morning Communion, B201
Prayer Garden opens, B203
Spiritual Direction, B204
- 8:00 am Registration opens, Honeyman Pavilion
- 8:30 am Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium
Special Speaker: Dr. Paul Chilcote, Professor of Theology,
Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando
- 10:30 am Memorial Service
- 11:30 am Lunch Break
Memorial Luncheon, Eleanor Searle Drawing Room
Retiree Luncheon, Lucius Pond Ordway Building
- 1:30 pm Anniversary Celebrations
Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium
Retirement Service
- 3:00 pm Way Forward Discussion
- 5:00 pm Dinner Break
- 7:00 pm Evening Plenary Session
Special Speaker: Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, West Ohio
Conference

June Events, Continued

Florida Annual Conference, Continued

Saturday, June 9, 2018

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| 7:30 am | Expo opens, Music Building 208 and 210 |
| 8:30 am | Plenary Session, Branscomb Auditorium |
| 10:30 am | Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination
and Fixing of Appointments |
| 12:30 am | Conference Concludes |

June 16th, 9:00 am, Polk Area Model Society (PAMS) Comes to Lake Gibson

On Saturday, June 16th, PAMSCON 18 contest and show will take place in the Family Life Center. PAMS is part of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) for hobbyists building plastic model kits. This year's theme is "1968". There will be vendors and a model competition. Doors open to the public at 9:00 am.

The Upper Room

Have you ever wondered about how *The Upper Room*, which magically appears every other month in our Narthex, is paid for? If you remember, at one time there was a box on the table and you were asked to put a donation in the box to help with the cost of buying *The Upper Room*.

Several years ago the United Methodist Women at LGUMC took on the mission of supplying *The Upper Room* to our congregation. This is one of the many missions that the women in our church support.

So, the next time you pick up a copy of the devotion, why not make a special effort to say thank you to our United Methodist Women.

Sue Heishman

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

Explaining Way Forward Plans and Council of Bishops Recommendation

Source: Ask the UMC, <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc-can-you-explain-way-forward-plans-cob-recommendation>, 15 May 2018

The Council of Bishops considered three plans developed by the Commission on a Way Forward. The Council of Bishops has indicated its majority recommendation for the One Church Plan, which could allow for different approaches in different places. Their report to the special called 2019 General Conference will also include information about the other two plans.

One Church Plan (recommended): The one-church model would allow different United Methodists in different places to make different decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates everywhere throughout the worldwide church. This plan would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline and give conferences, churches and pastors the flexibility to “uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.”

United Methodists in central conferences in Africa, Asia and Europe would retain the authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and could continue to include their traditional language and values.

This plan would also protect the rights of United Methodists whose theological convictions will not allow them to perform same-sex weddings or ordain LGBTQ people.

Traditionalist Plan: This plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations of church law.

Connectional-Conference Plan: This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values (accountability, contextualization and justice). The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

Adaptations to the Book of Discipline would be allowed by each connectional conference. Annual conferences would determine their affiliation with a connectional conference. Local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference could vote to join another conference. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination’s constitution.

The full report and legislation will be available following translation into the official languages of the General Conference. The estimated release date is July 8.

The 2019 General Conference will receive the report and legislation and make decisions about whether or how to change our current connectional relationships.

Judicial Council Ruling

Source: <http://www.umc.org/decisions/76720>

[This is the “bottom line” of the ruling. To read the entire document, please go to the web site above.]

Ruling

The purpose of the special General Conference 2019 stated in the Bishop’s call is limited to receiving and acting upon a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward. Petitions to the special General Conference 2019 may be filed by any organization, clergy member and lay member of the United Methodist Church as long as the business proposed to be

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Judicial Council Ruling, Continued

transacted in such petition is in harmony with the purpose stated in the call. It is the obligation of the General Conference to determine, in the first instance, through its committees, officers and presiders, acting in accordance with *The Discipline* and the rules and procedures of the General Conference, whether any such petition is “in harmony.” However, business not in harmony with the purpose as stated in the call is not permitted unless the General Conference by a two-thirds vote shall determine that other business may be transacted. See ¶ 14.

Bishop Ken Carter Responds to Judicial Council Decision

Source: flumc.org

May 25, 2018

By Bishop Ken Carter | FLUMC

Judicial Council Decision 1360 and The Way Forward

My response, today and on behalf of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, to Judicial Council Decision 1360: The statement expresses gratitude for the Judicial Council’s work and our continuing commitment to serve and lead our church. I have added an additional word about purpose.

Gratitude

We want to thank the Judicial Council for their service to the church through the affirmation of two key principles—the specific nature of the call for the special session, to receive and act on the report of the Council of Bishops based upon the work of the Commission on a Way Forward; and the General Conference’s authority to decide on what is in harmony with the call.

Service

Our motivation in making the request for the Declaratory Decision is in recognition of the historic nature of the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019, the need for focus on the stated purpose during these three days, and to create an orderly environment without distraction and chaos, so that the delegates can do their best work.

Leadership

I am grateful for Bishop Bruce Ough, who spoke on behalf of the Council’s petition for a Declaratory Decision. This was an appropriate exercise of service to the church (*Book of Discipline*, 414, 415), as we have responded to the request for leadership from the 2016 General Conference. We will continue to serve our beloved denomination under the guidance of the decision and in consultation with the Commission on the General Conference.

Purpose

The motivation of the bishops in seeking clarity about what will be before the 2019 Special Session has always been grounded in the desire to create “*an orderly environment without distraction and chaos so that the delegates can do their best work.*” In this regard, our work, which is very much the appropriate responsibility given to us by the church, has been mischaracterized by some in the media. We hope to avoid a scenario where there are many hundreds or even thousands of petitions that come before the delegations, with only three days to process them. Allowing petitions from all simply requires the church to manage the process with as much efficiency, patience and grace as possible. All of this is for a greater purpose: to find a way forward for The United Methodist Church, so that God can continue to use us in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

+Ken Carter
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

Marina's Corner

“Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears.”

John Lennon

Altar Flowers

Thank you to all who have ordered altar flowers and have donated vases for them. As you may know, I am “the florist”. If you would like to order flowers, please contact the church office and/or send me an email. You may also note it on the back of your connection card with the date, in reference to what they are for and, of course, your name. I will try my best to get the most beautiful flowers to you.

I am still needing vases if you have any. I do thank you in advance.

Food Pantry

Thank you all for your continued blessings with all your donations. Our Food Pantry is growing with newcomers. We are blessed to have such caring individuals like yourselves who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

A HUGE Thank You to the volunteers who come each Thursday to help me. A Huge Thank You to Mr. and Mrs. Bower who order and pick up the meat and bring in additional groceries.

Thanks to Publix whose baked goods are a great filler and they put happy faces on all the individuals receiving groceries.

Thank you to the volunteers who pick up the baked goods from Publix.

Office Hours

Just a reminder: Office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. I cannot receive deliveries of large items, or undertake time-consuming actions, after 1:30 pm. (If what you are coming to the office for requires lengthy effort on my part, please come well before the end of my day. Please call ahead to discuss your needs.)

Offering Envelopes

Just as a reminder, if you need offering envelopes, please contact the church office (863-858-5431) or send an email to office@lakegibsonumc.com, or request them on your connection card. Once I receive your request, I will print the envelopes and you may either pick them up at the church office between 9 am and 1:30 pm, or pick them up in the Narthex.

Scheduling Dates for the FLC or Sanctuary

Updates are being made to my calendar and online calendar. Many events are scheduled as a Private Function, and what that means is someone other than the church is using the building. If you are wanting to schedule time to use the FLC or Sanctuary please contact the church office to schedule the time. Please be aware that the dates are filling in fast and I need at least 3 to 6 months' time in advance if not more. Continued on the next page . . .

Marina's Corner, Continued

Scheduling Dates for the FLC or Sanctuary, Continued

The proper paperwork must be filled out and approved before I can lock it into my calendars. Be advised the online calendar is up to date and I have a desk calendar where I pencil in "potential" dates (which are not approved and are not on the online calendar). You may call me or send an email to check on dates. I thank you in advance for your patience in reference to the scheduling of usage times for our buildings.

Marina G. Hernandez
 Administrative Secretary
 863-858-5431
 office@lakegibsonumc.com

Finance and Related Topics

Financial Report

Summaries:

2018 - Month	Sundays	Revenue	Expenditures	Budgeted	Rev-Exp
January	4	\$23,610	\$18,082	\$25,256	\$5,528
February	4	\$29,950	\$36,746	\$25,256	(\$6,796)
March	4	\$29,201	\$25,465	\$25,256	\$3,736
April	5	\$26,066	\$21,129	\$31,571	\$4,937

Three-year Congregational Giving Profile (CGP) Template: Monthly Version

Data Entry

Current Year 2018

Current Budget \$328,334

Month	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	3-Yr Total	3-Yr \$ Avg Monthly	3-Yr \$ Avg Cumulative	Actual 2018
January	\$22,306	\$29,299	\$28,306	\$79,911	\$26,637	\$26,637	\$23,610
February	\$26,282	\$29,218	\$27,256	\$82,756	\$27,585	\$54,222	\$29,950
March	\$31,316	\$21,386	\$26,501	\$79,203	\$26,401	\$80,623	\$29,201
April	\$22,325	\$24,069	\$28,612	\$75,006	\$25,002	\$105,625	\$26,066
May	\$26,498	\$28,167	\$21,816	\$76,481	\$25,494	\$131,119	
June	\$18,538	\$17,395	\$17,272	\$53,205	\$17,735	\$148,854	
July	\$17,763	\$23,318	\$23,381	\$64,462	\$21,487	\$170,341	
August	\$18,641	\$15,985	\$16,366	\$50,992	\$16,997	\$187,339	
September	\$16,310	\$23,646	\$21,139	\$61,095	\$20,365	\$207,704	
October	\$18,372	\$24,737	\$20,835	\$63,944	\$21,315	\$229,018	
November	\$32,022	\$22,606	\$21,926	\$76,554	\$25,518	\$254,536	
December	\$28,664	\$23,214	\$27,446	\$79,324	\$26,441	\$280,978	
Total	\$279,037	\$283,040	\$280,856	\$842,933	\$280,978	\$280,978	\$108,827

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Finance and Related Topics, Continued

Financial Report, Continued

The above figures reflect that we are not over-obligating the church, and not spending more than we have in our accounts. But, we are not raising funds at the rate we had discussed for our three new designated accounts: 1) roof replacement, 2) air conditioning replacement, and 3) setting aside money for an insurance reserve fund to cover a catastrophic act of nature.

Earlier, we asked each of the 134 member families if they would contribute approximately \$5 per week per adult to each of the above designated funds. Roof replacement would take two years, air conditioner replacement would take three years, and our insurance reserve would take five years before we had raised sufficient funds. At this point, eleven weeks after our initial announcement in mid-January, we would have hoped for contributions similar to the following (136 families times 15 weeks times \$5 per account):

Account:	Hoped for:	Received:
Roof Replacement	\$12,000	\$ 7,874
Air Conditioner Replacement	\$12,000	\$17,366*
Insurance Reserve Account	\$12,000	\$ 4,647

*\$13,902 of this amount was carried over from the end of December 2017, meaning that we have actually contributed \$3,464 of new funds during 2018 for air conditioner replacements.

Unless we increase our contributions in the future, we will have to delay execution of these projects much further into the future. Merely designating funds for these purposes without increasing total contributions serves no purpose. We all need to increase the total amount we give to insure that both our general operating costs are met now and our future projects are completed on time.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18th, at 7:00 pm in the FLC.

Dwight Kitchens, Finance Committee Co-chair

Our Departments

Lay Leader's Letter

Dear Church Family,

In our last Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) meeting we discussed a need to communicate more clearly, frequently, and effectively within our church family so that everyone is aware of upcoming discussions and decisions being proposed in committees and boards. Individuals on these committees and boards want to represent you, so your input is welcome, appreciated and vital. In addition to me trying to keep you updated monthly in the newsletter, there will be members from various boards and committees introducing themselves in church services and inviting you to communicate any concerns and/or suggestions with them or other committee members.

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Our Departments

Lay Leader's Letter, Continued

Our meetings slow down a bit in the summer, so I have very little to give you the heads-up on at this time. Given that, I am going to introduce this project for better communications with a list of committees/boards, their members, and when they typically meet. Not only do we want to hear from you, but you are welcome to attend any of these meetings (meetings are open to all, with the exception of SPPR meetings that are of a confidential nature). To attend and speak at those you need to get permission of the Pastor or Chair).

You may notice that some individuals seem to be on every committee. This is because of the rules that dictate that chairs or representatives of one committee should know what is going on with other committees. Please feel free to attend and, before too long, we will be looking for people to fill positions to replace people who rotate off these committees/boards. Please prayerfully consider serving in these capacities. Membership is approved at the annual Charge Conference, usually in October of each year. If you are interested in serving on a committee or board, please let Pastor Steve know.

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you!

Sue Shelton, Lay Leader

Administrative Council

Meets the 5th Mondays at 7:00 pm or as needed (No information at this time regarding tentative July 30th meeting)

Members: Pastor Steve Polk, Judy Sadwick, Dwight Kitchens, Tom Burns (chair), Yvonne Bower, Sue Heishman, Mike Booker, Sue Shelton, Michael Moake, Glenda Grant Hess, Linda Alvarez, Cindy Heishman, Pati Gilmore, Debbie Moore

Finance Committee

Meets third Mondays at 7:00 pm in FLC (no information at this time regarding June 18th meeting)

Members: Pastor Steve Polk, Cindy Heishman, Roy Bodemer, Pati Gilmore, Tom Burns, Sue Heishman, Sue Shelton, Mike Booker, Ann Fox, Sandy Stanfield, Michael Moake, Sarah Schiemann, Yvonne Bower, Dwight Kitchens (co-chair), Wayne Wesley (co-chair)

Board of Trustees

Meets the first Monday of each month at 2:00 pm in the church office. Next meeting is scheduled for June 4th - agenda not yet determined.

Members: Dale Gower, Todd Bower, Cory Fredrikson, Diane Eshelman, Judy Sadwick, Leon Rumohr, Will Cochran

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Our Departments, Continued Lay Leader's Letter, Continued

SPPRC (Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations Committee)

Meets second Mondays of the month at 1:00 pm in the FLC, with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 11.

Members: Mike Booker, Sue Shelton, Henry Zona, Joe Moon, Tom Fischer, Dick Shepherd, Jean Wesley, Jeff Acor, Roy Bodemer (chair)

Worship Committee

Meets 4th Monday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25th.

This committee has a chair, Glenda Hess, but no nominated or elected members. Frequent attendees are Debbie Moore, Pat Moon, Sue Shelton, Carol Troupe, and David Hess

United Methodist Women (UMW) Leadership Team

Leadership Team meets last Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the FLC. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25th.

Members: Pati Gilmore, Pat Moon, Maria Thomas, Ruth Zona, Debbie Moore, Phyllis Kitchens

United Methodist Men (UMM)

Michael Moake is president of UMM. They do not have a formal board or leadership committee. Monthly UMM meetings are held the second Saturday at 9:00 am and include breakfast. Meetings may include planning and execution of projects that benefit the church.

ALBOH (A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center) Board

Meets the second Thursday of each month, as needed, at 4:30 pm in the FLC. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 14th.

Members: Lisa Bacon, Pastor Steve Polk, Roy Bodemer, Carol Davis, Dwight Kitchens, Jan Booker, Amy Mercado, Tom Burns, Sue Shelton, Beverly Hines, Sarah Schiemann (chair)

Leadership and Nominations Committee

Meets only as-needed, usually in late summer/early fall

Members: Pastor Steve Polk (chair), Sharon Ruth, Judy Sadwick, Sue Bodemer, Pat Moon, Jan Booker, Betty Fischer, Sue Shelton

Endowment Committee

Meets as-needed

Members: Pastor Steve Polk, Dwight Kitchens, a representative from Trustees, members: class of 2018 - Todd Bower; class of 2019 - Sandy Stanfield, Rita Fredrikson; class of 2020 - Patsy Lennon, Sharon Ruth

Our Departments, Continued

The Administrative Council

No Report

The Board of Trustees

Our next meeting is Monday, June 4th, at 2:00 pm in the church office.

Music Department

No Report

Children's Ministry

We are doing well in Children's Ministry, staying with *The Story* (children's version). I am very pleased when we review and they remember past lessons. They never forget to feed the fish, and I am happy to say that our fish are healthy.

We are working on preparations for Vacation Bible School (VBS), which will be held each Sunday in July from 9:15 to 10:00 am with the same features as last year . . . Song, story, mission moment, memory verse, game and snack as time allows. Thank you to all who have already asked about VBS. **The first meeting will be will be after church on June 10th.** Volunteers are the key to holding a meaningful and fun VBS.

Christmas in July will be held again to collect school supplies, but we won't do as much decorating as last year.

I have enjoyed volunteering over 50 hours for Padgett Elementary School, and was profusely thanked by Mrs. Santiago Guadalupe, affectionately known by preschool students as Mrs. V. The best times were getting my hair done by both the boys and girls. Thankfully crayons do not leave permanent color or I would have rainbow hair!

Debbie Moore, Children's Ministry

A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Child Enrichment Center

Our ALBOH class end-of-year celebration on May 24th was totally wonderful. We had almost 100 people in attendance to see the graduation. So many proud parents and other kin! The children sang five songs with gusto and motion. What a great blessing.

Thank you to ALBOH Chair, **Sarah Schiemann, for the pictures** of the graduates in the May News section (no, she didn't cut off their heads -- we can't show children's faces in the newsletter).

Worship Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 25th, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us!

Our Departments, Continued

Adult Sunday School Classes

All three Adult Sunday School classes meet in the FLC from 9:15 to 10:15 am. **Each class welcomes new members. Please join us!** We will restart *The Story* on September 16th with Chapter 19. During the summer each class will determine its own topics of study.

The **Friendship** Sunday School Class is led by Mike Stafford and meets downstairs in the multipurpose room.

The **Seekers** Sunday School class meets in FLC Classrooms 1 and 2. Sue Heishman is the leader.

The **“Upstairs”** class meets next door to Kidtricity with Michael Moake as the leader.

Other Studies

We have appreciated growing together at Steve and Sue Shelton’s home studying *The Story* with Ken Fuqua leading us.

The study of Acts from a Messianic Jewish perspective is soon coming to a close, and we will go into deeper studies of our roots in Jewish traditions and laws. This group is open to anyone who would like to attend. We meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and end by 11:30. We are informal and make ourselves at home in Debbie Moore’s house. Refreshments are available before and after the class. You can join us at any time for this study that is led by Maria and Rich Thomas.

Debbie Moore

Our Ministries

Mission Moments

No report

United Methodist Men

No report

United Methodist Women



Unit Meeting, May 14th

UMW was so blessed to have Jodi Bennett as our speaker at our May Unit Meeting. She is the director of **One More Child/Anti-trafficking**. She told us the statistics on sex trafficking in Polk County, about their program for helping children and young adults get out of trafficking, and about the facilities they have available for those wanting to get out of it. The ladies then enjoyed a meal and socializing with members of the three circles.

Our Ministries, Continued

United Methodist Women, Continued

Circle Meetings in June

Heart to Heart will meet for lunch on Tuesday, June 5th at 11:30 am at Chili's Grill and Bar on US Highway 98 North. Please let Ruth (863-859-5967) or JoAnn Mickle (863-255-8391) know if you plan to attend.

Ruth Circle of Love will meet for lunch at Olive Garden on US Highway 98 North on Wednesday, June 6th, at 11:00 AM. Please call Pat Moon at (home) 863-858-6883, or (cell) 863-398-9936 or Shirley Lux (home) 863-858-0576 if you plan to attend so we can make arrangements with the restaurant.

Evening Circle will continue meeting the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm this summer at Debbie Moore's home. Meetings start with dinner. Our next meeting is on June 11th; we will discuss chapter 25, The Samaritan Woman, from our book *Women of the Bible* by Frances Vander Velde.

Quilting and Craft Workshops

Dates have been set for quilting and craft workshops during the summer months. If you are a quilter or you would like to help make the lap quilts, or maybe you would like to make other gifts for our shut-ins or members in nursing homes, please put these dates on your calendar. We will meet in the FLC, rooms 1 and 2, at 10:00 am on the following dates: **June 21, July 19th and August 16th**. If you are interested in helping but cannot attend these workshops, please call your circle leader and we will try to make other arrangements. Come and socialize and be part of our summer mission work. (You do not have to be a member of the UMW to participate.)

Prayer Ministry



We are heading toward summer already and are reminded in the Bible in a reflection on how the seasons in our lives affect us: "A time for everything" in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NLT).

There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to rebuild.

A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

A time to search and a time to lose. A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak up.

A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

Our Ministries, Continued

Prayer Ministry, Continued

Throughout the Bible we are reminded of the importance of prayer. This is a special gift from God to us. Our gift back to God is to acknowledge this privilege with dedication to prayer.

The Lord says, "You will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12 (NIV)

Perhaps this is a time to join Prayer Ministry in praying for others. This is a beautiful way to serve our God and others. Please mark the box "Becoming a Prayer Warrior" on the connection card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. You will feel richly blessed by joining LG Prayer Ministry.

Bless His Holy name.

Fran for the Prayer Ministry

Scouting Report

Scouting events are reported on the June Special Monthly Events calendar. Thank you, Tom Burns, our scouting representative, for your report.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH)

No report.

Neighborhood Missions Ministry

There are people in need of assistance, but unfortunately, no volunteers to help. If you would like to discuss this ministry, please call Phyllis Kitchens at 410-790-2662.

Celebrations

[Please let the editor know if there are errors in these lists so we can correct the data base. We print both members' and constituents' celebrations.]



Birthdays in June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
6/1	Tom Burns
6/1	Dick Lammey
6/1	Pat Moon
6/3	Lorraine Grimsby
6/5	Reginald Jenkins
6/7	Shirley Addems
6/7	Pati Gilmore
6/7	Scott Shelton
6/10	Rusty Collins
6/11	Tom Fischer
6/11	Tyler McKnight
6/17	Tammie Clark
6/17	Linda Osborn
6/18	James Miller
6/19	Joshua Byroads
6/19	Dave Meyer
6/21	Megyn Miller
6/24	Meghan Maxon
6/30	Corey Fredrikson



Anniversaries in June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
6/24	Mimi and Dave Meyer
6/26	Betty and Tom Fischer
6/30	Sue and Don Heishman

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