



THE GOOD NEWS

Lake Gibson United Methodist Church

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



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Emile and I have been so overwhelmed with the kindness and love that you all have shown toward us! Thank you, so much. We have enjoyed getting to know you all as we spend time together in worship, on mission, and even in those (often dreaded) committee meetings!

One of the most encouraging aspects of getting to know you all has been seeing your heart for ministry and joining you in your work for the community! The ministry of all Christians is a call to Christ-like service of neighbor and world through the practice of inclusive love that frees, heals, and empowers all as modeled in the ministry of Jesus. All Christians are called to a ministry of service aimed towards glorifying God and healing the world, a calling that is worked out in a myriad of different gifts and ways (1 Cor 12). We seek to serve the world in abundant and selfless love because it is the model that God in and through Jesus Christ set for us (John 13:1-17, 34-35).

The model of servant ministry and leadership is on display throughout the Scriptures. Rather than demanding our lives as oppressed slaves, God served us in creating a world of life and nourishment (Gen 1-2). We created scarcity and lack out of God's abundant love and provision by pursuing our greed and selfishness, and yet God again responded in abundance, provision, and even service by calling a people to model right relationship with God and one another (Exod 16; Deut 31:20). In our failure, God served us by filling the gap to the point of suffering for us (Isa 53; Mark 10:45), and God continues to call us to the same ministry of service and self-sacrifice (Isa 48:17-49:6). As Jesus calls us in Mark: "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:42-45).

And so, all Christians are signed and sealed with the gift of God's inexhaustible grace at their baptism for a ministry of loving service, a ministry empowered by the life of the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13; John 14:15-31; Acts 2). Through such selfless love and service, the Church seeks to continue being used by God "to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread scriptural holiness, thereby changing the world" (*Book of Discipline* ¶121).

So, let us join together with a shared vision and goal of transforming our community by demonstrating the loving service of Jesus and the good news of his saving grace to the people who surround us! I look forward to working side-by-side with you!

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Anthony

July Events As of 6/29/2022

Abbreviations: FLC - Family Life Center; ZVC - Zoom Video Conference, O-Office, S-Sanctuary
(Entries marked with * repeat every week and are only listed on the first occurrence)

Date Day

1	Monday	Boy Scouts* , 7:00 pm, FLC.
2	Tuesday	Book Study* , 10:30 am, off campus; Cub Scouts* , 7:00 pm, FLC
3	Wednesday	A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel* , 9:00 am, S; United Women in Faith (UWF) [formerly UMW] Combined Circle meeting , 10:00 am, FLC ; Hope House 6:30pm-9pm, FLC; Choir Practice* , 6:30 pm, S
4	Thursday	Food Pantry* , 9:30 am - 11:30 pm, office; Zoom Bible Study* 1:00 pm
5	Friday	
6	Saturday	
7	Sunday	Sunday School classes* , 9:15 - 10:15 am, FLC ; Worship Service* and Communion , 10:30 am; Publix bakery goods* in FLC for needy; Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church* , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; New Testament Christian Church* , 1:30 pm, S
8	Monday	
9	Tuesday	
10	Wednesday	Merry Matters craft group, 10:00 am - noon, FLC Classrooms
11	Thursday	
12	Friday	
13	Saturday	UMM Meeting and Breakfast , 9am, FLC
14	Sunday	Harvest Sunday (canned and boxed foods for our food pantry)
15	Monday	
16	Tuesday	
17	Wednesday	
18	Thursday	
19	Friday	
20	Saturday	
21	Sunday	
22	Monday	
23	Tuesday	
24	Wednesday	Merry Matters craft group, 10:00 am-noon, FLC Classrooms
25	Thursday	Newsletter article deadline
26	Friday	
27	Saturday	
28	Sunday	
29	Monday	
30	Tuesday	
31	Wednesday	

EDITOR'S NOTE

I am sure everyone has their own favorite verse (or verses) in the Bible. Mine happens to be Psalms 23 1-6. I often repeat those verses when I get stressed. I'd like to hear from some of the congregation as to their favorite verse and, if person doesn't mind, why it is their favorite.

I would like to include one or two in each newsletter, if I get enough responses.

Thank you.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Come join us on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, for our next meeting of United Women in Faith combined circle meeting. We will meet at 10:00 am in the FLC, rooms 1 and 2. We will be discussing chapter 11, "Breakfast With Jesus" in the book Never Alone by Max Lucado. We will discuss the questions located in the back of the book for chapter 11. Please come with a hunger for Jesus. We will then go to Britt's Cafe for lunch. The Ladies enjoyed it so much last month that they decided they wanted to return again this month. Hope to see you there!

2022 FALL RUMMAGE SALE

HOURS: The fall rummage sale is scheduled for Friday **November 11th** 9am-4pm and Saturday November 12th 9am-3pm. We will be sorting, pricing and arranging items on Wednesday the 9th and Thursday the 10th. The hours for Wednesday and Thursday will be announced at a later date.

DONATIONS: We are heartbroken when it becomes necessary to turn down donations for lack of storage. PLEASE, if at all possible, save your donations until **October 1st**. We will NOT be accepting any **large** furniture or appliances due to the lack of man power and storage. **Gently used** end tables, lamps and small furniture will be accepted.

SHED PROJECT: The United Women in Faith are in the process of negotiating for a storage shed. We have already received a few generous donations toward this project. If you would be interested in contributing you can send it to United Women in Faith (**NOTE: shed project**). Drop it in the collection plate, send it to the office or contact Sarah Schiemann. We have a long way to go so a new storage shed is not in our immediate future but a journey of 1000 miles begins with the first step.

Thank you. God Bless. Have a great summer. See everyone in the fall (God willing).

Lynn Meske

CHILDREN'S HOME NEED LIST

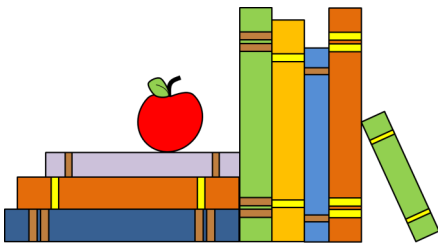
Did You Know? In 2021, the Children's Home served 3,320 children, youth, and young adults through a variety of programs including: foster care, residential care, independent living, and early childhood education? Your donations and support matters!

We currently have the need for: Twin-sized comforters (neutral colors), AAA batteries , and Suitcases (new or gently used) If your church is able to assist, please contact Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy, via email at lynn.bellomy@fumch.org or call 386.668.4774 ext. 2321.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAD GIVE-OUT

We all love our sweets, and that's fine. Please remember the give out is for the entire congregation. Please try to take just one or two containers of the sweets **BEFORE** church service, then **AFTER** the church service, if you want or need more, come back down to check out the selection. That way everyone gets a chance to get something.

Thank you.



Back To School

It is that time of year again. Back to school displays are popping up everywhere. Please help us bless our community schools by donating some school supplies. We would love to be able to gift Padget, Windell Watson, and Lake Gibson Middle School with supplies this year. Listed below are some of the items needed. NO BACKPACKS. Thank you.

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| glue sticks | Box of tissues | wide ruled notebook paper |
| #2 sharpened pencils | wide ruled composition books | Highlighters |
| Pencil sharpener | Ziploc bags (gallon & quart) | Graphing Paper |
| pair of scissors | Hand sanitizer | TI-30Xa Scientific calculator |
| pencil box | Lysol/ Clorox wipes | pack of dividers |
| spiral notebooks | plastic pocket folders w/ prongs | Index Cards |
| big pink erasers & cap erasers | ear buds that is compatible with the iPad (flat prong) | Color Pencils |
| plastic pocket folders w/ prongs | Electric pencil sharpeners for the teachers | black/white composition books |
| boxes of crayons (24 count) | | box of markers |



Prayer Ministry for August, 2022

“I will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.”. Psalm 89:1 (NLT)

O, Lord, let the light of your gospel shine upon all the nations. May those who hear our plea receive it and accept It; we pray. May, you, Lord, be gracious unto your church and may we be obedient to you. Let us give heartfelt thanks, our Lord, for your mercies, our being, health of body and soul, food, clothing, shelter and conveniences of life you have graciously given to us. Have mercy on those less fortunate. May we reach out to those in need.

Place your blessings upon our family, friends and neighbors; Lord, we bless you for your continual watch over us our whole life and for healing the sick and comforting the poor. We humbly ask you to continue your blessings upon us. May we show our thankfulness through our obedience and service to you, Our Savior Jesus Christ.

May others see the Love of Christ in us. Amen.

****A reminder to please fill out a prayer card at Sunday Service. The cards are on the table in the narthex. If you wish your prayer request to be on the overhead screen, give your prayer card to Kristie, in the sound booth prior to beginning of service. If you wish to verbally stand, during prayer and praise time, to request a prayer place your Prayer card in the offering plate after service or hand to the one walking with the microphone taking the requests. This will ensure your requests will be given to prayer ministry so prayers may continue through the week.**

Thank You. All in God’s love and care. Prayer Ministry

UWF Luncheon



Financials – June 2022

From the below figures, you may see on the first chart that contributions this year have been lower than our historical average for the past two months. The second chart reflects that our percentage ahead of our budget projections is consistently dropping. While there is often a variation month-to-month, hopefully this is not a continuing trend.

Yes, inflation is hitting us all, both as individual families and as a congregation. Please, don't realign your budget while forgetting that we each made a pledge to support our church.

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

Data Entry

Current Year **2022**

Current Budget **\$295,275**

Month	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	3-Yr Total	3-Yr \$ Avg Monthly	3-Yr \$ Avg Cumulative	Actual 2022
January	\$32,120	\$19,250	\$41,469	\$92,839	\$30,946	\$30,946	\$45,644
February	\$23,134	\$26,344	\$26,633	\$76,111	\$25,370	\$56,317	\$26,373
March	\$34,381	\$31,430	\$23,181	\$88,992	\$29,664	\$85,981	\$39,981
April	\$29,060	\$48,131	\$24,073	\$101,264	\$33,755	\$119,735	\$23,275
May	\$22,029	\$25,816	\$26,093	\$73,938	\$24,646	\$144,381	\$18,433
June	\$27,031	\$25,894	\$15,866	\$68,791	\$22,930	\$167,312	\$18,293
July	\$23,569	\$0	\$23,104	\$46,673	\$15,558	\$182,869	
August	\$21,790	\$22,494	\$20,877	\$65,161	\$21,720	\$204,590	
September	\$22,385	\$25,185	\$21,208	\$68,778	\$22,926	\$227,516	
October	\$0	\$20,998	\$20,238	\$41,236	\$13,745	\$241,261	
November	\$28,024	\$25,284	\$18,325	\$71,633	\$23,878	\$265,139	
December	\$52,968	\$26,088	\$25,183	\$104,239	\$34,746	\$299,885	
Total	\$316,491	\$296,914	\$286,250	\$899,655	\$299,885	\$299,885	\$171,999

Monthly Budget Monitoring Based on CGP Goals

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Month	% Needed Monthly	\$ Needed Monthly	Received Monthly	% Needed Cumulative	\$ Needed Cumulative	Received Cumulative	Status Ahead or (Behind)	% Ahead or (Behind)
January	10.32%	\$30,471	\$45,644	10.32%	\$30,471	\$45,644	\$15,173	49.80%
February	8.46%	\$24,980	\$26,373	18.78%	\$55,451	\$72,017	\$16,566	29.88%
March	9.89%	\$29,208	\$39,981	28.67%	\$84,659	\$111,998	\$27,339	32.29%
April	11.26%	\$33,236	\$23,275	39.93%	\$117,895	\$135,273	\$17,378	14.74%
May	8.22%	\$24,267	\$18,433	48.15%	\$142,162	\$153,706	\$11,544	8.12%
June	7.65%	\$22,578	\$18,293	55.79%	\$164,740	\$171,999	\$7,259	4.41%
July	5.19%	\$15,319	\$0	60.98%	\$180,058	\$171,999	(\$8,059)	
August	7.24%	\$21,386	\$0	68.22%	\$201,445	\$171,999	(\$29,446)	
September	7.64%	\$22,574	\$0	75.87%	\$224,018	\$171,999	(\$52,019)	
October	4.58%	\$13,534	\$0	80.45%	\$237,552	\$171,999	(\$65,553)	
November	7.96%	\$23,511	\$0	88.41%	\$261,063	\$171,999	(\$89,064)	
December	11.59%	\$34,212	\$0	100.00%	\$295,275	\$171,999	(\$123,276)	
Totals		\$295,275						

Report on the 2022 Florida Annual Conference

This year's Florida Annual Conference was held at Florida Southern College, June 9-11. As your Lay Delegate, I attended the Laity sessions and Pastor Steve Polk attended the Clergy sessions.

The theme for the Annual Conference was "Rebuilding the Church; Re-Membering the Body". Most of the Laity activity on Thursday consisted of reports. Bishop Carter's organizational plan was presented for our conference which is made up of 4 pathways; Congregational Vitality, Clergy Care, The Continuing United Methodist Church and Anti-Racism. The Florida Conference's Co-Lay Leaders presented their vision for leadership among the Laity. This plan consisted of; Purpose, Presence, Partnership and Passion for Kingdom Work.

The first Resolution was presented for a vote. This resolution was presented as a response and condemnation to the mass shooting in Uvalde, TX. This resolution was passed.

There was also a vote taken to change the General Rules, allowing for our Conference to be led by 2 Co-Lay Leaders. This change was approved.

Friday's session consisted primarily of the following various Committee reports; Commission on Equitable Compensation, CF&A Budget Presentation, Report of the Dean of the Cabinet, Conference Committee on Leadership, Connectional Ministries, Leadership Academy Recognitions and an update from the Anti-Racism Task Force. These reports were then followed mid-morning by a Service of Remembrance for those Clergy and Spouses that passed away during this past year. They also recognized those that have passed away over the previous two years that had been remembered "virtually" at the previous meetings of the Florida Annual Conference due to COVID.

The Friday afternoon session began with a celebration of those churches celebrating significant anniversaries, 4 churches celebrating 200 years, 3 churches celebrating 150 years, 2 churches celebrating 125 years, 7 churches celebrating 100 years. The remainder of the afternoon consisted of more reports from; Florida United Methodist Foundation, Credit Union Scholarships, Update on the future of the United Methodist Church, Local Church Vitality & Sustainability, Clergy Care.

Two significant reports included 13 churches approved for Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church under paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline. The second significant report was regarding the presentation of Provisional Candidates for approval. There were 16 candidates being presented for approval. The clergy took two votes for the approval of these candidates. Both votes failed to meet the 75% standard for approval. Therefore, for the first time in the history of the Florida Annual Conference there were no candidates approved.

There was a special vote to change the circumstances allowing the Bishop to call a "virtual Annual Conference". The current rule only allowed the Bishop to call a "Virtual Annual Conference" due to some "Act of God" or Pandemic. This change allows the Bishop, with the approval of a majority of the cabinet, to call a "Virtual Annual Conference" for pragmatic reasons. This rule change was approved.

Saturday morning consisted of more reports. The Trustee Committee reported on church closures and the sale of church property of these closures accounting for \$3.2 million. This committee also reported that an agreement regarding the Boy Scouts of America had been reached setting any liability of the Florida Annual Conference to \$1.9 million.

The day ended in a Service of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Stafford – Lay Delegate to the Florida Annual Conference

A Resolution was presented regarding "Equitable Compensation". This resolution is intended to raise awareness of the discrepancies which exist regarding clergy compensation of white-male clergy compared to African-American and Hispanic clergy.

HELP WANTED!! WE NEED YOU!!

Service Opportunities



We need people blessed by God with musical talent to step forward. If you play any musical instrument or sing, consider joining the regular choir or the praise team. YOU ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED.



Robin Clarke would like people to join together and start a chime choir. Please contact Glenda Hess or Robin Clarke to share the talents God has given us.



Pastor Anthony is in need of a Communion Steward to coordinate volunteers to assist during the church service, possibly gathering elements for the Communion.



Volunteers needed to man a coffee and donut table at ALBOH on Weds. Starting Aug 3rd. Hours would be 6:30 am to 9 am. Volunteers would not have to do the whole-time frame. If you can only help for an hour, please volunteer – let's send those parents out of our parking lot wide awake. Thank you.



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.

The purpose of the 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 make disciples of Jesus Christ. All members and constituents are encouraged to write articles and share their thoughts and photos with the congregation.

Barb Allen-Coil, Editor

Disagreements within the United Methodist Church (UMC)

You may have heard that there have been disagreements on multiple issues within the UMC for a number of General Conferences. If you have not heard, a group of churches have started to leave the UMC umbrella under a newly formed denomination called the Global Methodist Church (GMC). Listed below are a number of videos attempting to clarify some of the reasons why the GMC chose to establish a new denomination outside of the UMC.

While you might not agree with everything mentioned within these videos, it is important that you become more informed about this discussion. Whether individually or congregationally, this discussion will likely have an impact upon LGUMC sometime in the future.

1. The United Methodist Church is Divided and Dividing

<https://youtu.be/5g48onYSqg0>

2. Our Differences Regarding the Bible

<https://youtu.be/P35XdF873NQ>

3. Our Differences Regarding Jesus

<https://youtu.be/fNpmGxE8D88>

4. Our Differences Regarding Sexuality

<https://youtu.be/FjOd-fOgAJI>

5. Why It's Time for Traditionalists to Leave

<https://youtu.be/fw5Y4fMRJtQ>

6. Where Should We Go?

<https://youtu.be/wzAVdE9wqY0>

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Hope House Happenings



“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters you do to me” is Matthew 25:40. July 20 Geraldine (Geri) Mayo wrote on Facebook, A total of 10 guests enjoyed a hot dinner of breaded chicken, yellow rice with gravy, beans, tortillas with shredded cheese and salsa..... The devotion was Not Forsaken: Finding Freedom as Sons and Daughters of a Perfect Father. Choosing to extend forgiveness. Our own Pastor Anthony and myself gave out clothes, toiletries, batteries, insect repellent and other necessities. Pastor even washed dishes. He’s always there working until all is done. And she concludes, It was a wonderful evening. God is so good. Thanks to you for providing donations, gifts and money to making this possible. Hope House Mobile volunteers are providing food at Hunt Fountain Park on Duff Rd. Mondays thru Friday and Wednesdays evenings and Saturday mornings in the FLC which gives provides the opportunity for showers and recently haircuts by a volunteer barber.



Birthdays in August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
8/1	George Band
8/8	Dan Johnson
8/10	Rosita Stafford
8/12	Danny Hughes
8/16	Wealthy Brown
8/18	Mike Stafford
8/20	Joyce Webb
8/28	Sandy Stanfield
8/31	Carol Campbell
8/31	Lou Webb



Anniversaries in August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
8/2	Dick & Debbie McPherson
8/5	Jeff & Karen Acor
8/8	Ken & Bonnie Fuqua
8/15	Bob & Martina Willome
8/21	John & Ann Bernat
8/21	Mike & Rosita Stafford
8/23	Jim & Dottie Huven
8/27	Mike & Jan Booker