

THE GOOD NEWS

Lake Gibson United Methodist Church

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



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

God invites us to step into His vision, and Jesus leads us out into the world to love and proclaim the good news of God's life and grace! God fills us with His Spirit and equips us for the work of ministry in service to others (Ephesians 4:12).

One way to serve God's Kingdom is by supporting the many ministries of our local church! Your service and financial support make possible so many different forms of Gospel and Kingdom work in the lives of the people of our community. From our food pantry, to sharing our space and utilities with Hope House and other congregations, to our A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center – Let us respond to God's grace and power in transforming our lives by returning to God a portion of the amazing blessings that God has poured out on us. Your faithful giving and support fuels our church's mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus' love and God's new creation to those who surround us.

Lake Gibson UMC's many ministries of love and service are supported by the different designated funds that your gifts and offerings can be directed towards! For example, our Jerusalem Fund supports the immediate needs and struggles of families right here around us in Lakeland. In the short time I've been here, we've been able to use the Jerusalem fund to assist families in paying their utility bills when Covid-19 left a dent in their income, to house a couple traveling long distance for cancer treatment, and to provide school uniforms and new shoes for a woman's child who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford the same clothes as his classmates.

Our Upper Room Christian Education fund enables our church to provide our shut-ins and others with Christian reading and discipleship. The opportunity to deliver copies of the Upper Room curriculum and spend some time visiting with our members who cannot fellowship with us regularly is a grace and joy-filled time!

Our Hope House designated fund equips our ministry to the homeless with food, clothing, first aid necessities, and toiletries so that we can provide food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, clothes for the naked, and healing for the injured. By supporting our Hope House ministry and loving and serving our struggling brothers and sisters, we minister directly to Jesus, our Savior (Matthew 25:31–46).

If your heart and passion is for any of these specific ministries, know that you can support us and join us in this work by giving directly to these designated funds! If you'd like to learn more about the designated ministry funds that you can support beyond these examples, or if you'd like to explore ways you can engage in the mission of our church with your gifts, talents, and time, please come by the church office! Let's explore ways to serve and extend God's Kingdom together!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Anthony

September Events As of 8/29/2022

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)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	
1	Thursday	Food Pantry*, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, office; Zoom Bible Study* 1:00 pm
2	Friday	
3	Saturday	Hope House Mobile* 9:30 am-1:00 pm, FLC;
4	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
5	Monday	Boy Scouts*, 7:00 pm, FLC
6	Tuesday	Book Study*, 10:30 am, off campus; Cub Scouts*, 7:00 pm, FLC
7	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 Mobile 6:30pm-8:30pm, FLC; Choir Practice*, 6:30 pm, S
8 9	Thursday Friday	ALBOH Board Meeting, 2:00pm, FLC
10	Saturday	UMM Meeting and Breakfast, 9am, FLC;
11	Sunday	Harvest Sunday (canned and boxed foods for our food pantry)
12 13	Monday Tuesday	
14	Wednesday	Merry Matters craft group, 10:00 am - noon, FLC Classrooms
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The September newsletter will be short this month. We are missing submissions from several groups. Hopefully, these groups will submit articles for the next newsletter in October. We do realize that people are busy with other activities but church members do want to be informed on progress of these groups. Thank you.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Attention Ladies! Our next circle meeting will be September 7, 2022, in the FLC rooms 1&2, at 10:00 AM. We will be studying chapter 12, *Believe Just Believe* and finishing our study of the book, You Are Never Alone by Max Lucado. It has been a very worthwhile study and now we know that we are never alone and God is always with us. We are gathering samples of books for our next study, so if you have a suggestion or a sample of a good study, please bring it to this meeting to share. We will be doing other activities in the months of October, November and December(to be announced). We hope with people returning, things getting back in more of a routine, and the leadership of a new minister we will have a good group and can enjoy studying and visiting together!

Help us reach our goal to get a new additional shed for a work space and storage for our rummage sales. Remember all money raised at these sales are for charity and cannot be used for the shed. We have a lot of friends donating for our good cause and we do not have a room for their donations.

Our Rummage Chairperson will be here in September and would love to have this new building The cost is expected to be around \$6000 and we have over \$4000. Every small donation will help.

Give to the church and make a notation that it is for the Women's shed or see Sarah Schiemann at church. Thank you for your help.

Prayer Ministry-September 2022

"I can never escape your spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

If I go up to heaven, you are there; If I go down to the place of the dead, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me." Psalm 139:7-10 (NLT 1996)



Oh, everlasting God, under the watch of your spirit, we admit we need more holiness, we need to be more compassionate and loving to others and as we neglect you in prayer thinking we have prayed enough, the more we need to pray.

Oh, God, the Bread of Life, breathe in us the spirit of your Holy Spirit so we may become more as you have planned for us to become. Until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son, will we measure up to the full statue of Christ's spirit.

Oh, God, give us a spirit of grace so we may be worthy of your calling. Amen.

We give thanks for our prayer warriors (55). LG prayer ministry had more than 50 prayer requests in the month of August and on the Prayer Journal we had 76 long term prayers needs, 8 troops serving our country, 8 in facilities other that their own homes and 4 bereavements.

Oh, God give us your spirit to be people of prayer. Fran



ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

Robin Clarke would like people to join together and start a chime choir.

No experience needed. Please contact Glenda Hess or Robin Clarke (914) 318-7713 to share the talents God has given us.

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- 1. Florida Conference United Women in Faith: flconfuwf.org (note: new site!)
- 2. United Women in Faith: <u>United Women in Faith | Love in Action</u>
- 3. Mission Resource Center: UMW: eCommerce Website
- 4. Gulf Central United Women in Faith on Facebook: https:// http://www.facebook.com/Gcdflumw/ Our address is the same as before but the name is now changed!
 - 5. Florida Mission u on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/ 240771031219718

The 2022 Calendar

Sep 9-11, Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Warren Willis

Sep 24, District Mission Study, FUMC Lakeland

Oct 15, District Annual Celebration, St. Andrew's UMC, Brandon

Nov. 19 - Conference Annual Meeting, FUMC Lakeland National and State United Women

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Favorite Bible Verses

Luke 22:42 (NIV) "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours be done."

Psalm 141:3 (NIV) "Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."

Isiah 40:31 (NIV) but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Psalm 40:8 (NIV) "I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV) "38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor de mons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV) "let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV) ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The pantry volunteers thank everyone for their donations. We could not stay open without your help.

We need jelly (best price I have seen is at Dollar Tree) pasta, soup, and canned beans (canned beans and soup cheapest at Aldi)

HOPE HOUSE MOBILE

August 1st, Laura Webb wrote:

Serving at Hunt Fountain Park today. BBQ Chicken Wings, Potato Salad, Mac Salad, Baked Beans, pudding, Homemade cookies (Thanks Myrna D Tabbert) Soda and water. To go bags consist of, Sandwiches, granola bar, Chex mix, crackers and cookies. #fuelcares4u

August 3rd, Geri Mayo wrote: A wonderful evening at Lake Gibson United Methodist Church. A total of 9 guests enjoyed a ham dinner and fellowship. Dick McPherson gave out clothes, bug repellent, batteries, rain ponchos, toiletries and clothes.

We are in need of men's clothes: large & XL t-shirts, medium (34) shorts, socks and funds for new underwear.

The devotion was from the bible.com plan: Practicing Gratitude. Gratitude is a spiritual practice of seeing and celebrating the good in the world around you. This is easier said than done.

*What is good in the world around you right now? *During your day, make it a point to notice one thing that's good. *Before you go to bed tonight, think back on your day. What was good today that you can thank God for? Make a list.

On August 17th, Geri Mayo wrote:

A terrific Wednesday night at Lake Gibson United Methodist Church. A total of 10 guests enjoyed a turkey dinner. Dick McPherson gave out clothes, toiletries, batteries and other necessities.

Every guest received a to-go dinner and a take out bag with a PB&J or ham & cheese sandwich.

I provided the devotion from the bible.com plan: Practicing Gratitude, Day 3. Saying thank you...

"The writer of the letter to the Philippians modeled practicing gratitude for other people. "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you" (Philippians 1:3–4).

On August 20th, Geri Mayo wrote,

Hope House Mobile was at Lake Gibson United Methodist Church on Saturday.

Eight (8) folks came for cold breakfast.

A total of 9 guests enjoyed lunch of BBQ chicken, french fries, baked beans, mac salad, and fresh watermelon. Coffee, OJ, soda and bottled water was available to quenched their thirst. Ice cream was the dessert.

The devotion was from the bible.com plan: Practicing Gratitude, Day 4.

"You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe. You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright." Psalm 16:5-6 (Contemporary English Version)







TUESDAY BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

Improve your mind and spiritual knowledge each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.. Join in a Bible/book study at Debbie Moore's house at 400 Vineyard Drive. Led by the very active Glenda Hess, the meeting is going to be starting a new book entitled "Another Gospel" by Alisa Childers. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

MERRY MATTERS MINTUTES

Merry Matters met on Aug 24th with 8 busy people in attendance. While sharing laughs, experiences, and knowledge bags were folded, cut, and made into plarn (plastic yarn). Currently, we have 5 more mats almost completed for transport to Talbot House.. Harriet will check on delivery time. So come join us every second and fourth Wed, of the month and enjoy meeting people from other churches who have graciously given their time to help the homeless.

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.

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Birthdays in September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>
9/2	Michael Booker
9/6	Charles Alarez
9/6	Ken Fuqua
9/7	Joe Brady
9/10	Joyce Scott
9/13	Diane Eshelman
9/13	George Gribble
9/13	Lois Teske
9/14	Sue Heishman
9/16	Gregg Hall
9/16	Helen Vandervort
9/18	Rick McLellan
9/18	Shirley Patterson
9/24	Ethel Somers



Anniversaries in September

<u>Date</u>		<u>Names</u>	
	9/7	Rick & Debbie McLellan	
	9/16	Tom & Dorothy Burns	
	9/16	Steve & Penny Polk	
	9/21	William & Olga	