



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

February 2013

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From the Pastor's Desk

The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread. ~Mother Teresa

Ladies – do you still get a thrill when you receive that Hallmark card addressed to “The One I Love” or whatever sweet nickname you and your spouse share? Gentlemen do you still get goose bumps as you watch her open that card and see the corners of her mouth begin to upturn into a smile? As your eyes meet do you both still feel the fire burning inside and thank God He brought you together? We all strive to be accepted by the people we come into contact with. Most of us want to be loved by the special people in our lives and we want to love those special people in return. This month we focus on love with the celebration of Valentine’s Day. Gentleman you have been given a heads up here – go get the card, reserve the day and make dinner reservation now. While this day is a joy for many; others who have lost their loved ones, are far from them at this time or have been rejected by the one they love are saddened. Yet all of us are loved by God.

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

If you feel elated by reading a card from those you love here on earth how much more joy should we feel from knowing how much our Heavenly Father loves us. Some 2000 years ago He sent his son Jesus to show us His love and to redeem us from the ravages of sin. Whether alone or with our special other this year we can have joy that God love each and every one of us enough to die for us.

Psalm 63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So this month let us join together in praising our Lord and Savior and love others as Jesus loved us. Happy Valentine’s Day.

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Senior Pastor

*50 Years Serving God
In North Lakeland*

Welcoming Everyone to
Worship and Serve God

You Are Invited

To Lake Gibson
United Methodist Church's

1963 50 Years 2013
Homecoming Jubilee
Celebration

Saturday
March 9th

Sunday
March 10th

COME
CELEBRATE
REMEMBER
SHARE
BE RENEWED

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00 a.m. in Family Life Center

Check-In and Registration for Jubilee

— *Fellowship Time* —

Getting Acquainted and Re-Acquainted

Children's Activities

10:00 a.m.

Jubilee Golf Tournament
At Lakeland YMCA Par 3 Course
REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Bowling ~ ~ Bowling ~ ~ Bowling
At Lakeland Orange Bowl Lanes
REGISTRATION NECESSARY

5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men's BBQ Cookout Dinner

REGISTRATION NECESSARY

6:30 p.m.

FILLING THE SANCTUARY WITH 50 YEARS OF MUSIC

Joining Together

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

To Praise God

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School — Learning from His Word

9:45 a.m. — Fellowshiping Together As His Family — Family Life Center

10:00 a.m. — Joyfully Gathering Together in the Sanctuary

In Jubilee Worship

12:00 noon — Potluck Style Luncheon in the Family Life Center
REGISTRATION NECESSARY

No Good-bye's — Just 'Until We Meet Again'
Celebrating what God has done and what He will do in our lives.
God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again — At Jesus' Feet

The 12th Annual FLC Love Boat Cruise



When: Sunday, February 10th 5:00 pm

Where: The Love Boat has come to port here in our own FLC.

Menu

Your choice of: Perfectly flame kissed steak Juicy grilled Chicken Breast, seasoned just right Or fall –off-the bone Ribs.

All entrees are served with vegetables and salad... and don't forget about that heavenly Strawberry Shortcake or Chocolate Lava cake and Ice cream.

Cost : \$25.00 per couple or \$13.00 for the single folks

Now Taking Reservations

Stop by the table on Sunday morning to make your reservation or call the church office-858-5431. Be sure to specify you choice of meat.



Rooted Student Ministries, Lake Gibson United Methodist Church

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Lee Mueller, Director

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February

2-Sat, super sub prep, 10am-noonish
 3-Sun, super subs, 7:45am-noon
 3-Sun, super bowl party, 6pm-? Lee's house, guys=drinks, girls=snacks
 6-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 7-Thur, vball, 7-9pm
 9-Sat, Love boat prep, 9:30am-3pm ish
 10-Sun, Love Boat, 1-10pm ish
 13-Wed, potluck & Ash Wednesday Service, 6-8:15pm
 14-Thur, vball, 7-9pm HAPPY VALENTINES!
 17-Sun, leadership, 6-8:30pm
 18-Mon, Disc golf, 8:30am-5pm ish
 20-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 21-Thur, vball, 7-9pm
 24-Sun, youth, 6-8:30pm
 27-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm

March

3-Sun, leadership, 6-8:30pm
 6-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 7-Thur, vball, 7-9pm
 8-10-Fri-Sun, HOMECOMING, TBA
 10-Sun, youth??? 6-8:30pm
 13-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 14-Thur, vball, 7-9pm
 17-Sun, leadership, 6-8:30pm
 20-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 21-Thur, vball, 7-9pm
SPRING BREAK 24-30
 24-Sun, movie night, 6-8:30pm
 25-Mon, disc golf, 8:30am-5pm ish
 26-Tue, play day, 1-6pm, guys=snacks, girls=drinks
 27-Wed, Malibu, 2:30-11:30pm \$-TBA
 28-Thur, SAK???? TBA, NO VBALL
 29-Fri, Service @ NPC, 6:15pm
 30-Sat, Sonrise practice, 10am-noon
 31-Sun, EASTER SONRISE @ 7am, be here 5:45AM, breakfast, church @ 10

From your Board of Trustees:

End of year shows trustees on a good note.

AC Unit update:

The electric bill for the year of 2012 for the Family Life Center was \$8,781.94. Replacing 28 year old AC units would save us at **least** 30% which would be \$2,634.58

At this time there is about \$2,500.00, in the AC fund. Keep up the good work.

Now some good news, after receiving questions from the Pre School concerning the cost of garbage pickup, and a review of the contract, we had a meeting with Republic Services. Following is the results of that meeting:

We now have a new three year contract without the automatic renewal clause. Our combined cost in September 2012 for two, 4 yard containers was \$319.84 plus adjustable fuel fee. The new contract will be for one - 8 yard container at a monthly cost of \$178.00 plus adjustable fuel fee. This amounts to a combined savings of \$141.84 a month.

The monthly cost of \$178.00 will be split evenly between the Church and the Pre School. Good job to all.

All persons that have Church Keys, PLEASE stop by the church office and update the paperwork.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2013

Meeting Opening-Chair, Carol Davis, opened our meeting at 10am, Pastor Steve offered a prayer. Phil Maynard, New Realities speaker, was introduced.

New Realities is an 11 month intense process of growth and change toward a Healthy Church-reflecting on how we do life together as a church. Phil defines a healthy church--based off the 5 Missional Vital Signs--as being Jesus in the community, sharing Jesus and reaching the community. What are the growth areas that Lake Gibson needs to focus on (first month)? Each month Pastor Steve and several key people will attend a network meeting lead by Phil, and then bring it back to the church for training and coaching by an outside person, possibly Jeff Steggins.

Then we dive into the Methodist Way--spending a month each on Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Discipleship, Extravagant Generosity, Salty Service. The last 5 months would shift from discipleship to leadership.

New Realities has been used for the past 3 years in about 20 churches. 2 of 4 Missional Vital Signs have improved in 75% of the churches participating.

We would have 3 different groups working on New Realities. Our Leadership Network would consist of Pastor Steve and several lay leaders, meeting once a month with an outside trainer. The Congregational Leadership would consist of some church elected leaders and other leaders from the congregation. The Congregational Support would consist of the whole congregation.

Eric Hines moved to start New Realities, George Band 2nd. Discussion: We have tried other things, the cost is minimal, the opportunity has potential and is hard to pass up, Steve knows that it will be an additional 9 1/2 hours of meetings plus the time to put plans into actions. Steve is stretched but he feels this is a worthwhile pursuit. Carol Davis would like the congregation to have an opportunity to 'buy into' this. Mike Stafford stated that this is less of a program, and more of a subtle change in mindset and actions, gradually working through the congregation. This is a vision for where we want the church to go. We unanimously voted to stop the discussion. The Motion PASSED with no opposition.

Finance- the finance committee voted to use the remaining non categorized money (about \$10,000) from 2012 to help pay the property insurance for 2012.

Carol would like all committee meeting minutes be sent to her email: wdavis101@tampabay.rr.com (not SPPR minutes).

We discussed which leaders and church reps were on the Church Council. The Book of Discipline list's certain people, and allows others to be added. We have not been specific with who the others should be. A motion was made by Tom Burns and 2nd by Eric Hines to include the following people/positions to the Church Council: Missions, Christian Education, Worship chairs and Children's Ministries; and others will be evaluated and voted on next meeting. Discussion: we need to be careful not to make the council sooo large as to be dysfunctional. We voted with no objection to close the discussion. Motion was APPROVED with no objection.

Pastor Steve moved to adjourn, Eric Hines 2nd, adjourned at 12:10pm

Next Church Council meeting will be called.

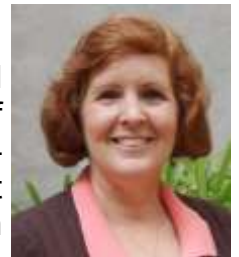
Respectfully, Lee Mueller

Contact Don or Sue Heishman for registration and information about the
Spring Spiritual Enrichment Weekend
at The United Methodist Life Enrichment Center.



John Riley is a challenging, inspirational speaker with the unique God-given ability to communicate great truths in a simple, understandable manner. John has spoken to more than 9,500 audiences in 15 countries and throughout America for over twenty years, uplifting and encouraging his listeners to do and be all that is possible through God for His Glory. He has been a regular speaker at Leesburg since 1979.

Shirley Groom has a B.A. in Music Performance from Eckerd College and received her M.Div. from Asbury in Orlando, FL. Shirley is serving as Pastor of First UMC of Fort Pierce and says she is a “sold-out” disciple for and of Jesus Christ and truly desires for all people to experience this awesome, mighty, gracious, and loving God that I serve. She has been in ministry for 25 years as an educator, music director, youth pastor and now as the pastor



Bible Study Leaders



Rev. David McEntire

David began serving churches in the Florida United Methodist Conference in 1981 serving churches at Plantation, Oklawaha, Ft. Pierce before coming to First United Methodist Lakeland as Senior Pastor from the United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, where he had served for 13 years. .

Rev David Brazelton

served as Associate Council Director for the Florida Conference in Evangelism and Church Development, as Head of Evangelism at the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville and as District Superintendent in Tampa. He believes in the Local Congregation. He says, “It is where the rubber meets the road in Christianity.”



Music Leader



Lenee and her husband Bob traveled across the United States and the United Kingdom for 25 years in full-time Christian concert ministry and were always favorites at the Leesburg Retreats. Today Lenee continues in full time Christian Ministry with music concerts, and leading retreats around the United States. She is an accomplished keyboard musician, Song Leader and Singer and continues to be a favorite at the Leesburg retreats.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE
www.lakegibsonumc.com

2/1 Gene and JoAnne Wileman
 2/11 Henry and Ruth Zona
 2/11 Bud and Carol Davis



2/20 Fred and Tammy Fleming
 2/27 Creon and Rita Fredrikson
 2/27 Joseph and Claudia Moore



Birthdays

2/1 Rosanne Stafford
 2/3 Betty Bruno
 2/3 Carol Troup
 2/3 Timothy Watson
 2/4 Sandi Harwell

2/5 Emma Crosswell
 2/6 Edward Chambers
 2/6 Yvonne Bower
 2/9 Ed Arnett
 2/10 Betty Jennings
 2/14 Mary Piraino
 2/15 Logan Oliva
 2/16 Trevor Watson
 2/16 Wayne Wesley
 2/16 D.K. Harwell

2/17 Bill Anderson
 2/18 Tom Herzog
 2/19 Marjorie Mann
 2/20 Bonnie Waugaman
 2/21 Courtney Wilkinson
 2/22 Bill Webb
 2/23 Rita Fredrikson
 2/26 Linda Imel



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