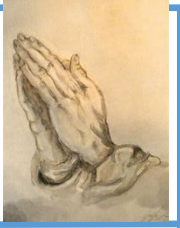




# THE GOOD NEWS

## Lake Gibson Methodist Church

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



Greetings In Christ!

As we say goodbye to 2023 and prepare to welcome in 2024 we often find ourselves looking back, reviewing things we could have done differently, better, should have done or shouldn't have done at all.

Here at Lake Gibson Methodist Church, we have that same opportunity. However, I would like to suggest that we look back and ahead through the lens of the Holy Spirit covered in prayer. We need to give thanks for the new beginning we have been given in 2024.

Let us pray for wisdom. In James 1, we are told to pray to God for wisdom and to do so with unwavering faith. In Proverbs 4, we are told that with that wisdom will come understanding. Let us pray without ceasing as we enter 2024 so we can advance the Kingdom of God through wisdom and understanding.

Let us invite God to use us to do every new thing He desires. Isaiah 43 tells us that "He will make roads in the forest and rivers in the desert." All things are possible through Him if we have the ears to hear and the eye to see.

There will be changes in 2024. We will be getting a new Pastor. There will be some of you moving into leadership roles, some for the first time. There will also be the restoration of some of those comforting traditions that many of you have missed. Whatever comes in 2024, let us be in prayer about it. Let us make sure that it is the glorification of God that we are praying for and not our comfort.

Your Servant In Christ!

Mike Stafford

## Mission Effectiveness

Previously, our Book of Discipline outlined the number of boards and committees we were expected to establish each year. This required your leadership to participate in at least two if not more scheduled meetings each month. Meetings are not ministry! Let's focus on ministry while making meetings fewer in number but larger in meaning.

Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford suggested a solution in the book MISSION:POSSIBLE, a simple structure for Missional Effectiveness. Their book is aimed at congregational leaders, particularly Methodists. The authors provide practical, field-tested steps to simplify our church structure and unleash more people into ministry. Too often churches try to simplify their structures by just having fewer people at the meeting table. But real simplification and accountable leadership means that meetings – and leaders – are transformed.

Your current church board is considering whether this will be helpful as we transform to a new denomination. If you desire to know more, you can find both slightly used and new copies from the following sources:

New:

<https://www.amazon.com/Mission-Possible-Structure-Missional-Effectiveness/dp/1732309272>

Used:

Thriftbooks.com

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Are we coordinated?

Are we about to discuss our clothing choices? No, another subject entirely. We're constantly attempting to insure that you have ready access to what is happening in the church. There are five primary means through which we do this:

Our monthly copy of "The Good News" found in hard copy within the Narthex

Our monthly electronic copy of "The Good News" currently found at <https://lakegibsonumc.com/our-newsletters/newsletters-2020>

Our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Gibson-United-Methodist-Church-112532595517106/>

Our electronic calendar found at <https://lakegibsonumc.com/our-calendar/>

Which is most up-to-date? Well, as most printed materials are old once they leave the printer, **the most up-to-date version should be found within the church's electronic calendar.** This copy is visible on computers, tablets, and smartphones. By default, we show the calendar in a monthly format, although you can change it to either a Week or Agenda view. The Week view permits you to see the event and the block of time it occupies. **Additionally, if you click an event, it should give you additional details on that event.** The first example is in the Month view which reflects details on the 28 March's FUMCH "Open House" in Enterprise, FL. The second example reflects a chronological list of events within the calendar. On the right-hand side of the Agenda view you can scroll down through the entire year. Again, merely by clicking on the event, you may see additional details (if they are known).

Dwight Kitchens

## January calendar as of 12/31/2023

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	<b>Trustees</b> , 2pm, FLC
2	Tuesday	<a href="#"><u>Staff Meeting*</u></a> , 11am, O; <a href="#"><u>Youth Group*</u></a> , 6:30-8pm; <a href="#"><u>FLC Upstairs</u></a>
3	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <b>Women in Missions</b> , 10am, FL, <b>Choir Practice*</b> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <b>Hope House*</b> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
4	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
5	Friday	
6	Saturday	<a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 9am-1pm, <a href="#"><u>FLC</u></a>
7	Sunday	<b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service* and Communion</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
8	Monday	<b>Finance Meeting</b> , 1pm, FLC
9	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; <a href="#"><u>FLC Upstairs</u></a>
10	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <a href="#"><u>Merry Matters craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Choir Practice*</u></a> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 6:30pm-9pm, <a href="#"><u>FLC</u></a>
11	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC; <b>ALBOH Board Meeting</b> , 2pm, FLC
12	Friday	
13	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC; <b>SPPR Meeting</b> , 10am, FLC
14	Sunday	<b>Harvest Sunday</b> (canned and boxed foods for our food pantry) <b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service* and Communion</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
15	Monday	<b>MLK JR Day, OFFICE CLOSED</b> ; <b>Admin Council Meeting</b> , 1pm, FLC
16	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; <a href="#"><u>FLC Upstairs</u></a>
17	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <a href="#"><u>Merry Matters craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Choir Practice*</u></a> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
18	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
19	Friday	
20	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
21	Sunday	<b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service* and Communion</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
22	Monday	<b>Women in Missions Leadership</b> , 11am, FLC
23	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; <a href="#"><u>FLC Upstairs</u></a>
24	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <a href="#"><u>Merry Matters craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Choir Practice*</u></a> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
25	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
26	Friday	
27	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
28	Sunday	<b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service* and Communion</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
29	Monday	
30	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; <a href="#"><u>FLC Upstairs</u></a>
31	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <a href="#"><u>Merry Matters craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Choir Practice*</u></a> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Ann Johnson is asking for the following items for the food pantry (open every Thursday):

**Pasta, Rice-a-roni**

**Jelly and peanut butter**

**Spaghetti Sauce**

Thank you for your giving natures to help others.

### GMC Store now open

For those interested in customized items with the GMC logo, the Global Methodist Church just opened their own store. Read all about it:

[The GMC Store Opens Today - Making Disciples of Jesus | The Global Methodist Church](https://globalmethodist.org/the-gmc-store-opens-today/) (<https://globalmethodist.org/the-gmc-store-opens-today/> )

I've already ordered some shirts from a similar source so you can see what they look like. Just another way to market our new denomination as we travel around the area.

Dwight Kitchens

### The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Lake Gibson's Christmas deliveries made it to the Enterprise campus on 7 December 2023. Some of the staff took a break to say "Hi" to Jeff Acor and Dwight Kitchens (former and current church representatives to FUMCH) who made the deliveries.

In total, seventeen Angel Tree gift cards from Walmart, stocking stuffers from our remaining Halloween candies, office supplies, ten refurbished bicycles, two scooters, and two long skateboards made it in time for Christmas.

"Thanks" to all those who remembered the approximate 100 children on the Enterprise campus. Our efforts, while small, certainly help in making the holidays much more enjoyable.

Just a reminder, you can always contribute to our Angel Tree fund throughout the year. In the Fall we withdraw those funds to purchase Angel Tree cards. Alternatively, make a purchase directly and turn them into the office. We'll ensure that you get credit for your contribution.

Of course, one of our ministries is supplying bicycles to FUMCH. If you find any worthy candidates from family, friends, or a garbage heap, we are always interested. Give Dwight Kitchens as call at 863-984-4564 or bring them into the church office for pickup.

Dwight Kitchens

## Prayer Ministry-January 2024



**Happy New Year from Prayer Ministry**

**“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God’s mercy upon them and give thanks”. NLT**

**Welcome Prayer Warriors to a New Year of Praying for others as Christians in faith and service to our God. We give thanks to our Prayer Warriors for their dedication to God’s calling us to pray for one another and being a part of our prayer ministry outreach. Whether you have served faithfully for years, or if you have joined our prayer email team this past year, we give thanks for your service.**

**We thank God for the special connection of Christian faith.**

**Blessings for good health and dedication to our mission in the New Year.**

**Grace and Peace to all.**

**To those who may be interested in our Prayer Ministry-Please contact me if you would like to join our prayer ministry.**

**Thank you.**

**Fran**

### **LOOKING FOR A NEW HOBBY?**

**If interested, Merry Maids is going to start a beginners crochet class in the FLC. Please contact Lynn Meske for more information concerning this class. We’d be happy to have you join us.**

### **Merry Matters**

**Come join us as we continue to make our mats for the homeless and now, we will be helping in the preparation for the bi-annual rummage sale. We can offer you laughter, companionship, and support of your spirits. We even went over to the office to drive Kristi crazy by singing “Happy Birthday “ to her (and she didn’t even run).**

**Barb Allen-Coil**



## Senior Orphans of Polk County Christmas Wish List for 2023

Each year the case managers of the Polk Elderly Services or Peace River Association ask their clients to give them a list of the top two things that they would like for Christmas. Remember, these folks are the neediest of the needy in Polk County, they must be on a fixed income of no more than 600.00 per month to qualify. They number close to 900. They are senior citizens without family, no one to be with at Christmas and are barely getting by. The list this year must bring a tear to your eye. It ranges from a microwave oven (including microwave meals) to a bag of dog food for their medium size pet. The most sought after gift was new tennis shoes, the most unusual was light bulbs and AA batteries. Think about this, folks. Would any of these items make the top of your wish list? A kitchen garbage can with bags? a coloring book and crayons? Probably not. I am so happy and so very proud to say our members stepped up, fulfilled all the wishes for the 25 names on our list and in addition donated an extra 300.00. I took three car loads of beautifully wrapped gifts, each with a hand made greeting card, to the designated drop off place to be picked up by the case workers and then distributed to each individual. This is an enormous effort on part of all the volunteers who make this program possible. **THANK YOU** everyone for sharing your time and good will with those less fortunate.

Lynn Meske



## THE FUTURE OF THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Lake Gibson Methodist Women in Mission will begin accepting donations for our Spring Rummage Sale in **FEBRUARY**. Due to the lack of helpers and the limited amount of storage space some changes in our collection procedures have been made. **Beginning on February 2** a scheduled drop off time will be held at the old shed located off Platt Street behind Little Bit of Heaven and the Family Life Center. **(watch for the yellow arrows)**

**TUESDAY 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**FRIDAY 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**ONLY.**

We will no longer be able to accept donations dropped off at the FLC, left at the office OR put into the trustee shed. **Any donations found left in any of these places will be disposed of properly.** Your co-operation with this will be greatly appreciated. This will be strictly adhered to so please make every effort to comply.

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE DESIGNATED LOCATION by:**

**SANDY STANFIELD (863-859-1505) or**

**LYNN MESKE (863-858-3589)**

**If you have any questions! please feel free to give one of us a call.**

**Our spring sale is scheduled for Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm and Saturday 13, 9am-2pm.** Prior to the sale there will be scheduled days for pricing, sorting, washing and organizing sale items in the FLC. The more organizing done before the actual set up the easier the set up will be! This is important work and is required for a successful sale. It requires a lot of helping hands. Are your hands available? Do you have a few hours with no pressing matters to attend to? Would you be interested in getting on an e-mail list or receive a text message when those days or even a few hours are scheduled? PLEASE contact Lynn or Sandy to let them know. Please join us in fellowship and laughter as we meet this challenge head on.

Lynn Meske

## CURRENT PHOTO OF RUMMAGE SALE SHED

This is one reason for the new rules being started for the next rummage sale. More boxes are still in other sheds and need to be gone through and moved to appropriate sites.



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### Hello From Hope House Mobile

First the best news and HHM goal for our people. Two of our Hope House Mobile people have permanent homes!! \*Daniel (Dee), after almost 10 years on the street, will move into his new apartment on January 2nd!

\*Ms Janice, a lovely lady who has been living in her car, will move into a senior apartment complex on January 13th! GOD IS SO GOOD!!

On December 23, HHM had our Christmas party. A total of 26 guests attended. Several received gifts from the Cypress Lakes Veterans Association Auxiliary. Thanks to Laura Webb and our HHM benefactors, the other guests received a new backpack filled with clothes and necessities. HHM served 18 guests and 12 volunteers a delicious turkey dinner. Afterwards, there was a huge take out bags filled with a can of spaghetti O's, a PB&j sandwich, a goodie bag and a package of baby wipes.

Thanks to the LGMC sock drive, everyone received new socks. HHM is so grateful to the Lake Gibson Methodist family and staff. Your support and love has made a difference in the lives of our unhomed in North Lakeland. As we continue to pray and search for our permanent home, HHM serves our unhomed friends three times a week. On Wednesday evenings and Saturdays mornings, unhomed people come to our Family Life Center for showers, meals, and clothes.

What an adventure 2023 has been! Looking forward to seeing what God will do in 2024! Geri Mayo



## ATTENTION LADIES: NAME CHANGE

At our December 6th meeting/Christmas party the new name, as voted on by the members present, will be Lake Gibson Methodist Women In Mission. The change is necessary as we have disaffiliated with the United Women in Faith. Also at his meeting three officers were elected: President— Sarah Schiemann, Treasurer—Martha “Sue” Heishman, and Secretary— Barb Allen-Coil.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the party with the games, food, and companionship.



## Pennies from Heaven

Those cans are making heavenly noise!! If you are watching our live stream from home on Sunday mornings, the strange rattling sound you hear during collection is the pocket change of our church goers as they deposit their coins into our metal coffee cans. It's a Glorified sound. You gotta' love it. Each month we collect for a new cause. In the month of November we managed to collect \$186.00 to donate to the Senior Orphans of Polk County. Who would think pocket change could make such a difference in someone's life? During the month of December, as our newsletter goes to press, we are collecting for the Red Kettle Drive for Red Cross. January we will collect for the Children's Home. Grandma always said, "take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." Stay tuned next month for the totals donated. Thank you everyone.

Lynn Meske

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## Welcome surprises!

During November, we were most pleasantly surprised to hear from Phyllis' college roommate, Judy, that she and her husband would be in the area. We don't see them frequently as they live in Oskaloosa, Iowa and now attend the Church of the Nazarene. They were in town primarily for a grand-niece's wedding and stayed to visit. This was the day of our Consecration Sunday. Her parents, the Cooks, were early members of our church when they resided in Lakeland. Years ago we actually found bibles which her parents Harold and Hazel Cook purchased and dedicated to their two children, Judy and Susan. We had an enjoyable visit at home and thought we would be keeping in contact by text and email which is our norm.

We recently received a wonderful letter and gift which we wanted to share. "We enjoyed getting to visit with you and were impressed by the energy at Lake Gibson church, the different ways of serving and the decision to support Biblical principles. Enclosed is a gift to support the stewardship emphasis (even though we didn't get in on the meal). Our tithe goes to our home church here, but this is a special gift, also partly in memory of my parents. Judy Cook Williams"

Enclosed with the letter was a most generous check to support our ministries. God does work in mysterious ways!

Dwight Kitchens

## November 2023 Financials – Smoke and Mirrors

As you know, we paid an exit obligation to depart the United Methodist denomination. This is reflected in our November financials as we paid the remaining \$75,182 to the Florida Conference. We obtained these funds by cashing in securities owned by Lake Gibson UMC (\$64,987.76) and pulling undesignated funds (\$37,333) from the United Methodist Foundation. In total, we had more than was required with the balance remaining in our checking account.

There remain numerous conversion items which we must fund. These include removing the cross and flame logo found within the sanctuary, as well as on signage, choir robe stoles, our electronic sign, aprons, etc. These costs will primarily be absorbed by the surplus of funds set aside for disaffiliation.

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

#### Data Entry

Current Year 2023

Current Budget \$313,092

Month	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	3-Yr Total	3-Yr \$ Avg Monthly	3-Yr \$ Avg Cumulative	Actual 2023
January	\$19,250	\$41,469	\$45,644	\$106,363	\$35,454	\$35,454	\$45,864
February	\$26,344	\$26,633	\$26,373	\$79,350	\$26,450	\$61,904	\$11,416
March	\$31,430	\$23,181	\$43,835	\$98,446	\$32,815	\$94,720	\$22,184
April	\$48,131	\$24,073	\$23,275	\$95,479	\$31,826	\$126,546	\$22,778
May	\$25,816	\$26,093	\$18,433	\$70,342	\$23,447	\$149,993	\$20,719
June	\$25,894	\$15,866	\$18,293	\$60,053	\$20,018	\$170,011	\$10,979
July	\$20,865	\$23,104	\$22,512	\$66,481	\$22,160	\$192,171	\$20,367
August	\$22,494	\$20,877	\$19,894	\$63,265	\$21,088	\$213,260	\$20,050
September	\$25,185	\$21,208	\$16,749	\$63,142	\$21,047	\$234,307	\$15,415
October	\$20,998	\$20,238	\$19,161	\$60,397	\$20,132	\$254,439	\$19,902
November	\$25,284	\$18,325	\$15,192	\$58,801	\$19,600	\$274,040	\$14,614
December	\$26,088	\$25,183	\$22,293	\$73,564	\$24,521	\$298,561	
<b>Total</b>	\$317,779	\$286,250	\$291,654	\$895,683	\$298,561	\$298,561	\$224,288

Effectively, this means that our income was overstated in November by the \$64,987.76 which was withdrawn from our Edward Jones Investment account. I have adjusted the two charts to reflect that this was actually not income but rather a transfer from the Edward Jones Investment account to the remaining disaffiliation cost. Therefore, our financial records and these charts differ by the \$64,987.76.

At the end of November 2023 we had effectively spent \$8,064 dollars more than we had brought in. Hopefully, we have been good stewards within our ministries. Based on the pledges accepted during November, we are looking to modify our budget projections to insure that we don't have financial difficulties in 2024. By the time you read this analysis, we will have had actual December 2023 data available. It is unlikely that we will have reached

**Current Budget**                      **\$313,092**

Month	% Needed Monthly	\$ Needed Monthly	Received Monthly	% Needed Cumulative	\$ Needed Cumulative	Received Cumulative	Status Ahead or (Behind)	% Ahead or (Behind)
January	11.88%	\$37,180	\$45,864	11.88%	\$37,180	\$45,864	\$8,684	23.36%
February	8.86%	\$27,737	\$11,416	20.73%	\$64,917	\$57,280	(\$7,637)	-11.76%
March	10.99%	\$34,412	\$22,184	31.73%	\$99,330	\$79,464	(\$19,866)	-20.00%
April	10.66%	\$33,375	\$22,778	42.39%	\$132,705	\$102,242	(\$30,463)	-22.96%
May	7.85%	\$24,589	\$20,719	50.24%	\$157,294	\$122,961	(\$34,333)	-21.83%
June	6.70%	\$20,992	\$10,979	56.94%	\$178,285	\$133,940	(\$44,345)	-24.87%
July	7.42%	\$23,239	\$20,367	64.37%	\$201,524	\$154,307	(\$47,217)	-23.43%
August	7.06%	\$22,115	\$20,050	71.43%	\$223,639	\$174,357	(\$49,282)	-22.04%
September	7.05%	\$22,072	\$15,415	78.48%	\$245,711	\$189,772	(\$55,939)	-22.77%
October	6.74%	\$21,112	\$19,902	85.22%	\$266,823	\$209,674	(\$57,149)	-21.42%
November	6.56%	\$20,554	\$14,614	91.79%	\$287,377	\$224,288	(\$63,089)	-21.95%
December	8.21%	\$25,715	\$0	100.00%	\$313,092	\$224,288	(\$88,804)	

Totals                                      \$313,092

### Lake Gibson Methodist Women in Mission

Happy New Year Ladies! It is the start of a new year and the start of our new ladies' circle. We will meet the first Weds., Jan. 3rd in the FLC at 10 a.m. We will discuss Chapter 10, "The Coming Wave" All ladies are welcomed to come and join our group. Starting a new year and group means we need you and your ideas. So please come and join us in our new adventure to do God's will.                      Pat Moon

### ELECTRONICS FOR RUMMAGE SALE

O.K. You have months to prepare for the next Lake Gibson Rummage Sale. But.... many will take advantage of electronics sales from Black Friday through Christmas Eve. Treat yourself. Whether you want that larger television screen for the upcoming Super Bowl, or just a SMART TV, there are lots of choices to be had. Tired of that older s.l.o.w. computer which causes more frustration every week, there are multiple replacement options available. Our church is always looking for older computer equipment (desktop PCs, laptops, tablets, and phones) and working televisions. We refurbish computer equipment to the latest operating system they will accept, adding some public domain/shareware programs, and see that they go to good homes. If your computer has not had all of its data remove, this will be done when it is upgraded. If it is eventually sold, monies will go to the missions supported by Lake Gibson Methodist Women in Mission. If you have either an older iPad or iPhone to donate, please unregister it from your Apple account and then reset the device. This removes all traces of your ownership. Otherwise, it can't be refurbished and must be sent to the Polk County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (recycling center). If you have older electronics you no longer want, either deliver them to the office or call Dwight Kitchens at 863-984-4564.

## **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

## **THANK YOU CHOIR**

We all enjoyed the Cantata (The Living Gift) that was presented on  
December 17, 2023.

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## January Anniversaries

No anniversaries for January.

## January Birthdays

Joe Moon	1/2
Rochelle McBride	1/4
Kathy Rumphr	1/7
Lexie Otte	1/11
Bailey Taylor	1/16
Robin (Bobbie) Clarke	1/18
Bob Blead	1/20
Donna Pardis	1/20
Shirley Lux	1/21
Barb Allen-Coil	1/26
Linda Alvarez	1/27
Ruth Zona	1/27
Jackie Webb	1/30