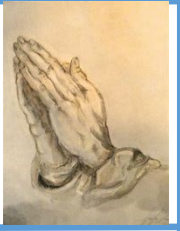




THE GOOD NEWS

Lake Gibson Methodist Church

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



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday March 23rd between 10 AM and Noon. We had 27 children and their families. The children's ages ranged from 1 year old to 11 years old. A total of 2000 eggs with candy were hidden in the area behind the FLC, around the office (soon to be parsonage), and in the ALBOH playground. In addition, 45 special prize eggs were also hidden. The children were separated into two age groups with the younger children hunting in the ALBOH playground while the older children hunted in the FLC / office area. The special prizes included small toys, stuffed animals and gift cards all of which were made possible through donations by the congregation. After the egg hunt, the families were able to take photos of their children with the Easter Bunny and to participate in various activities which included coloring, a fishing game, bean bag toss, miniature golf and table bowling. We also provided hot dogs, chips, snow cones (which were a big hit with the children) and drinks. From the smiles on the children's faces and the wonderful comments from the parents, everyone seemed to have a very good time.

This event would not have been possible without the generous contributions and assistance of the members of our congregation. We gratefully thank everyone who participated, whether it was through candy and prize donations, stuffing eggs, staffing the kitchen, setting up and taking down the Egg hunting grounds, watching over the children during the hunt, staffing the games and offering their experience and guidance to the team organizers. A special thank you goes out to Lexie Otte for doing such an awesome job portraying the Easter Bunny and to her assistant, Lizzie.



All photos approved by parents
Joe Wallin



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Let's all thank the children of our church for their help in collecting the pocket change for our Pennies From Heaven program. The donations provide funds for non-profit organizations and groups. Prior collections have provided the following totals given:

January—\$180.47 to the Children's Home

February - \$186.48 to the Wounded Warriors

March- Will be going to the Children's Home (amount unknown just yet)

April's donations will be going to the High School Homeless Seniors program that graduate in May..

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS!

Harriet Shapiro

April Calendar as of 3/26/2024

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	Trustees , 2pm, FLC
2	Tuesday	Staff Meeting* , 11am, O
3	Wednesday	<u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; Women in Missions , 10am, FL, Choir Practice* , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, Hope House* , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
4	Thursday	Food Pantry* , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC
5	Friday	
6	Saturday	Hope House* , 9am-1pm, FLC
7	Sunday	Sunday School classes* , 9:15-10:15 am in Family Life Center (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, Sanctuary
8	Monday	Finance Meeting , 1pm, FLC
9	Tuesday	<u>Staff Meeting*</u> , 11am, O
10	Wednesday	Rummage Sale Setup ; <u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; Merry Matters craft group , 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms;
11	Thursday	Rummage Sale Setup ; Food Pantry* , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
12	Friday	Rummage Sale , 9am-3pm
13	Saturday	Rummage Sale , 9am-2pm;
14	Sunday	Harvest Sunday (canned and boxed foods for our food pantry) Sunday School classes* , 9:15 - 10:15 am in Family Life Center (FLC) ; Worship Service* , 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, Sanctuary
15	Monday	Church Council Meeting , 1pm, FLC
16	Tuesday	Staff Meeting* , 11am, O;
17	Wednesday	<u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <u>Merry Matters craft group</u> , 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms; <u>Hope House*</u> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
18	Thursday	Food Pantry* , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC; ALBOH Board Meeting , 2pm, FLC
19	Friday	
20	Saturday	Hope House* , 9am-1pm, FLC
21	Sunday	Sunday School classes* , 9:15 - 10:15 am in Family Life Center (FLC) ; Worship Service* , 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, Sanctuary
22	Monday	Women in Missions Leadership , 11am, FLC
23	Tuesday	Staff Meeting* , 11am, O;
24	Wednesday	<u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; Merry Matters craft group , 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms; Choir Practice* , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, Hope House* , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
25	Thursday	Food Pantry* , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
26	Friday	
27	Saturday	<u>Hope House*</u> , 9am-1pm, FLC; <u>Cantata Practice</u> , 10am, S
28	Sunday	Sunday School classes* , 9:15 - 10:15 am in Family Life Center (FLC) ; Worship Service* , 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, Sanctuary
29	Monday	
30	Tuesday	Staff Meeting* , 11am, O;

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

Major Need For Peanut Butter

Jelly, Pasta, Rice-a-Roni

Spaghetti Sauce (try Dollar Tree)

Remember—try to get plastic containers rather than glass.

Thank you for your giving natures to help others.

Lake Gibson Women in Mission

Calling all ladies of LGMC, you are cordially invited to our next circle meeting Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00AM in the FLC. We will be discussing the last chapter, "Breath on Bones" in the book Help Is Here. Don' forget to bring your money for the new book, Angels, God's Secret Agents (\$8.20) by Billy Graham which you can purchase at this meeting. As always we will go out for lunch after the study, so come join us!

Pat Moon

Prayer Ministry-Hope in Christ APRIL 2024

'So, I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in Him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit'.

Romans 15:13 1996 NLT

The pages of the Bible are filled with hope, His word is secured through the cross and his resurrection. Our hope is secured by God's promise he is with us always thru our trials and brings us joy, light and peace if we cling to Him. Hope thru our Lord cannot be destroyed by anything in the world.

Our faithful God asks us to pray continually. Help us to be persistent in prayer and enable us to be faithful partners in prayer with others and bring hope to the world. Amen.

Lean on God for everlasting hope.

Prayer Ministry-Fran



2024 Spring Annual Rummage Sale

The dates are as follows:

Wednesday **April 10th, 8:00AM** in FLC to unload sheds and unpack boxes

Thursday **April 11, 8:00 AM** to complete the set-up process and make final touches for the start of the sale on Friday morning.

Friday **April 12, 8:00 AM for helpers.** All helpers to PARK and enter FLC from the back side of the building. **PLEASE.** We cannot let any workers in thru the front door. Sale starts promptly at 9 AM until 3PM.

Saturday **April 13, 8:00 AM for all helpers.** Park and enter thru the back of the FLC. **PLEASE,** again, we cannot let any helpers enter thru the front door.

Sale starts promptly at 9am until 2pm. At 2pm we will begin to pack up all items left, load them into the Salvation Army trailer, take down all the tables and clean up.

The more help we have, the lighter our load will be. Please consider donating some time to help in whatever area you feel comfortable in.

See Sarah Schiemann for volunteer scheduling. 863-370-6565 cell

Lynn Meske

Editorial Policy

The articles contained in *The Good News* express the opinions of their authors, and do not necessarily reflect policies of the Methodist Church or of Lake Gibson Methodist Church.

The purpose of the newsletter is to foster better communication of ideas and opportunities for worship and service among LGMC 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

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AND THE BLESSINGS HE HAS GIVEN .

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April Anniversaries

NO ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

April Birthdays

Cindy Heishman	4/1
Bruce Dollens	4/5
Connie Damaschke	4/6
Stanley Retter	4/8
Richard Kneeland	4/9
Bonnie Fuqua	4/10
Romulo Harbaugh	4/14
Kyle Fox	4/15
Sarah Schiemann	4/16
Rob Atchley	4/19
David Hess	4/19
Cyndi Kuhlman	4/24
Judy Sadwick	4/25