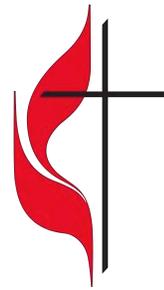




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NEWSLETTER

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Inspiration From Our Pastor



As I write this, Annual Conference is underway in Athens.

My day began with a breakfast meeting. We are currently gathering in the theater for the Clergy Executive Session.

After lunch, the bishop will gavel us to order in the Grand Hall and we will undertake the business of the conference. Among the tasks to be completed will be the election of our delegation to the **2020 General Conference**.

Unlike the special Called General Conference earlier this year, which was called to address a single issue (the church's official position on human sexuality with regard to marriage and ordination), next year's General Conference is a regularly scheduled meeting (every four years) and will

address a much broader agenda: one that will include, it would appear, human sexuality.

Summer Sermon Series The Apostles Creed

Sunday (6/16) is Father's Day.

We hope you will be with us as we launch our Summer sermon series on the Apostles Creed.

Have you ever wondered why we say WHAT we do the WAY we do when we join together in this historic confession of our Christian Faith?

Are there specific questions you have about particular words or phrases? Let me know and I'll try to address them.

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"DID YOU KNOW"

Dee Elkins

Time to Move Again

In the May newsletter we learned that as the Locust Grove Baptist Institute grew by leaps and bounds, they were crowding the Methodists out of their longtime (46 years) church number three.

So when the Baptists offered to purchase the Methodist Church and property, it was quickly agreed upon. This transaction took place in 1907 and was a good deal for both parties. But where would the Methodists find a convenient property for their church building number four?

Soon, in 1907 the Methodists located a large lot, a long block west of Highway 42 at the corner of Ridge Street and Indian Creek Road. Here they erected a small concrete block building and move in, thinking, "Now! we are in our forever home".

Through the years various small improvements were made, but it wasn't (continued on page 2, Bottom half of column 2)

Inspiration from Our Pastor (continued from page 1)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Universal

Indian Springs Holiness Campmeeting

July 11-21

If you've ever wondered what a camp meeting is all about, come find out!

If you've ever been curious about the camp meeting south of Jackson, in Flovilla, next to the Indian Springs State Park, come find out.

The Peabody Family has a Cottage on the grounds. My dad is on the Board of Trustees.

We'd be delighted to have you join us on the porch for a Coke or some iced tea.

The slate of preachers this year is especially good. Tim Tennent, President of Asbury Seminary, will be here. Joining him will be Chris Bounds, a Wesley scholar. The platform also includes Allison's favorite preacher: our friend, Dave Ward.

Preaching services take place every morning, afternoon, and evening. There is also a Bible Study at 9:30 every morning. Feel free to drop in without

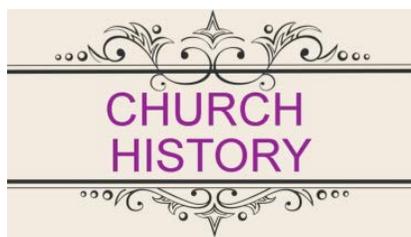
warning. You're welcome! But, if you know you're coming and can let us know, we'll be in the best position to extend the kind of hospitality that would make my mom proud!

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[@elderpeabody](https://twitter.com/elderpeabody)

And I'm on the Facebook!



Did You Know (continued from page 1)

until 1959, 52 years later that a free standing Fellowship Hall was built at the back of the property. It was used so much by members and the community, they wondered how they had managed without it.

Even though my husband's parents were longtime members of the Baptist Church, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in this Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in the mid 1960's.

In 1961, the original windows were removed and replaced by 12 beautiful stained glass windows. These were dedicated in honor or in memory of church members loved ones. Also at that time a very impressive stained glass cross, lighted at night, hung in the belfry of the church and caught the attention of all who passed by.

You will read about these windows and cross again in a later issue. Members were proud that these additions improved the appearance of their fourth church home.

In the early and mid-seventies a large number of people from surrounding cities wanted to experience "the good life" of rural Henry County and the Locust Grove area and began to purchase property and move here.

Attendance at the small Methodist Church began to grow. The leaders of the church quickly realized that they must do something to meet this "good" but fast growing challenge.

They prayed a lot, and held a lot of meetings, but all of them knew that there was no room to expand the current facilities. The only practical thing to do was move again. Quite a few longtime members were against proposal to move. Some of them had put in many hours of blood, sweat and tears getting this building four to its present stage. And in just a few years it would be they place they had worshipped for seventy years.

I moved into the community in September 1974 when all these things about a new church was being considered. I was not knowledgeable about the church history. I moved my letter (remember that old-time expression when you moved your membership from one church to another?)

Since I was a member at LGUMC I could legally vote, but I chose not to because I had very limited knowledge of their history. Many members had always worshipped in this building since it was erected in 1907 and now it was in the mid-seventies - almost 70 years!

When the attendance increased to where the parking lot quickly filled and longtime members were forced to park along side the nearby streets, enter the sanctuary to find strangers in "their regular seats", they began to think that maybe it was time to move again.

Where would the fifth church building be located? A very generous couple, Frank and Gladys Tingle purchased a 4.72 acre lot in Locust Grove where Peeksville Road and Club Drive came to a point. It was located on the east side of the railroad tracks and Highway 42. They deeded it to the Trustees of LGUMC to build a new church.

So the WHERE was quickly provided, but the WHEN would be about three years later. There were quite a few regulations that Methodist Churches in the North Georgia Conference had to adhere to before erecting a new church.

Learn about how building five at 211 Peeksville came into being in my next column.



MUSIC CAMP



David Williamson
Music Director



It is time for LGUMC's Annual **Children's Music Camp**

June 24th - June 28th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Our Children's Music Camp is offered to all children ages 5 years old through 5th grade. Children learn many musical skills and have a blast doing it!

At the conclusion of camp week, a special program will be held at **6:00 pm on Friday, June 28** in the Sanctuary. Immediately following this event, we will have an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come out and show support for our students, musical staff and volunteers.

To have your child attend Music Camp, fill out the form online, on the printed newsletter or in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.



Preschool News

Angel Jones, Program Director



Another wonderful year of preschool has come to an end and we are out for the Summer!

Our last day of school was May 10th and we ended it with a school wide party/program and a graduation for our 4 year olds. It all went great!

The end of the year was bitter sweet as we had to say good-bye to two of our teachers; Gigi Banks and Jan Helton. They decided it was time to retire for the 2nd time :) They were with us for 5 1/2 years and we're really going to miss them as they both did an awesome job! We wish them both the best of luck!

We are currently registering for the **2019-20** school year. If you or someone you know is looking for a great Christian based preschool program, send them our way. We offer classes for MDO (1 year olds) 2, 3 & 4 year olds. Open house is **August 15th** and school begins on **Monday Aug. 19th**. You can call me at **770-898-6063** or **678-313-6815**. You can also pick up a registration form from the church office. Look forward to hearing from you.

That's it for now! Enjoy your summer and be safe!



YOUTH PROGRAM

Courtney Wallace, Youth Director

This summer, our youth are going to be busy! We have many things on our calendar, and lots of fun ways to connect us over the school break.

Friday, June 14

We are having a movie night and corn hole tournament.

Because of the rain, we are moving it indoors, into the Fellowship Hall. This is a family event, so children, teens, and parents can have a fun, **FREE** outing this weekend!

We will be watching the live action version of "**Beauty and the Beast**" and anyone attending is encouraged to bring a picnic supper. We will start the movie shortly after 6:30 that night!

Drinks and popcorn will be provided.

Monday, June 17

We begin our "**Missions Mondays**" activities.

Weather permitting, we will be doing things such as playground maintenance, organizing the youth house, meal prep for the motel ministry, yard work, and other things!

We will meet at church at **9 AM each Monday** and will be finished by noon. Dates are recurring:

6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/15, and 7/22.

There will also be an overnight trip to Pastor Joe's cabin in July!

Every Wednesday evening this summer

We are looking at "**Weird Stories of the Bible!**" We have already looked at Balaam and the talking donkey. We will also look at stories like Lot's wife being turned to salt and Elijah's encounter with the prophets of Baal.

Wednesday meeting dates are 6/19, 7/3, 7/17, and 7/31.

Come prepared for getting WET and MESSY on **7/31** - this will be a combined service of prayer for the new school year and a GUNK trivia game!

**Student Life's Recreation Camp
Shorter University Rome, Georgia
July 8-12.**

Anyone wishing to attend summer camp with the youth must use the sign-up genius **THIS WEEK** in order to have a space reserved for camp. We are in need of chaperones! So if you are available, please let me know **ASAP**.

Sunday Events

The seniors have a gathering planned this month as a special way to celebrate the end of their high school careers and the beginning of the new chapter for college!

And we will continue to have Sunday evening games most weeks during the summer. As students have come, we have advised them, especially on Sunday afternoons, to always wear clothes that can get wet over the summer!

Sunday, June 30

All youth need to bring a towel, swim suit, and change of clothes, because we will have a **swim party** at the home of Steve and Michelle Rager!

Sunday night, July 7

We will have a **slip-n-slide kickball game** set up for games (weather pending).

Sunday Night, July 14

A joint event of youth and children's ministry, going to **High Falls** for their water park.



August's calendar has already begun to fill up

Be watching for more updates as we get closer in!

Friday, August 2 - Saturday, August 3

We have a lock-in.

Wednesday, August 14

Regular Wednesday night activities will begin for the new school year.

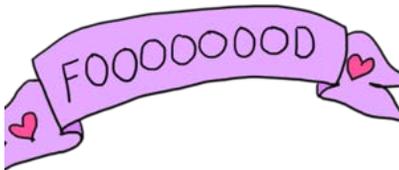
Sunday, August 18

A trip to Six Flags scheduled for after Sunday School.

Block Party

On Sunday, June 2nd starting at 5:00 p.m. we had a wonderful Party with a bouncy house, waterslide, snow cones, and hamburgers, cooked by Chef Peabody.

This was a such a great way to celebrate the events that were a part of VBS Week.



FUN



LGUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ROCKS!!!



THE SANCTUARY BECOMES A JUNGLE



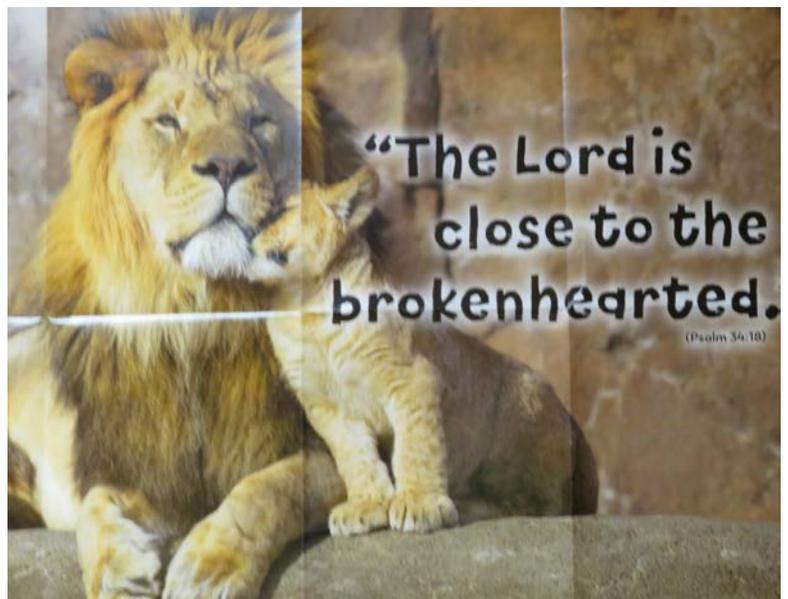
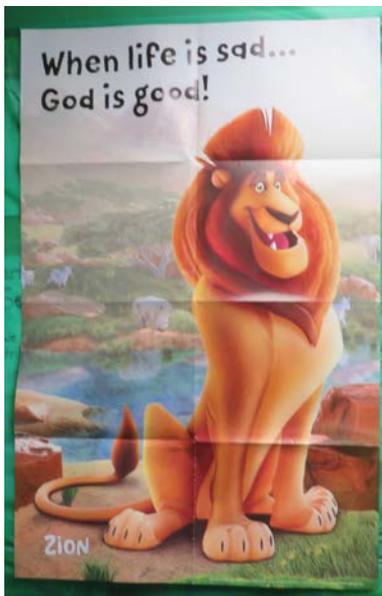
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL HAS ITS JUNGLE ANIMALS ALSO.
All created by the talented hands of our hard-working VBS volunteers



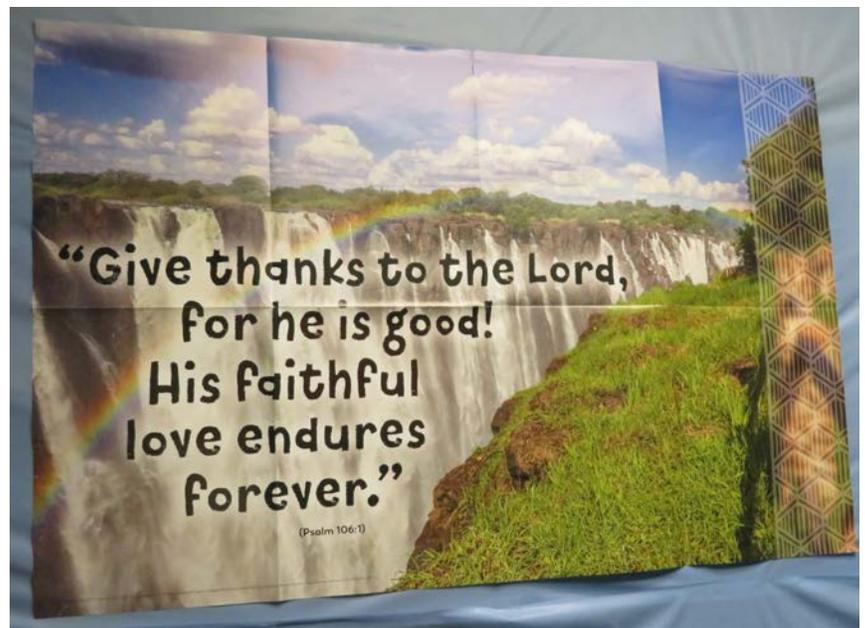
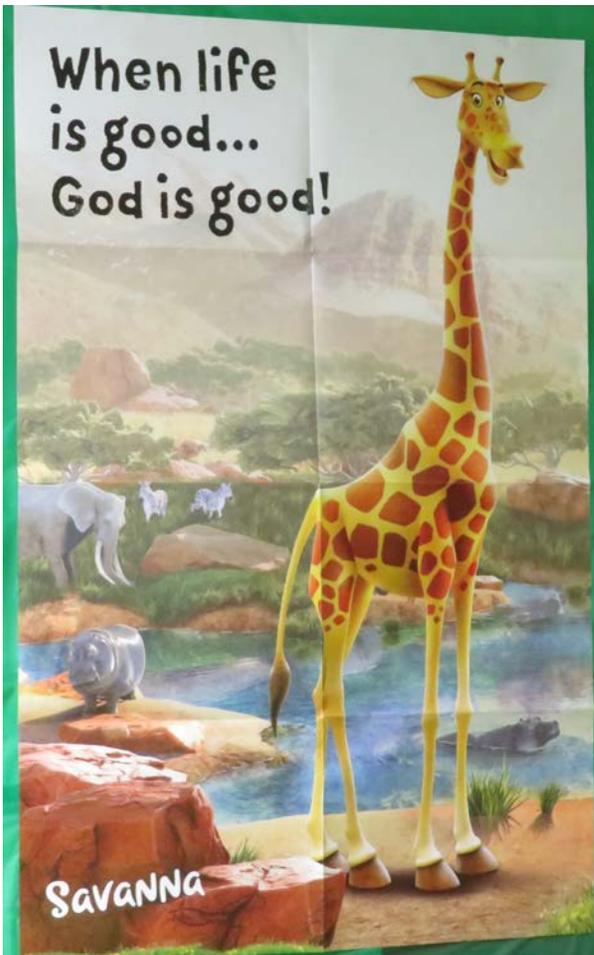
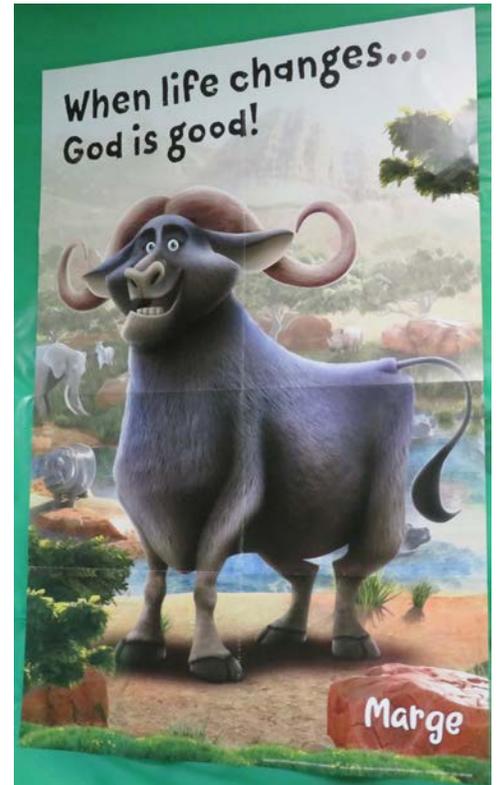
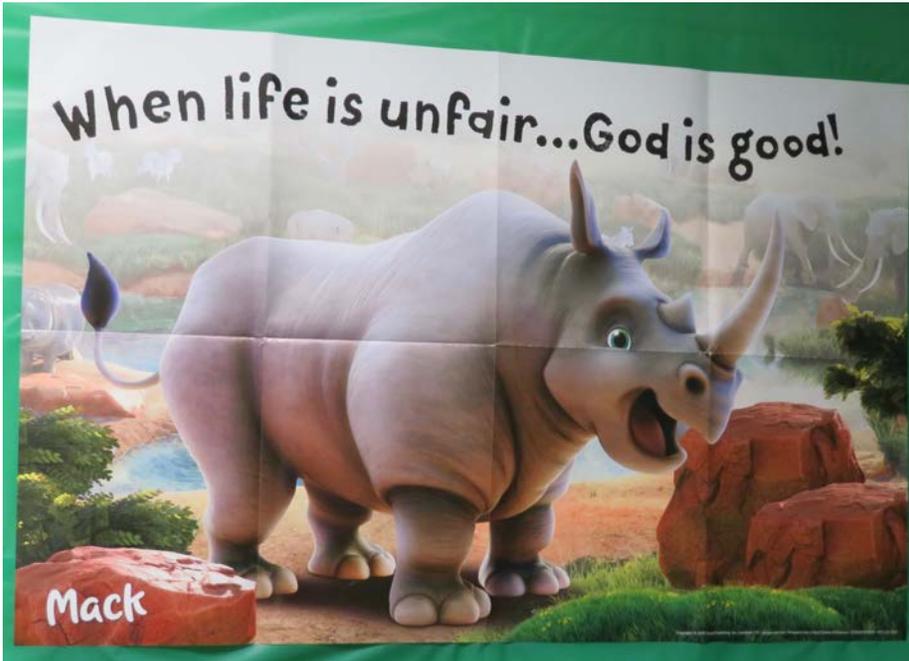
Hours of work transformed the classroom halls and many of the classrooms into a jungle environment. Our church became another world.



God is Good



God is Good



Our children saw these posters every day telling them that whatever happens in life, remember GOD IS GOOD. He is always there to help you get through the challenges.

The lessons were taught with stories, videos, games, crafts and even the food for snacks.

Maybe we all need to attend VBS - the lessons are ageless!

God is Good



Bible Stories allowed children to cross the sea that God had divided to rescue His children from Pharaoh.



Cooking the manna (and quail) that God had provided for His children as they wandered in the wilderness.



A Smiling Pharaoh?

Videos make stories in the Bible come alive in a contemporary manner.



Crafts, Games and learning new music and moves all support the lessons of life's challenges and opportunities for praise and worship.



God is Good



On Sunday, June 9, the children shared what they had learned through the week about God's Goodness in all of life's experiences. With songs and appropriate body movements, Bible verses and appropriate responses, the children of ROAR declared **GOD IS GOOD**, regardless of what life hands you!

ROAR!

Thank you Jenifer and Dana for all your work in organizing and presenting our wonderful VBS!

Thank you Teachers, Decorators, & all the other Volunteers that gave hours and hours of their time to make the week memorable and meaningful in the life of our children.



Thank you Congregation for supporting the ministry of our children and realizing the importance of VBS to the Community with your time, talent and financial gifts.

ROAR!

Thank you children for listening, participating and learning the lessons that were prepared for you.

Thank you Youth that helped with all aspects of VBS. We hope you realize that small eyes were focused on you. This will have a lasting impression on little ones as they see your service in the church community.

July

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Missions Meeting 7:15 pm | 2 Saint's Alive Bible Study 11:00 am | 3 Mission Dinners 3:00-5:00 pm FH/ Kitchen Praise Band Practice 6:30-8:00 pm FH Youth 6:30-8:00 pm Choir Practice 6:45-8:00 pm | 4 OFFICE CLOSED Community Bible Study 7:00-8:00 pm | 5 AA 8:00-10:00 pm FH | 6 UMM Breakfast 7:00am |
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Helping Men Grow in Christ, So Others May Know Christ

**The UMM would like to thank
everyone who has been supporting
our church and its ministries.**

Keith Knapp, President



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The Kickin' Chicken Barbecue was a success and will help support our missions committee in their efforts to reach others, outside our church. The auction this year also helped provide some fun during the Kickin' Chicken event. Thanks for your participation!

We will not have a July meeting on the July 6th due to the 4th of July events, but will resume on August 3rd. At this meeting we will discuss some projects for this fall.

OUTREACH

"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again". William Penn



OUR MISSION TEAM

Barry Summey, Chairman

Ted Decker, Co-Chairman

Our Mission team has left the building and we would like everyone in our church to join us. You can help by donating to the Mission Fund, the HA HA Fund, the Food Pantry (either bring food or give to monetary fund) or help at one of our events. Ann Decker, Richard Farr, Laura Farr, Judy Varner, Marianne Morfoot, Kathy Engeman, Susan Triggs. Bruce Howard, Brenda Howard, Cathy Gillespie, Tina Grail. Bert and Gigi Banks and others who join in to help out when they can. Thanks to all who pitch in!!!

Motel Ministry

Since Kathy Combs does not cook Wednesday night meals during the summer after school is out, it is up to the Missions Committee to provide the meals.

We are asking for help from members or groups of members that might want to cook a meal or two. Think about it and see if it is something you would like to do. Simple is the key word - not a complex dinner at all.

Contact Ted Decker with any questions or offer of help. His number is 770-957-7917



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A Great Big Thank You to the UMW ladies for the preparation of the Motel Ministry Meal on June 12. You're Awesome!



Food Pantry

**Maryanne Morfoot
Susan Triggs**



The LGUMC Food Pantry wishes to say, "Thank You", to all of you who have so generously donated items to our pantry shelves. We could not provide for those in need without everyone's help.

During the month of May we have provided at least 10 grocery bags, motel boxes, and homeless bags to those in need.

If you are wondering what is needed - we could use 1 lb. bags of white rice, **pull tab cans** of pork and beans, 18 oz. jars of peanut butter, boxes of saltine crackers, and **pull tab cans** of evaporated milk.

Thank you again for helping out with this mission work at LGUMC.

MEMBERS BULLETIN BOARD

This is an area dedicated to allowing members to express their thoughts and ideas along with announcements of appropriate events of interest to the congregation. Please feel free to send in your information by the 15th to KathyEngeman@Protonmail.com

Prayer List

LGUMC FAITH FAMILY

Phyllis Allen
Shay Ball, Scott and Sandy Ball
Chris Evans
Margaret Jones
Judy Varner
Angel Jones Family
Allen Garland
Ann Mitchell

HOSPICE, HOMEBOUND OR ASSISTED LIVING

Daisy Atkinson Westbury Medical Care
Anne Henley Westbury Medical Care Home - Jackson
Gloria Garland - Westbury Medical Care Home - Jackson
Roberta Simmons

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE WHO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

Gavin Phillips - Afghanistan
Christopher Buttemeier - Israel
Jake Dorris - Okinawa, Japan
Gray Gardner - Iraq
Justin Giannace - Cherry Point, N.C.
Philip Gibby - Tacoma, WA
Rachel & TJ Tiu - Alaska
Todd Wilkerson - Salt Lake City, Utah

PRAY FOR OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY WHO ARE FACING LIFE'S STRUGGLES IN THEIR FAMILIES AND IN THEIR OWN LIFE.

PRAY FOR THOSE THAT YOU KNOW AND THOSE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.



KEEP IN TOUCH

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Comments and Suggestions

Always open to suggestions, concerns and comments about the newsletter. Address these to KathyEngeman@Protonmail.com or drop them by the church office in an envelope addressed to Kathy Engeman. **The deadline for the next month is the 15th of the current month.** Please make sure you include all dates and times. Photos taken of church events and activities are very much appreciated.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.

Nahum 1:7



Our Church Family is Growing Congratulations!!!

Lindsey York made Kerri Ward a grandmother of a beautiful baby girl on March 21. A Baby Shower was held to celebrate little Lila on June 9.

Lauren & Steven Polk are expecting and a shower will be held on June 15th (Saturday) in our Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm. Lauren is registered @ Target and Amazon.