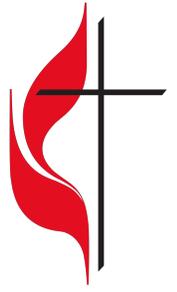




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NEWSLETTER

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MANY ACTIVITIES OF CHURCH LIFE

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Comments From The Editor

Habits and Addiction

The definition of habit is "a settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up."

When we hear the word "habit", we often think of those actions that are undesirable. Smoking, sugary drinks, overeating certain foods or snacks, alcohol abuse, or using drugs. We might have a TV habit or Facebook habit. I don't know much about twitter but it seems that twittering becomes habit forming. Nail biting, thumb-sucking, using undesirable language or just using one word too often ("like" is one that drives me crazy!) However, we seldom hear about desirable habits.

Some really nice habits are treating folks as you would have them treat you, not giving in to gossip, and going out of the way to smile even when you are having a bad day. Think of the habits you have developed over the years - flossing and brushing your teeth, putting away your clothes, saying "Thank You",

I am not an habitual person - I never do anything at the same time each day or in the same way. I don't know why habits have not been a strong point in my life. I probably have some bad ones that I could lose, but even they are not done with any type of regularity. I guess I'm easily bored, so I have to have a lot of variety in my life.

I am trying to develop two strong beneficial habits. I want to dedicate a part of every day, not just most days, every single day to a devotional time. I pray several times each day - no problem. But I do this as I move through the day. These are important prayers, but I want to have an additional time that is set aside to talk to the Lord about my joys, concerns and those that need my prayers. I want to develop the habits of reading my Bible and having a dedicated prayer time **EVERY** day.

So I have a reading chair in a corner of
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"DID YOU KNOW?"

Dee Elkins

If you were born before 1945

If you were born before 1945, you are a survivor! Consider the changes you have witnessed: You were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the Pill.

You were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball point pens, before panty hose, dish washers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

You got married first, then lived together; how quaint was that?

In your time, bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeannie. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.
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Habits and Addiction (continued from page 1)

my kitchen, where there's a basket



full of my favorite devotional books beside that chair. It has been my place for Bible study for a long time. Now I need that chair to beckon me to come, be at peace and give my full attention to visiting with God, thanking Jesus for walking beside me throughout the day, guiding me and reminding me where I put things and keeping me from being lonely. I want to spend time in His Word and ask Him to comfort and heal those closest to me and those on my prayer list. I have even cut out our bulletin prayer list to use as a Bible marker.

This is a habit that I am working hard to develop. I want to be "addicted", another word that carries a bad connotation.

The definition of addiction is: "the fact or condition of being enthusiastically devoted to a particular substance, thing, or activity".

This is the activity I endeavor to accomplish each morning as I drink my coffee and sit in my chair with my latest devotional book:

Women of the Bible - A One-Year Devotional Study of Women in Scripture by Ann Spangler & Jean E. Syswerda.

I want to be absolutely addicted to that time of the day when I can lay all my concerns about myself, my family and friends and the world at the feet of my Lord and Savior. I want Him to know how much I appreciate His Mercy and Grace and the Blessings of His Creation.

While you are giving up chocolate, coffee or donuts during this season of Lent I am going to be focused on acquiring rather than giving up. I feel that whatever time I give up for everyday devotions is not truly fasting; I will be gorging on soul food.

"Did You Know?" (continued from page 1)

Fast food was what you ate during Lent and outer space was the back of the local theater.

There were no "House Husbands", gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, daycare centers, group therapy or nursing homes.

Before 1945 you never heard of FM radio, tape decks, word processors, yogurt, electric typewriters, artificial hearts and guys wearing earrings.

For all of us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not on computers or living in condominiums and a chip was a piece of wood.

Hardware meant real hardware and software was not even a word.

In 1940 "made in Japan" meant junk and "making out" referred to how you did on your school exams. Pizza, McDonalds and "instant" coffee were unheard of.

You hit the jackpot where there were Five and Ten Cent Stores. We did have them even in most small towns where you really could buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call from a free standing telephone booth, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00 but who could afford one? This was a pity because gasoline was only 11 cents a gallon.

In those days cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold soda and pot was something you cooked in. Rock Music was a grandmother's lullaby and Aids were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we surely were before sex changes. We just made do with the way God made us.

No wonder we are often confused and there is such a wide generation gap today.

But We Survived!!!



What is Lent?

Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter. It is similar to Advent in that both periods prepare us for the coming celebration of Christ. Advent is anticipation and excitement for Christ's birth, where Lent is more a solemn preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is 46 days prior to Easter - 40 fasting days and 6 Sundays. Fasting is giving something up that is part of your normal life. Giving up food, a bad habit, a special treat or money that you spend on yourself instead given to a good cause. Maybe you might even give up TV, social media and other usual pastime activities; refocusing your time on your faith and prayers.

While the days of the week are spent in fasting, the Sundays are spent in celebrating the upcoming Easter Sunday when Christ arose. Some even have feasts on these days. Palm Sunday is the sixth Sunday - the Sunday prior to Easter Sunday.





Cathy Gillespie, Sunday School Director

There is a Sunday School Class for everyone. Sunday School is at 10:00am and you are invited and encouraged to join one of these small groups. If you don't know which class you belong in, visit each class and you will find one that works for you. See Cathy for more information.

Thanks again to everyone who contributes to our Sunday School programs, we couldn't make it work without you.



What is Mardi Gras? What does it have to do with Lent and Easter?

Some Christians celebrate the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday as a day of self-examination where they consider what sins they need to repent of and what changes to their life or spiritual growth they should focus upon during their fasting period. This is called Shrove (meaning absolve) Tuesday and is a day for the preparation for purification of the soul, and getting rid of the rich foods. Since eggs, meat, sugar, flour and cream were historically thought of as luxurious, pancakes became a traditional food to cook in order to clear the pantry. Because it is the day before giving up luxuries, which is often food, it is a day that is filled with feasting. Mardi Gras in French is "Fat Tuesday". Louisiana and the surrounding states may have taken this feasting day to extreme partying.



What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. The day gets its name from the traditional blessing of the ashes taken after the burning of Palm branches (or crosses made from Palm leaves) from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations. Sometimes the ashes are used to draw a cross on the head of people to mark the beginning of their Lent fast. The drawing of a cross is often done while repeating the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (**Mark 1:15**) or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (**Genesis 3:19**).

It emphasizes a dual encounter: We confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. **Our Ash Wednesday Service is February 26 at 7:00 pm.**

Preschool News



Angel Jones, Program Director

December was very exciting for our preschool.

Our 4 yr olds went to the North Pole via the Polar Express.

We had the Elf on the Shelf come visit and kept an eye on us through Christmas!

We made lots of ornaments and read lots of stories and most importantly, learned the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Christmas program was great! The kids all did a fantastic job and we ended the night with a visit from Santa.

After a nice break, we returned all refreshed and ready for the New Year.



We've had a week of different people coming in to read to us and we ended the week with the story of "Stone Soup". If you haven't read it, you should. It teaches how to share with folks who are down on their luck and may not look the same as you. We all got to have a little bowl of stone soup, and everyone seemed to like it.

February will start off with Dr. Seuss week and we'll have a visit from The Cat in the Hat and get to taste green eggs and ham. The 4 year olds will have a visit from Queen Valentina and all classes will have their Valentine's Day parties.

We'll be off Feb. 17-21st for Winter break, and come back Feb. 24th.

Our registration begins **February 3rd** for our current students and our church members. **March 2nd** begins open enrollment. If you or someone you know are looking for a great Christian based preschool, come see us. I don't think you'll be disappointed! Registration forms can be found on line or in the workroom of the church.

As always, thanks for your continued support,

LGUMC Preschool - where life is good!



Matthew 19:13-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

13 Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them;

14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."



Jenifer Polk and Meredith Daniels, Children's Directors

We are so excited for our families to learn what our **Kidz for Christ** group are doing in the life of our church.

What's happening in the Neighborhood?

March 13th 5:30pm – 8:00pm

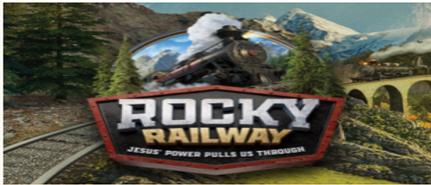


Kids grab your parents and challenge them to some fun. Who is the best game player in your family? There will be something for everyone.

*Dinner will be served: Sub Sandwiches, Chips and Desert

April 11th Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am – 2:00pm

Open to the Community. Come get your picture made with the Easter Bunny.
Free hot dogs, chips and Drinks.



Save the Date!!!!!!!

June 22nd – 26th 6:00pm – 8:30pm
VBS is Coming this Summer

Parent Tips and Ideas Valentine Day Craft:

Preschool Craft: Valentine Heart Placemat

You'll need:

- 11x17 white construction paper,
- red tempera paint,
- plastic bowls,
- baking potatoes,
- a knife,
- glue,
- scissors,
- and a photo of each child.

Before class, slice potatoes in half and cut a heart shape into the potato for stamping. Then have children dip the potato in red paint and stamp heart shapes on construction paper. Help preschoolers cut their photos into heart shapes and glue them to the placemats. Laminate the placemats for durability.

Read aloud John 13:34. Remind preschoolers that God wants us to love each other, just as he loves us. Tell preschoolers to give the placemat to someone as a way to say, "I love you."

Editorial Page

The Turning Point

Nearly two decades ago, my life was at a low point. I had spent decades showing God and my family that I had the answers. I could figure things out. I could be a good, strong person without their help.

I was far from my family. My husband had died of lung cancer. It was New Year's Eve and I was taking some chicken soup to a friend who was sick with the flu.

I had carried the soup out to the car and returned to the house for my purse. Rain started to fall and as I was going down my front steps, I slipped, tumbled and ended up on the ground. I had never broken a bone before, but I could tell instinctively that I had this time. I knew I couldn't stay outside so I dragged myself up the 3 steps and back into the house, called 911 and waited for the EMTs to arrive.

I lived on the outskirts of a small rural town. The EMTs remembered me from when I needed their help to move my husband in his last days. They were capable and compassionate. The doctor in the ER joked that he was putting me to sleep because he knew I wouldn't want to be around when he was working on me. My ankle was surgically repaired and I spent a few days in the hospital. For weeks I walked with crutches and strengthened my ankle with yoga. My dear sister-in-law stayed with me for a time, but I couldn't cope with someone hovering over me. After a few days I assured her I would be fine.

I struggled. Then one day the frustration and loneliness were just more than I could bear. I cried out to God, as many people do... "Why me?" I heard the answer "Be still." My memory completed the phrase with "and know that I am God". God really wanted me to be still, to stop chasing happiness that I couldn't find and to come back to Him. That was the turning point for me. I prayed for forgiveness and help to find my way. God had a plan for me. And like a Good Shepherd with a wayward lamb, he had to break my ankle to get me to stay close. It took a while for me to keep heading in the right direction, but after many mistakes and many prayers, I finally did. And before another year had passed, I had a loving, Christian husband, a new home, and reconciliation with my parents.

God, in His mercy, has blessed me in many ways since that time, but it all started with a broken ankle.

Submitted by Lin Hicks - a relatively new attendee to our church; her and her husband, Ricky are a real blessing as new members of the Missions team.

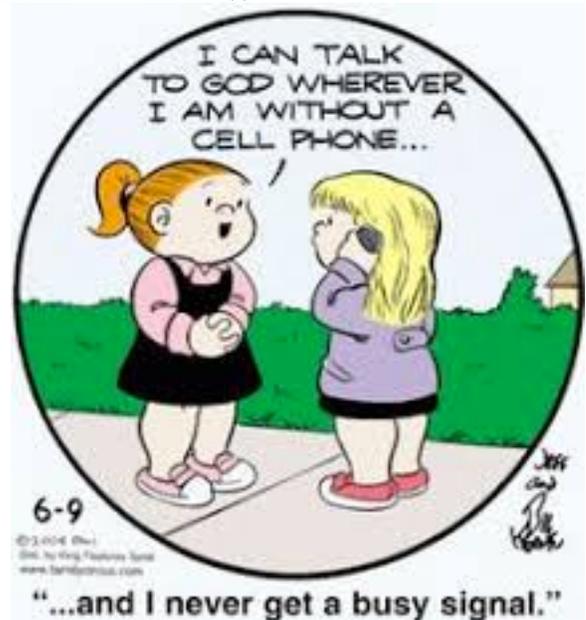
RELEVANT BIBLE VERSES

1 Peter 5:10 NIV And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

2 Corinthians 6:4 NIV Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses.

Psalms 86:7 NIV When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Psalms 46:10 NIV He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."



Share Our Church Story With Others

Please feel free to take a printed copy of the newsletter to give to someone who would benefit from knowing about our church - a potential member, a neighbor, a friend or someone you met recently who was looking for a new church home. It will give them information on the many activities and missions of our church as well as the service that we do for our Lord. If there are no printed copies available, let Darcy or Kathy know and we will get you what you need.

The Church Family

Prayer List

LGUMC FAITH FAMILY

Jerry Standard
Chris Evans
Janis Smith
Margaret Jones
Dan and Judy Varner
Angel Jones Family
The Garland Family
Ann Mitchell
Tim and Ardy Chase
Mary Jones



The Ladies Choir on February 2, 2020.
Beautiful Song!

HOSPICE, HOMEBOUND OR ASSISTED LIVING

Daisy Atkinson Westbury Medical Care
Anne Henley Westbury Medical Care
Home - Jackson
Roberta Simmons
Margaret Jones

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE WHO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

Steven Keister - 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.



United
Methodist
Men

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

We encourage all the men of the church to attend the monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 am. This is a wonderful time to fellowship, eat a great breakfast and discuss the needs of the church. Bring a friend.

Helpful Technology

Life is so busy!!! Do you sometimes forget your checkbook, or your check or whatever you pay with on Sunday Morning? Did you miss church and therefore did not have the opportunity to give your tithe and offering? **It can be easier!** Go online to our website, then hit the online giving area and then hit Give. It will direct you to fill out the information and you can give on a one-time or recurring basis. I like the recurring basis, then I know I have given. When I want to give an extra gift, then I can go back online and do so or put it in the offering plate. **Give yourself a break and make life easier with less to remember.**



February



						1 UMM Breakfast 7:00am
2 Traditional Services 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Contemporary Service 11:00 Chili Cookoff 12:00 - 2:00 412 Youth Games 5:00 - 7:00 pm	3 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm 7:15 Missions Meeting	4 Saints Alive 11:00 am Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	5 Dinner 5:30 pm FH/Kitchen FUSE/Kidz for Christ 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice 6:30-8:00 pm FH Choir Practice 6:45-8:00 pm	6 Group Counseling 6:00-7:00 pm Friendship Classroom	7 AA 8:00-10:00 pm	8 Memorial Service 10:00 - 1:00 pm Baby Shower FH Use 11:00 - 5:00 pm
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PSALMS 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.



Robert and Dana Murphy, Youth Directors

Each year, our youth group goes to local concerts and out-of-state trips like skiing in the Winter or visiting a beach in the Spring. We strive to ensure that every child has a chance to participate and we pray that our congregation will be encouraged to donate towards sponsoring one of our youth members.

If this is something that you feel led to do, you can make your donation to “LGUMC Youth” and designate your donation to “Sponsors”. Any amount is appreciated. If you have a question, please let one of our youth directors or Tammy Cook know and they would be happy to answer. Thank you for your continued support of the 4:12 Youth Group.

The Youth will be serving and entertaining at the Valentine Banquet. The tips that you give them will go to help them with their trips. Be very generous Tippers!!!

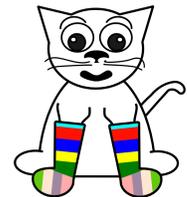


UNDIE SUNDAY

MARCH 1



Socks



KIDS IN

**SCHOOLS AND MOTELS AND MANY OTHER PLACES
NEED THEM - SOCKS AND UNDIES**

On Sunday, March 1, we will have a large box at the entrance to the Sanctuary for your admission to church - a package of socks or undies for kids. We are looking for a variety of sizes for children, small, medium or

**LGUMC IS AN ACTIVE CHURCH AND WE WANT FOLKS TO KNOW WE ARE
WORSHIPPING AND SERVING THE LORD IN MANY WAYS**

**BE SURE TO KEEP UP WITH OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ON OUR WEBPAGE WHERE YOU'LL FIND THIS
NEWSLETTER AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS.**

WWW.locustgroveumc.org

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

Ted Decker, Co-Chairman
Kathy Engeman, Co-Chairman



Been giving away coats also

Our One Day Food Giveaway

People were so generous during the holidays and we had food bags from Ingles, so the Mission Team decided to have a community food giveaway. Flyers were sent around neighborhoods and information was given on our sign. On January 25, we met and moved about 200 bags out to the pavilion. Cars drove up and were given two bags - one from Ingles and then another fuller bag from our food pantry.

While we had lots of help from adults, the hardest workers were the three young grandchildren of David and Cindy Williamson. They actually put the bags in the cars and said “Enjoy your food and have a blessed day”. One would stand on the driver’s side and give them a tract that had our name on it and a biblical message. I think the recipients were as delighted with the children as they were with the food. This was no small task because we gave out over 200 bags to over a 100 families. Some folks took bags to needy neighbors and family members unable to come.

We give because Jesus gave His everything for us and for them.

You can become a part of this ministry just by bringing in magazines and supplies for us to distribute.



Food Pantry
Maryanne Morfoot
Susan Triggs



Many thanks to all of you who have so generously donated items to our LGUMC Food Pantry. Because of your generosity we are able to provide nutritional help to the needy in our community. Since the last newsletter we have provided at least 18 grocery bags, motel boxes, and homeless bags to those in need.

If you are wondering what is needed - we could use peanut butter, jelly, 1 lb. bags of rice, small and large cans of chicken, pudding snacks, boxes of cold cereal, boxes of crackers and any microwave meals you might find (not frozen). Any other items you think a hungry family might want to eat will be appreciated.

Our local **Ingles** sponsored a canned food drive during the month of November/December. They donated the food bags that they collected to our **LGUMC Food Pantry**. These subsequently were given away in our January 25 Giveaway.



Dee Elkins: Vice President
Ann Decker: Secretary
Gigi Banks: Treasurer

The mission statement of the United Methodist Women is, in part, ***“to show others our love for God by turning our faith and hope into action that will benefit others”***. Here are a few of our accomplishments for 2019.

- Donated **294** handmade baby blankets to Rachel’s Gift.
- Volunteered **monthly** at Rachel’s Gift to prepare keepsake boxes and grief support information for families who experienced infant loss.
- UMW members in conjunction with the Mission Team, hosted a pizza party for A Friend’s House and the LGUMC Youth.
- Assisted Mission Team in the collection of items for community yard sale and assisted with the yard sale.
- Assisted Outreach Team in the preparing of plastic Easter Eggs with candy and yard sale information for upcoming yard sale and egg hunt for distribution in neighborhoods and hotels.
- Provided monetary support for an orphan in Albania through Hope for the World. This is an ongoing mission for the UMW.
- Assisted Kids for Christ in the preparation for VBS.
- Volunteered during VBS week.
- Volunteered during LGUMC Music Camp.
- Assisted with parking and handing out water during the county wide 4th of July fireworks celebration.
- Members prepared meals for shut-ins during the summer when church did not have Wednesday night supper.
- Provided monetary support along with LGUMC Mission Team for Rachel’s Gifts Angel Dash. Also, volunteered at the event.
- Attended Griffin District 150 years of UMW celebration and provided monetary support for Legacy Fund.
- Hosted a Widow/Widower Brunch for the widows and widowers of the church.
- Assisted in the preparation of personal care packs for distribution to homeless and hotel residents.
- Provided monetary support to purchase new pajamas for A Friend’s House at Christmas.
- Monetary gifts were given to the United Methodist Women Griffin District for the mission work of The United Methodist Church in memory of those who passed away.
- Several members of the UMW are also on the Mission Team. These members have provided services through the mission team such as delivering meals weekly to shut-ins and residents in hotels.

The UMW had a successful year. We reached beyond the walls of our Church to touch others with Christian Love.

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

Sunday Mornings

Nursery: We offer a nursery during our morning worship services. Our nursery is well supervised and offers a warm, nurturing atmosphere for babies & toddlers. The nursery is located on the Preschool Hall. Children 9 weeks - 5 years are accepted from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm on Sunday Mornings. Ask one of our Greeters and they would love to show you to our Nursery.

Children's Church: Every Sunday morning during the 8:45am and 11:00am services, we offer Children's Church for all children ages 5 to 5th grade. Children will attend the Children's sermon in church, and then be led to Children's Church by our ministry staff.

Wednesday Nights

Kidz for Christ: Join us on Wednesday nights after dinner from 6:30 - 7:45 pm where you learn how to navigate through the Bible, have lessons, fun and fellowship with your peers.



Backpack Buddies

Have you wondered about what goes into the bags that our church packs for children at Locust Grove Elementary?

We are now providing bags of food every two weeks on Friday for 31 children to take home enough for two days. These bags contain **two** of each of the following:

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| drink boxes | can of meat/pasta | fruit gummies |
| a fruit cup or applesauce | granola bar | |
| Cheese Crackers | tiny bit of chocolate or other candy | |

KEEP IN TOUCH

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This is not home cooking, folks, but it can keep them from being hungry and it does not require cooking. We do not know who the children are that receive our bags. They are left at the school counselor's office and he has a list of those approved by the school to get this food. This food is provided by our mission funds and by money given for this project. It is purchased in bulk, usually from Sam's Club or Cosco. If you are interested in supporting this program, donations should go to LGUMC and be marked Backpack Buddies. This is the heart and soul of LGUMC. Christians giving to those who need.

Comments and Suggestions

Always welcome 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.