

River News



We, Little River, are the proud owners of a new 2018 Starcraft Allstar 15 passenger bus with wheelchair lift, DVD/TV, backup camera, charging ports for each row, and Little River UMC lettering on all 4 sides. It can accommodate two people in wheelchairs in the rear with optional flip down seats. It is a very nice bus and we are fortunate to have it.



This bus was paid for with money Leola Anglin left the church and her remaining Goddard

family requested that we use the money to purchase the bus. We sincerely appreciate it and will enjoy it for a long time to come.

Its first trip was for the annual Women's Retreat and this was very appropriate because Leola and her sister Jessie especially loved going on our Women's Retreats each year. A special thanks to the Goddard family for thinking of the bus and to Leola for making a donation to the church in her will.

THANK YOU GOD SUNDAY

For several years at Little River we have chosen the Sunday before Thanksgiving to be a special day we call "Thank You, God Sunday". Next Sunday, November 18, is that day. On this day, we give a special offering as a small way of saying thank you God for our many blessings. This donation goes toward the budget of the church to help with expenses. Special envelopes will be available for any donation you would like to give, or you can just mark your check thank you God.



If you cannot attend church but would like to make your special donation, you can mail your donation to:
Little River UMC
P.O. Box 637
Woodstock GA 30188

All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Drawing for
3 Lucky
Winners

Prize: Free Meal the
following week!

Wednesday Night MEALS

Returning
this fall.

6:15PM

Adults \$6 / Kids 4+ \$3 / Maximum \$18 per family.

Our attendance has been down all season until last Wednesday night when we had turkey and all the trimmings, and we had good attendance and lots of takeouts. Remember we need you to come each week and support us. Meals are only \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids 4+, \$18 per family and Christ's Kids and the Youth Group eat for free! We will have meals thru December 12 and then return on January 9.

November 2018 MENU

- Nov. 7 **Roast turkey, dressing, green peas, sweet potato soufflé, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, rolls, drink & dessert.**
- Nov 14 **Taco Night: Chips and salsa, tacos with all the trimmings, refried beans, rice, drink & dessert.**
- Nov. 21 **NO MEAL - THANKSGIVING**
- Nov 28 **Beef Stroganoff over noodles, vegetable medley, garden salad, bread, drink & dessert**





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Hello Little River Ladies!

We would love for you all to join us for our next UMW night circle meeting on Tuesday, 11/13 at 7pm at Gail O's home. If this is your first time, Gail lives on 505 Wagon Trail...really close to the church. We would love to have you join us and feel free to bring a friend! The fellowship and devotion are amazing, and of course light food is always served. 😊

If you have a Thank Bank, please bring it to this meeting. This is one of our annual UMW mission projects. If you don't have a Thank Bank, we will get

you one for 2019. We will discuss ideas on where to allocate our mission funds and discuss our plans for the upcoming Christmas luncheon that will be held on Saturday, 12/1. You don't want to miss it!



We had a wonderful time with 13 ladies who went on the fantastic Annual Women's Retreat. If you didn't get the chance to attend this year, go ahead and mark your calendars for the 3rd weekend in October for 2019!

This year, we took our new church bus on this great weekend adventure, and

the ladies had a great time being able to ride in the same vehicle. So much great conversation and great memories were made. Friday, we went to tour a Hindu Temple - BAPPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Lilburn. It was inaugurated in August of 2007 after only 17 months of construction time utilizing 1.3 million volunteer hours. More than 34,000 individual pieces of Turkish Limestone, Italian marble, and Indian pink sandstone were carved by hand in India, shipped to the USA and assembled in Lilburn like a giant 3-D puzzle. Their actual house of prayer was an amazing piece of art, and we were able to experience a prayer service, which was far from quiet. It was actually quite loud with song and clapping. Many questions were asked to our guide who was very helpful explaining the Hindu religion and other questions we had about India.



After we left the Mandir, we had a picnic lunch just down the road and headed to LaGrange. Friday at 3pm we had a guided tour of Bellevue, a Greek revival mansion built in 1853-1855. It was built by Benjamin Harvey Hill for his wife, Caroline. Senator Hill served in the Georgia Legislature, Confederate Congress, and U.S. House and Senate. The mansion is designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. It was lucky that it was

not burnt by the Union Army, and we had a wonderful time getting to hear the history of the area, as well as learning about the home on the guided tour of each room. This home is now kept up by the Women's Club of LaGrange. Afterwards, we checked into our hotel, grabbed dinner at a Roger's Bar-B-Q, and had the opportunity to parallel park the new bus for the first time successfully! We then turned in at the hotel and played Crummy Rummy and RummiKub 'til the wee hours of the morning.





On the next day, a very soggy Saturday morning, we went to the Biblical History Center in LaGrange. This was the highlight of the trip (according to Jessica Porter), and many who attended stated they would return with friends and family. This



wonderful history center even has special events with roman soldiers, city officials, and other historical reenactments. The goal of the Biblical History Center is to help people understand the Bible and the ancient world in its historical and cultural context by providing exact replicas of ancient life settings coupled with cutting-edge teaching based on the most up-to-date evidence and information in the fields of archaeology and biblical scholarship. This was so interesting, and we all learned so much!

We then went to the "Wild Animal Safari just 20 minutes down the road. It was exciting to have our own zebra striped van to drive our group through the giant park. We were more than up close in the windowless bus that was barred. We all enjoyed Jessie calling the animals closer, watching the giant tongues enter the bus windows, and the looks on the women's faces who



were feeding these wonderful creatures.

Afterwards we walked through another area of the Park where we saw so many monkeys, bears, and beautiful birds.



That night we cleaned up and ate at Cracker Barrel before driving to the next town over, West Point, to see a great play, "The Curious Savage" at the New Horizons Community Theater. The cast gave a great performance, as we delved into the story of an elderly widow named Mrs. Savage, whose husband had left her ten million dollars. She wanted to make the best use of it, despite her grown step-children's efforts to get their hands on it, including having her committed to a sanatorium hoping to "bring her to her senses." *The Curious Savage* was a warm comedy that compared the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the greed and hostility of so-called "normal people".

Sunday, we had breakfast and a devotional and checked out of La Quinta. Then we went to Hogansville to attend the Hummingbird Festival which was featured in the September issue of Southern Living. They had lots of vendors and lots of great food, and this concluded the trip. We then headed back to

Woodstock and said our goodbyes. Some friends and family of Little River members we only see this trip each year, so it's a wonderful time to reconnect and catch up with our friends from trips gone by. We sincerely hope you can attend next year! We would love to fill the bus and take other vehicles along too if we overflow!



Love and God's Blessing to all,
Paula Goddard – UMW President of 2018
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UMW Morning Circle

Next Meeting: Nov. 13th @ 11:15 AM

Contact Bonita Cox for more info.

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Interested in seeing what it means to be in the United Methodist Women's missions groups?
Join the morning circle for their next meeting!

Our United Methodist Women's Morning Circle wishes everyone a Blessed Christ-filled Christmas. Look for meeting dates and mission study opportunities in 2019 in your Sunday bulletin.



The **INCREDIBLES** had a fantastic October. It started with our monthly breakfast at Chick-fil-a on October 9th. We had 13 in attendance. Birthdays were celebrated. Lots of fun, fellowship and good food was enjoyed. To end the month we had our annual fish fry at the home of Gail O. Around 50 folks were in attendance. Special thanks to Bill Goddard and Sam McCleskey for cooking our fish. Thanks to all who provided the fish and side dishes. It was a great evening of good food, fun and fellowship. We are already looking forward to next year. November plans are in the making. If you haven't joined this group, come during November and December. God Bless. Sandra

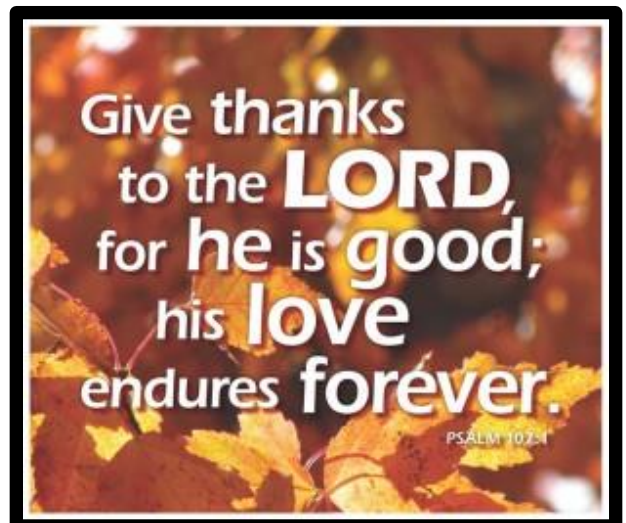
Any suggestions or questions can be addressed to **Pat** @ 678.938.5235, **Jenny** @ 770.926.3172 or **Sandra** @ 770.926.3595. If you prefer, you may email Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. God Bless.

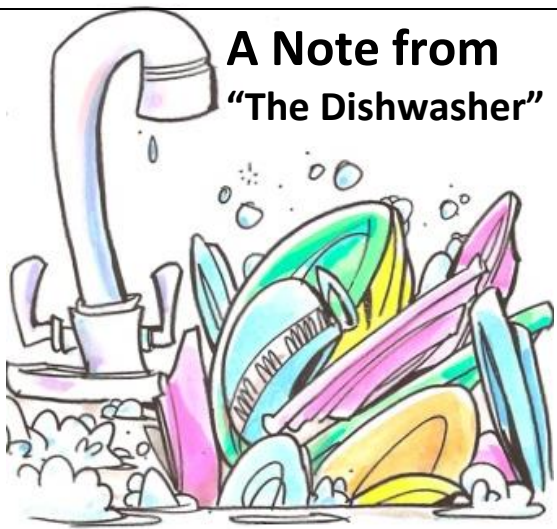
This is truly an **INCREDIBLE** group.

Monday Morning Prayer Group

MMPG continues to meet and be blessed. We continue to receive cards, money and many thank you from the church family and others. We are grateful to Lois Allen for joining the group. All help is appreciated. We average sending 15 to 20 cards per week. Our total for the year is around 800. Please continue to pray for the group and the needs of our church family and friends. Any requests can be reported to any of the group. The pew cards are very helpful.

Happy Thanksgiving. God Bless. Any concerns or needs, you may contact **Jenny** @ 770.926.3172 or **Sandra** @ 770.926.3595. You may send an email to Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. God Bless.





A Note from "The Dishwasher"

Beating Evil

I have recently heard a few of my friends say, evil is all around us. If you spend any time watching TV or listening to the radio you were sure to hear that we are doomed. Nothing can be further from the truth. Evil in all forms has been with us since the beginning of time and will be with us until the end. With God's help we will always beat it back. Good always over-shadows evil. Don't believe the talking heads on TV and radio. God will always win.

Beautiful Quote

"I don't pray for anything, until I thank God for everything!" - Jack Keheley

Children's Church

Everyone is usually at the 11am service so you miss out on all the fun taking place in the fellowship hall at Children's Church. Ms. Pat & Ms. Kathy try to engage the kids in creative crafts, cooking, playing games, and having fun. I am blessed to see the fun and love Pat and Kathy show the children. Sometimes Rich comes down and plays his guitar and we have sing-a-longs and dancing. I also get to enjoy the fun when they need a substitute. The smiles on their faces need to be seen. Thank you, Pat & Kathy, from all the church family.

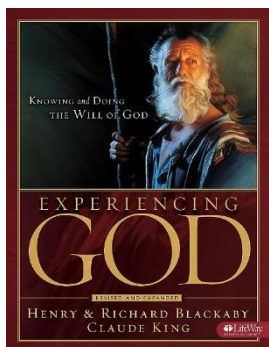
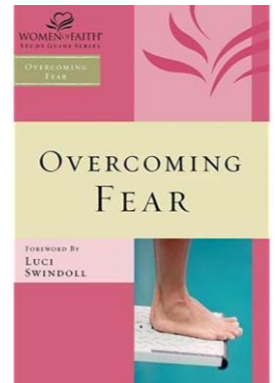
Veteran's Day

November 9th, I attended a Veteran's Day celebration at Arnold Mill Elementary School. It was the thirteenth year honoring our men and women of the military. I was honored to attend. David Kenneth Bailey invited myself and other veterans from our church. We all gathered out front at the school and then each were escorted by a scout or pupil to the library for a scrumptious breakfast. We had everything you could think of. They even had David Bailey's favorite "quiche". After breakfast we were escorted to the assembly room. We got to enjoy the school choir sing each branch of our military's songs. All the students attended or got to hear it streamed to their home rooms. Everyone was so nice and respectful. I was very humbled by the attention.

Wednesday Night Bible Studies - 7PM

We will continue our Wednesday night women's Bible study, Overcoming Fear, on November 14. This study will be finalized in the next year after our Christmas and New Year's celebrations. December 5th and 12th we will focus on "Blue Christmas"...Devotions of light in a season of darkness. This has been a challenging year for many people. It is our hope that this study will be a blessing to anyone who has suffered a loss or whose hurt has hurt because of life's twists and turns. Come join us as we remember Jesus as the Light of Our World in all circumstances. For

more information, please call Bonita Cox 615-293-1670



Join the men as they continue their study *Experiencing God*. For more info, contact David Pope or Rich Seibert. So far, they are loving it!



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Trunk or Treat was another great success story from October! Jessica Porter, Youth & Children's Minister would like to thank all of the kitchen crew, parking crew, (food/drink, candy, & financial) donors, and trunk decorators that were all key in pulling this event together. We had over 900 children attend with their families, and we fed hundreds a hotdog and chili dinner. Although we only had about half as many trunks as in the couple past years, the décor and games were loved by all, and Gary Coleman, our Sunday Morning worship leader at the 8:30 service, was a fantastic DJ as always. Consider a trunk in 2019! You will love getting to participate in all the fun and see all of the great costumes of kids right here in the Woodstock area. ☺

Youth Rooted Retreat

Eight Youth, Jessica, Oscar, & Paula, all attended Camp Glisson's Rooted Retreat for the first time this past October 12-14. It was a great weekend of learning and looking inward. The main theme was Rooting ourselves in God's Playlist. Can we follow Him as we do the celebrities? Are we surrounding ourselves with music that lifts us up or breaks us down? Music has evolved greatly over



the past 20 years, and so has technology, but what we put in our ears and before our eyes is what comes out of our mouths and out in our actions. Can we be true fans and true followers of Jesus Christ?



Our main passage was Luke 5:1-12. Jesus Calls His First Disciples. "5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the

fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they pulled their



boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Some of the youth and the adults really took this to heart. Sometimes this world can be cruel. We don't always know what might come next, but we can choose to follow the Lord, and He will bless those who stay faithful to His Word and listen to His Spirit.

The worship over the weekend was also wonderful, and a color war was great fun. Please pray for our Youth who have to grow up in the current world.





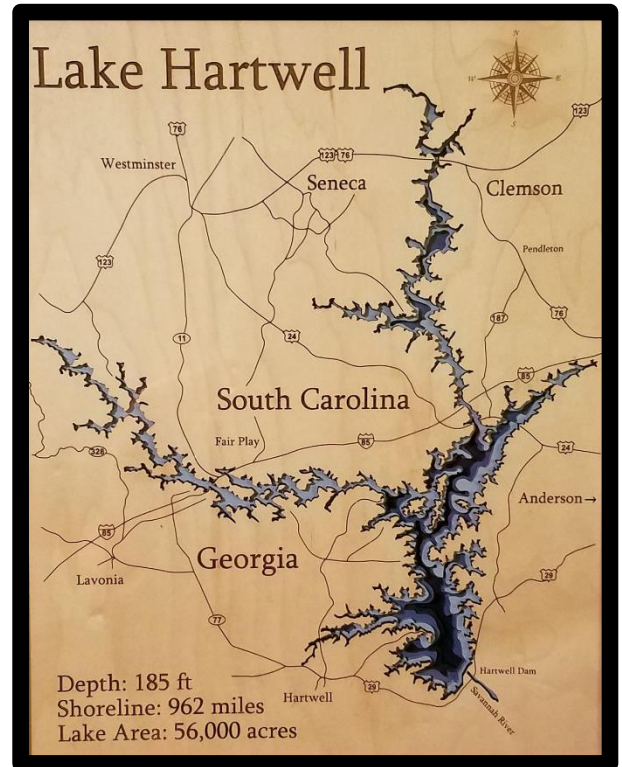
Participating United Methodist Men enjoyed a wonderful time apart at the home of Pastor Gale and Rich Seibert at Lake Hartwell over the weekend of November 2nd through 4th. Activities involved fishing (everyone was successful), watching SEC football, plenty of good food,

and several very meaningful devotional sessions. Fritz, Tony, David and Rich enjoyed their time together away from the hustle and bustle of Woodstock traffic.

Plans for another such weekend are already in consideration.

Dear Little River,

We are entering an amazing time: a time to reflect; a time to be grateful; a time to think about the wants and needs and others! We are delighting in the company of family and friends and thinking of ways to surprise them with loving, thoughtful gifts. Welcome to Thanksgiving Time!



Sunday, Nov 18 is Thank You God Sunday. On that day we will take up a special offering for the general funds used to maintain and keep our church running. It supports the everyday things that are so many times taken for granted, but necessary. Prayerfully consider all of the things for which you are grateful and please put your gifts in the offering plate. If you will be absent, we will still receive this

offering over the next two Sundays. Thank you for your faithfulness throughout the year and especially at this time.

I pray you will have safe travels and wonderful opportunities to renew friendships and love your family and friends.

In His Service, Pastor Gale

Celebrations within the church:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

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| Bob & Eileen Hirsch | 11-7-1969 | (49 years) |
| Tony & Cara Bush | 11-18-2012 | (6 years) |
| William & Beverly Oberlietner | 11-22-1959 | (59 years) |
| Bill & Sharon Hamby | 11-28-1998 | (20 years) |
| JR & Betty Smith | 12-6-2003 | (15 years) |
| Jimmy & Julie Long | 12-19-2011 | (7 years) |
| Ray & Ellen Brandt | 12-24-1950 | (68 years) |

Upcoming Birthdays:

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|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Mary Clayman | 2 | JR Smith | 2 | Bobbie Hartsfield | 7 |
| Joey Porter | 3 | Allyson Goddard | 4 | Pauline Smith | 9 |
| Lamira Bowles | 12 | Scott Christian | 4 | Jenny Mitchell | 9 |
| Ridgely Bailey | 13 | Carol Ford | 5 | Bob Connor | 20 |
| Judy Beavers | 14 | Geneva Evans | 6 | Clayton Bailey | 21 |
| Gail Oakes | 16 | Sharon Hamby | 6 | Kaylynne Barfield | 22 |
| Megan Sharp | 16 | Paula Goddard | 9 | Jean Jones | 23 |
| Becky Hughes | 17 | Carl McKinney | 12 | Ruth Petherick | 30 |
| Debbie Hamby | 18 | Jane Watkins | 13 | Beth Watkins | 31 |
| Jason Watkins | 19 | David Oakes | 15 | | |
| Oscar King | 21 | Earl Cosner | 18 | | |
| Bill Hamby | 23 | Ethel Burkhard | 20 | | |
| | | Geraldine Stell | 27 | | |
| | | Bob Eller | 28 | | |

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, and you would like it to be, please email Jessica Porter, so she has the info to add to her database. Verbal reminders may not be recalled when it is time to print again.

Thank you!

Thank you for Reading the November 2018 Edition of the Little River Newsletter "River News"! If you did not get your group/individual segment into the newsletter this month, simply send your next update to Jessica Porter. JessicaPorter1313@gmail.com
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