



River News

Summer

2019



Welcome to Homecoming. We are so glad you are here!! We are just about to enter the last of summer and thought you'd enjoy knowing some of the things we have enjoyed so far. We have started a bakery ministry, headed by Dawn Thorpe. We pick up beautiful bakery products about three times/week and give away most of them to families in need, apartment complexes and businesses



whose workers need help. We also spread a table on Sundays with cakes and other desserts as well as a variety of breads and give them away to our members. If there are any bakery products left, we give them away, too, often to strangers!

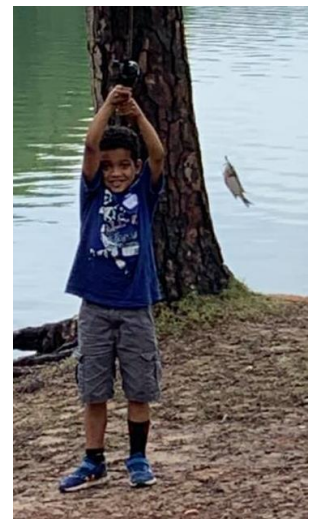


Our new Alzheimer's



Caregivers Group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 11 am. We have enjoyed listening to and caring for the wonderful people who alter and altar their lives to care for loved ones in need.





VBS was lots of fun with lots of children and faithful volunteers; the Incredibles have been traveling; the Monday Morning Prayer Group delights in praying and sending cards; we're having terrific discussions in the Book Study that meets on Wednesdays from 1-3 and children, most of whom do not attend Little River, have been having a grand time at our Adventure Camps. Children 6-12 have gone to the Atlanta Zoo, fished, picked blueberries, made butter and muffins, gone to a pottery and made bowls and used a potter's wheel and generally had a terrific time on Adventures!



Our Summer worship has celebrated Fathers, Our country, and above all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During July our choir is enjoying a well-deserved rest. In August, if you want to dress in more relaxed clothes for Sunday school and worship, great! We just want to enjoy worshipping and serving together for the glory of God! Consider making Little River your home and gaining a loving new family. Pastor Gale



Monday Morning Prayer Group

The **MMPG** continues to meet every Monday @ 10.30am. We have sent approximately 350 cards year to date. We appreciate all the church family does for this group. All the money for stamps and cards, as well as your prayers are appreciated. Please continue to support us with your prayers and keep us posted when someone needs our prayers. Please contact Jenny @ 770.926.3172 or Sandra @ 770.926.3595 or by email @ Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. You may also contact the church office or Pastor Gale. God Bless.

*Sow seeds of peace
in this world, Lord
and if necessary
use me as your gardener.*



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United Methodist Women

The Tuesday morning UMW Circle package 150 lunches for the children's lunch program by MUST Ministry. Thanks to everyone who helped out. United Methodist Women is all about women and children. We love it when our activities are a solid reflection of our mission statement.



LRUMC UMW is also hosting a potluck salad luncheon on August 11 in the fellowship hall

following our 11 o'clock service. Everyone is asked to bring a large meat, seafood, vegetable, or dessert salad to share. This is a great opportunity to come and fellowship with your church family. Hope to see you there. For additional information, contact Bonita Cox at 615-293-1670 or Paula Goddard at 678-234-6909.

On August 28th, the UMW will be hosting a game night from 7 to 9 PM in the fellowship hall. No dinner will be served, but we are asking everyone to bring a snack that will be combined to make "birdseed". If you have a favorite game, please bring it and invite others to play with you. Let's have some fun together! For more information, contact Bonita Cox at 615-293-1670 or Sally Fedrigon at 770-235-3322.



Our Wednesday night women's Bible Study will be starting back On September 4 following the Wednesday night meal. We are looking forward to another great year of learning and fellowship. We will let you know once the study has been selected. Hope you can join us. For me information, please call Bonita, at 615-293-1670 or Annette Davidson at 770-924-8067.



News from the Trail

It might not be the end of summer, but the unofficial end of summer is the return to school this coming week in Cherokee County. Of course it also means a return to regular meeting times, recruiting new Scouts, and reminiscing about summer camps. Troop 625 went to Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton, and Pack 625 visited the USS Yorktown in Charleston. The Webelos (4th and 5th grade Scouts) attended Scoutland at Lake Lanier, and our new girl Troop is in training for Winter camp after Christmas. Our Girl Scout Troops normally take the summers off, but managed to do an overnight stay at the Georgia Aquarium as well as maintaining the vegetable garden next to the road. The dishwasher even commented that they have been growing very good tomatoes just the other morning.

I know what you're thinking. Is that **ALL**? Is that **the best they have**? Quite frankly — no, and I'm glad you asked. The Scouts will be working with the Men's Group and some special local projects very soon. Yeah, I saw you flinch Mr. Dishwasher. No, we're not telling yet, so you'll have to wait. Without further delay, these are your Scouts in Action!



Troop 625, Nantahala River



Pack 625, Scoutland summer camp. Yes, that is the Aflac Duck.



Troop 1208, Nantahala River



Troop 1208, Cloudland Canyon



Cub Scout Pack 625 camped aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Yorktown at Patriots Point in May.



I would like to personally thank Mr. Bob Hirsch for his dedication to the Men's Group since last year. When I accepted the position as the leader of the group, I did so with some trepidation after seeing how others had led the group in the past. I



certainly have high expectations to live up to, and I hope that I will continue to enjoy the confidence of the other men in the group in the coming months. Mr. Hirsch had dedicated himself to the cause of pediatric brain cancer, and the men's group has committed to building several birdhouses to be decorated and auctioned by a group at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. I saw this as an opportunity for several groups to assist, and we've enlisted the aid of our Scouts. Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Thorpe have cut all of the wood for 30 birdhouses, our Webelos (5th grade Scouts) will assemble the materials (satisfying a rank requirement and community service) and will be led by older Boy Scouts (also for community service). Once complete, we will deliver them to the children for decoration and the auction near the beginning of September.

We plan on using this formula with our Scouting Ministry to begin making an impact where it's most important — locally. We're going to help our Scouts do what they do best, ". . . To help other people at all times . . ." and set an example for them as they advance through their programs. Our group will **vet the opportunities, mentor** the Scouts where necessary, **lead** by example, and step out of the way to **allow the Scouts to learn leadership** at an early age.

We often tell the Scouts that the congregation looks at them as their grandchildren. What better way to learn than to add several additional sets of doting grandfathers to their lives? With that said, we have 2 BSA Troops, 1 Cub Scout Pack, and 4 Girl Scout Troops. There are a lot of Scouts to work with, and a lot of help that is needed nearby. **We're looking for a few good men** who are willing to do a job where you might not see an immediate benefit, but one that might arrive when the next generation reaches adulthood. If you have what it takes, I'm sure that we'll see you at the next meeting! — David Bailey, 2019 UMM President



The **INCREDIBLES** had a busy June and July. On June 11th, we had our monthly breakfast at Chick-fil-a. We had lots of fun. That was our only outing for June. On July 9th, we had our breakfast gathering. It was a small group due to other activities among the church family. It was a great time of good food and fellowship. On July 16th, we had a trip to Grand Oaks in Cartersville where we had a delicious buffet. Eleven went from the church with three guests joining us there. As usual Rich drove us safely to and from our destination. If you haven't had a trip on the new van you are missing a treat. We are so blessed to have it at our

disposal. Watch the bulletin for August plans. Another exciting month has been planned. Long range plans for the rest of the year are being discussed. Details to follow in the next few weeks. Any questions or suggestions can be sent to Jenny @ 770.926.3172, Pat @ 678.938.5235 or Sandra @ 770.926.3595. You may email to Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. Come join us for our next event. God Bless.



We continue to grow and added a new nursing home. These past months have been wonderful, but our merry band have suffered some sorrows. Several of our members have lost loved ones.

The caring nature of the members have helped the grief-stricken work thru the hard time with cards and calls. We await their return with open arms and hearts.

We are blessed by the love of Christ. - **Bob Hirsch 770-344-8763**

Methodist Melodies



MIDWEEK

FEED THE BODY • FEED THE SOUL

Returning September 4th

Summer seems to be laid back for most folks in Woodstock, but we at Little River have been quite busy! This Summer, our adults took several trips in our new bus all over Georgia, and they had a blast! Our children from the community, and children related to our members, have participated in 4 Adventure Camp outings, and we had combined, nearly a hundred kids and volunteers here on the church campus each night for a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School! The kids raised \$515 to support pediatric brain tumor research in honor of Caroline Connor! To top it all off, we had a fantastic Family Fun Day after a great Family Celebration Service featuring our VBS program & kids!

We at Little River hope your Summer has been truly enjoyable and restful, and we want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped organize each and every event and outing that has taken place this season. There's a lot that goes on in the background that folks don't realize, but our volunteers and staff continue to pour their hearts and souls into these ministries at Little River to facilitate meaningful experiences alongside Jesus, just like we've had this Summer. But our staff and leadership teams can't do everything by themselves, so we would also like to thank the dozens of volunteers that came out and participated in VBS, Adventure Camp, Family Fun Day and more! So many folks want to reach out and give a helping hand to show the love of Christ to others, and we have seen that this season. If we continue to strive towards this goal of spreading the love of Christ, in a multitude of ways, we can truly make a difference in this Cherokee County community and beyond. With Christ, all things are possible, even in our weakness.

School will begin in the coming week, and we understand that life will be getting busier and busier as the year goes on, but we hope that you will trust that God will multiply the hours and days for the time that you pour back into building your relationship with Him. Time spent For God, With God, In Honor of God, In Prayer to God, In Worship of God, is never time wasted. He is faithful and He is Good. God is calling us. We may not always understand what that call fully entails, but we know that we can trust God is always in control, and we can truly rest in Him no matter how busy or crazy our year and our life may get. Let's truly Give Back of ourselves this Fall, for the Glory of the Lord.



