



We have begun a new year and have gotten off to a grand start! At our Church Conference Sunday, January 19, we elected the 2020 Administrative Council, volunteers who will lead us this year as the body of Christ in the world. Then Sunday, January 26, we consecrated them for service, first to God, then to the Church, us. How grateful we are that these talented individuals agreed to share their valuable time, talents, energy, resources and witness to help us all fulfill God's dream for Little River UMC to continue to reach out with love and care, embodying Jesus Christ, to the communities that surround us. We hope 2020 will be a year with bold new vision (2020 vision) and courage to face any new challenges with wisdom, gentleness, kindness and love. Pray that God will show you a clear vision of how you can fulfill his dreams for you and how you can be a blessing to these new and seasoned leaders. Love, Pastor Gale.



**MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP** had a great 2019. We are very grateful for all your support and encouragement for our group. We sent **763** cards during the year. Hopefully, people were blessed by our endeavors. Please, continue to pray for the group. We give God the glory for our success. Help keep us informed when needs arise. You may contact Jenny @ 770.926.3172, Sandra @ 770.926.3595 or the

church staff. You can email, if you prefer, to [Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com). God's blessing for a healthy, happy and successful new year.



**UMW Tuesday Morning Circle** is fueled by a love for missions. Our Advent/Christmas theme was “Stockings Hung by the Fireplace with Caring”. Socks are the #1 requested item by those in need throughout our community. Over 100 pairs of socks were donated by our congregation for men, women and children. These were delivered to the Cherokee Women’s Shelter, the homeless and some are ready for children in need. Thank you for your support!



Souper Sundays are back for 2020! On January 12, February 9, and March 8 immediately following the 10:55 service, everyone is invited to gather for some delicious fellowship time. Eight different people volunteer to make soup for each of these Sundays. All the set-up and condiments are provided by our Tuesday Morning Circle ladies. Donations received benefit the kitchen and mission projects.

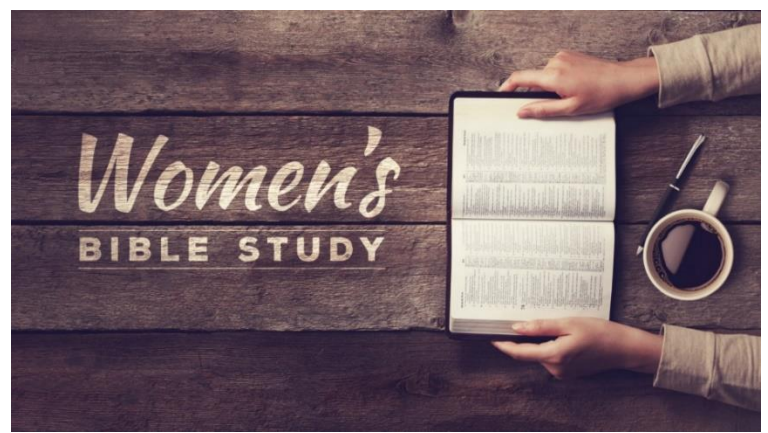


Coming Up Soon: The United Methodist Women’s Service Day Project for this year is putting together kits for children being served by Family Haven\*. Each kit will contain one juice box, fruit chews; a granola bars (or packs of crackers, pretzels or chips), and one compact activity (coloring book/small box of crayons, activity book, small puzzle or game). We will take these to the District UMW meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*Family Haven serves local women and children who are victims of domestic violence.



**Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study** is “Twelve Extraordinary Women” by John MacArthur. We meet at 7:00 following the Wednesday Night Meals. This small group of 8-14 women reads the material for each week and has some amazing discussions. This is open to all women at LRUMC and friends.







Happy January 2020,

I am the new president of the Little River United Methodist Men for the new year 2020. I want to thank all the men who have represented Little River UMC in the past. I hope to ensure that our group will perform the responsibilities we are given in a helpful and meaningful way.

I will present my ideas this Sunday, January 26, 2020, after the 10:55 am service. All men are welcome to come to our first meeting in the fellowship room upstairs at 12:15 pm.

This will not be a "one-man effort". I will request ideas from everyone this Sunday and throughout the coming year.

I am optimistic we can accomplish meaningful tasks.

Yours truly,

Tom Walbeck  
2020 UMM President  
aka "The Dishwasher"



**GAME NIGHTS are here for 2020!**

A small group met on New Year's Day for a game night and have planned another great night of fun for Wednesday, February 19. The kids have off that week from school in Cherokee County, so our regularly scheduled activities are on break that night. Come on out and bring a game to play and a snack to share!



The **INCREDIBLES** had a fun year. We made lots of good memories, ate lots of good food and learned a lot of good things as we traveled around. Our average attendance was 12 per outing. We are hopeful that 2020 will find us continuing to enjoy one another. Lots of good plans are being discussed. Watch the upcoming bulletins for announcements. Any questions and suggestions can be directed to Pat Andre @ 678.938.5235, Jenny Mitchell @ 770.926.3172 or Sandra Wehunt @ 770.926.3595. You can email to [Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com). Come join us anytime. Let's make the new year our best. God bless.

# Drawing for 3 Lucky Winners

Prize: Free Meal the  
following week!

# Wednesday Night MEALS

## 6:15 PM

WHO LIKES GOOD FOOD FOR A GREAT PRICE? Join us this Wednesday night for a great meal and a great conversation. The meal begins around 6:15 PM and our Bible Studies for all ages kick off in the education building at 7:00 PM. In case you didn't know, you are welcome to order to-go boxes and take your meal with you! If you have small children, we have a nursery staffed by Pam King and Megan Adams from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Cost: \$6/Adult, \$3/Child, \$18 max./family.

Young children may sign-up to attend our Christ's Kids group from age 4 thru elementary school. This group signs-in on the playground at 6:15 and if there is bad weather, we will have check-in in the Long Room attached to the Fellowship Hall.

Your middle and high schoolers can also sign-up to attend a Bible Study and discussion group with our Youth Minister, Jessica Porter at 7:00 PM. This new study is for students who are eager to learn and discuss seriously. They are currently reading through a chapter of Luke each week and having great discussion, as well as short games, and prayer.

Men 's & Women's studies will also break out at 7:00 PM. It's never too late to join!



Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade,  
Wed. 6-8 PM

Director of Program  
Children's Minister  
Jessica Porter

Teachers:  
Paula Goddard  
Sally Fedrigon  
Leslie Coleman

Kids Winter - Missions Project  
Never Alone Food Pantry  
Canned Tuna Drive

Sign-Up Your Kids this Wednesday Night!

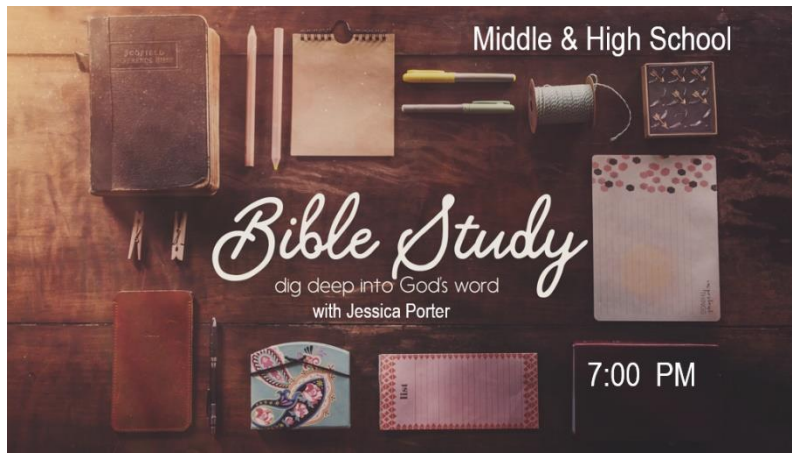
The Christ Kids had a great end of year! We finished up studying Genesis and moved into Exodus; Joseph to Moses. We are excited to learn where God leads Moses and the Israelites this Winter. We've already seen over 15 elementary & pre-school kids in 2020!

Every couple of months we have a new Missions Project for the kids to focus on and help a new organization in the community. We saw that Never Alone Food Pantry was in need of canned tuna. Some of you all may remember our last drive for tuna that a wild success for Papa's Pantry. We greatly appreciate your

support on this current tuna drive through February.

We are happy to report the great success of our School Supply Drive we hosted this past fall. There are several Title 1 schools in Cherokee County who were very happy to receive the supplies everyone brought in for their school supply check out closets for students in need. A special thank you to the United Methodist Women who bought \$200 worth of supplies.

For Christmas, the kids really enjoyed coming together for a Christmas Pizza Party and Caroling. Gary and Marsha did a great job leading a crowd of kids and adults in a fun night of caroling. The cran wrapped gift game was a highlight of the night. We can't wait for a great 2020!



The Youth on Wednesday nights are continuing their study on the book of Luke. We have some great plans for 2020! From a 30 hour famine and community fundraisers for local food pantries, and a trip to Winter Jam at State Farm Arena. We are down for other folks joining us at the concert! \$15/person.

The youth study is open to kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 7 – 8 PM. We have a great time each and every week, and we are enjoying learning about Christ and His

teachings together. We are also enjoying praying outloud for each other during our round robin prayer time. We really are making strides in growing up our kids to love one another & follow Jesus.

### Anonymous – Thought for the Day

Each Sunday we're given an opportunity to share what we believe is God's intervention in our lives or the lives of those we care about. These "sightings" focus on travel, medical, education and events that affect us in a bad way, weather.

When Jesus walked here, his goal was to help others, and he paid a horrible price. His "God sightings" were not what his Father did for Him, but rather what He was able to do for others.

We can walk the same path. Each day we have opportunities sent directly to us from our Lord to touch our brethren, His children. However, appreciating the opportunity to be a messenger, an emissary, from God takes a skill, a sensitivity, which must be developed. A desire to hear HIM with a quiet mind and a loving heart are needed. In particular, a quiet mind, serene and receptive. These skills are beneath the surface. Recognizing our natural tendencies to be blind to the miseries of others in large part because of our own troubles are upfront. A veil which must be subjugated to allow HIS message to penetrate.



Frequently, a person's story involves money but not always! But, it always requires time. Time to listen, not talk, and the words "oh, I know" should be avoided because that is perceived to be an opportunity to tell Our story. We are secondary! Our credentials are attention to them. Our job is to show them that they are not alone, maybe to counter some of their depression. God knows their trouble. MONEY. I've covered food, rent and other "needs". Jesus did all HE could, HE knew the result, I don't, but I believe helping is on me, what they do is between them and GOD.





## What A Wonderful Time of The Year

The Christmas Season was a beautiful time at Little River. We had a great Women's Christmas Luncheon, Beautiful Christmas Cantata with guest singers, Fantastic Kids & Youth Christmas Party & Caroling Night. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was extremely well attended by the community, and we were blessed to give away hundreds of pairs of socks, toys, & school supplies to the community. What a blessed 2019! Cheers 2020!





