

# SPRING 2020

## RIVER NEWS March Edition

**Little River United Methodists and Friends: Let the River of Life Flow into your hearts!**

The answer to this disease is in your hearts and needs to be spoken with authority into the air so that all of our spiritual enemies can hear and know Jesus is the Lord of all Lords: even over the virus with a crown, the Coronavirus. It is time to stand against our spiritual enemies and shout the truth!

You know Jesus Saves!

You know while on the cross Jesus defeated every illness!

(Isaiah 53: 5)

You know the name of Jesus is powerful! (Philippians 2:9)

**Put what you know to work in powerful prayer!**

Stop sitting! Stand up Little River! Your time is now!

Let the River flow in your hearts and defeat this enemy!

*It is not by might; it is not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord! (Zechariah 4:6)*

Over the next few weeks I will preach my sermons via Facebook Live, so look for them on Little River UMC's Facebook page. This will be a series of sermons to boost your faith so that you can pray effectively! Also for those of us who do not use the internet, we will mail out the newsletter and sermons.

ALSO, we are going to provide **drive through Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, April 5, from 11-1 o'clock**. If it is raining, we will offer it on Tuesday, April 7, from 11-1 o'clock. How will we do this? After consecrating the juice, (wearing gloves the entire time) we will pour the juice into small closed, plastic containers. After it is consecrated, we will put individual servings of bread in closed containers, also using gloves the entire time. We will offer the bread and juice to you while you sit in the car. We are inviting the community to participate. We want God's people to be blessed in every way. Love, Pastor Gale



**MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**  
MMPG hasn't met in the last two weeks, due to the Coronavirus. We are available, if anyone has a need for prayers. We will be mailing the April shut-in cards next week from our homes. Please call Jenny @ 770.926.3172 or Sandra @ 770.926.3595. You make email Sandra @ [Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com)., with any requests. Please continue to pray for the church family and all those affected by this situation. God Bless.



To the Little River Church Family,  
All services have been cancelled until Easter Sunday, April 12. Prior to Easter Sunday, Pastor Gale will get with others and assess the situation and see if we think we can have services on Easter. If the situation has not improved, a special Easter Service will be online only.

Wednesday Night Meals, Youth Group, Christ's Kids, Bible Studies, Monday Morning

Prayer Group etc. have all been cancelled. Jessica has also cancelled the Community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 11.

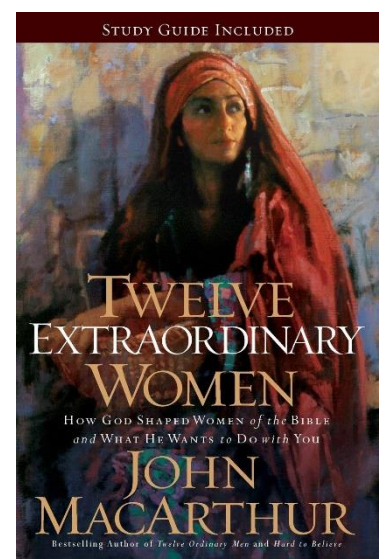
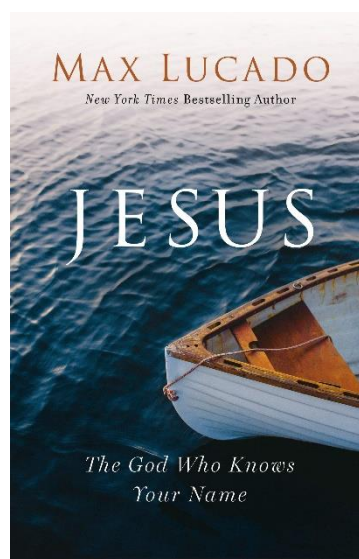
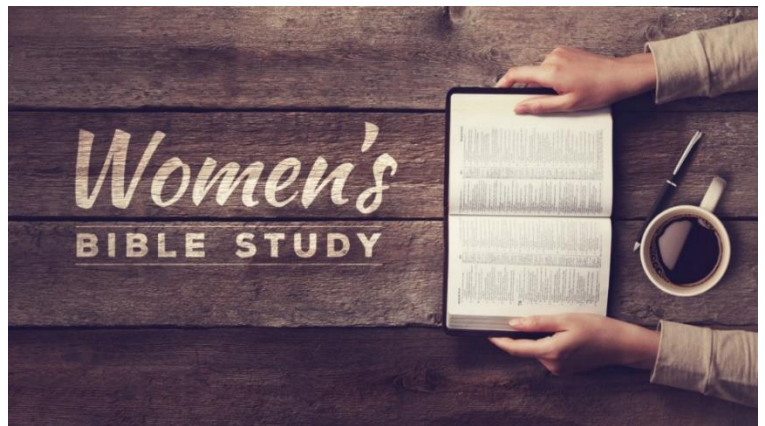
Pastor Gale is working on ways to bring Worship Services to you. Visit the church's Facebook page to view some of her latest videos streamed LIVE from her lake house. Typed up sermons are also being mailed out to those who don't have access to a computer. Contact her by email at [GaleSeibert@gmail.com](mailto:GaleSeibert@gmail.com) or by phone at 706-910-8074. If you feel that you need Pastor Gale or Rich to pray with you over the phone, just call them.

These are very trying times for everyone. Check on your friends and neighbors. Remember many of them are out of work and many are not getting paid. Call them and be sure they are okay. Let them know you care and are there for them and are praying for them.

**PRAY FOR EVERYONE!! Gail O.**

## Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

We are prayerful those who normally attend our **Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study** have been able to stay safe and well during our absence from normal activities. We had planned to begin the study "Jesus" by Max Lucado for the Lenten/Easter season. When we get back together, this will happen. Books have been distributed and there are several more for those interested in participating. This study is also available as a book download. Our study of "Twelve Extraordinary Women" will resume in the Fall 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Bonita Cox 615-293-1670 or Annette Davidson 770-924-8067





Our Men have been standing strong with our families. Sunday April 5th at 10 am, let's meet at our church parking area and work in our cemetery. We will cleanup leaves, sticks, & trash. Prune away unwanted small trees and limb up low branches, and we will drag them into woods. We will have cold drinks and snacks on hand. Two hours. We will have fun together and make a beautiful difference. I will have tools & tarps. You may bring any tools you like. You may call me, Tom Walbeck 770 401 1433, with questions or ideas.

Thanks Men.

Men recognize for month March three men Sam McCleskey, Eddie Watkins, & Bill Goddard. Our women recognize Jane Watkins, Marci Watkins, & Debbie Hamby. The above names have placed our Little River above themselves so many times. God Bless

Tom Walbeck  
2020 UMM President  
aka "The Dishwasher"



The **INCREDIBLES** met for our regular monthly breakfast on March 10th. We had 7 present. It was a fun filled morning of great Chick-fil-a breakfast and fellowship. We had to postpone Joe Appio, from the Secretary of State's office, slated to give a demonstration on the new voter machines. Joe is anxious to come as soon as it's safe to meet. We hope to meet again in the near future. Feel free to call with any questions or suggestions. Please contact Jenny @ 770.926.3172, Pat @ 678.938.5235 or Sandra@ 770.926.3595. Also email @ [Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com). See you soon. God bless.

### ANNUAL YARD SALE / BBQ FUNDRAISER

Our annual fundraiser which was scheduled for April 25 has been cancelled. We will try to have it in the fall. This is an important event that we have each year that raises money for a special project or the budget.

Hopefully, things will be better soon and we can schedule a fundraiser. Gail O

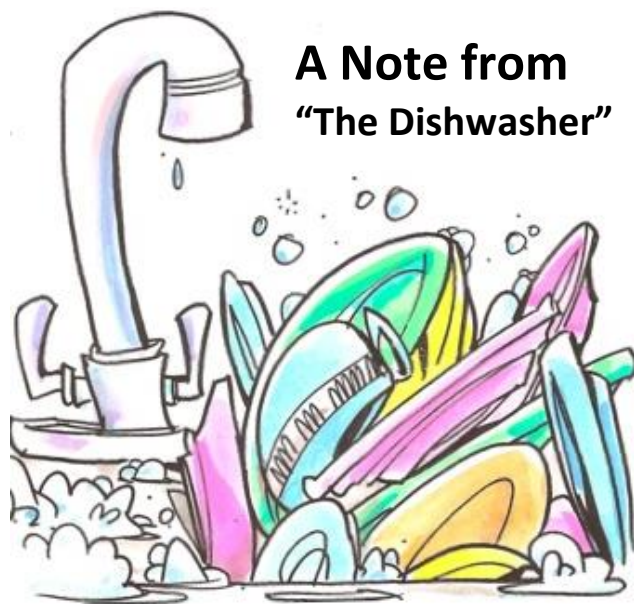




I want to thank my Kitchen Crew for taking charge and doing a great job while I was out sick. I want to thank Teresa and David Bailey, Bill Goddard and Sam McCleskey who stepped in to help especially the weeks we were so short of help. Sam and Bill have been there each week. Of course, we are not having meals at the present time. Hopefully we will soon be able to be back thru May but we will just have to wait and see. The meals mean a lot to people each week. We are able to feed our Youth Group and Christ's Kids for free each

week. We pay for supplies such as towels, toilet paper, coffee, tea, soap, paper goods, etc. for the church as well as lots of other things with the profit we make. This helps our church by these purchases not having to be paid for out of our church budget. We also pay for the food for VBS and Family Day as well as help with other projects. Thank you for your support. Hopefully we will soon be able to be back this season, but if not, we will be here this fall cooking good meals for you.

Gail O



### **A Note from "The Dishwasher"**

**Dishwasher: What's that? Yes, we return to our Wednesday night meals. We miss our family as we know you miss and adore your kitchen crew. The best in Cherokee County. Let's hang there. America has many times of trying times. We came through each time stronger. We will with Gods ever present love. See ya soon. The Dishwasher**

## Anonymous – A Thought

I choose to believe that as a decent Christian, He is looking out for me. Admittedly, there are times and circumstances which He does not intervene on, no matter how much I ask. He has done far more than simply pat me on my head and make it all better. He has graced me with abilities which I don't even know about YET. It is only when circumstances get really scary and I must dig deeper that I realize just how much He has blessed me. During those times of high stress and problems which seem insurmountable I reach out to Him for help, His guidance thru those troubles, provides me with the realization that there is a lot I can do by simply listening and realizing that the solution is something that I had not thought of. I can do this! with His guidance.

These thoughts came to me when I replayed yesterday's events. I went shopping for hygiene articles like sooo many others. The charged atmosphere betrayed the level which humanity had slipped. A frenetic environment over toilet paper. The topping was something a 2-year-old little girl said to her mother. Standing in Walgreens waiting on the



pharmacist chatting with the other customers, the little one pointed to a display case and asked her mommy, "Mommy, if I touch those bottles, will I die from the virus?" I felt a fury build up within my soul unlike anything I've experienced for a very long time. We're scaring the children, why? Because we put more value on the words from those talking heads than we do in the knowledge that He's looking out for us. He has given us the grace of common sense and all we have to do is use it!



They ran to the groceries, they filled up their carts,  
They emptied Publix and the Kroger and Walmart,  
They panicked and fought and then panicked some more,  
Then they rushed to their homes and they locked all the doors.  
The food will be gone! The milk, eggs and cheese!  
The yogurt! The apples! The green beans and peas!  
The stores have run out, now what will we do?  
They'll be starving and looting and nothing to do!  
Then they paused, and they listened a moment or two.  
And they did hear a sound, rising over the fear,  
It started out far, then began to grow near.  
But this sound wasn't sad, nor was it new,

The farms were still doing what farms always do.  
The food was still coming, though they'd emptied the shelves,  
The farms kept it coming, though they struggled themselves,  
Though the cities had forgotten from where their food came,  
The farms made them food every day, just the same.  
Through weather and critics and markets that fall,  
The farms kept on farming in spite of it all.  
They farmed without thank yous.  
They farmed without praise.  
They farmed on the hottest and coldest of days.  
They'd bought all the food, yet the next day came more,  
And the people thought of something they hadn't before.  
Maybe food, they thought, doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe farmers, perhaps, mean a little bit more.  
And while we're at it, let's also be grateful to the truckers who deliver all the products, fight traffic and deal with danger and crazy drivers every day on our roads!!

# United Methodist Women

Our **LRUMC United Methodist Women** are so grateful for YOU! Thanks to you, this year's Souper Sundays have been a fun time for everyone. We appreciate **EVERYONE** who volunteered to make soup, set up, clean up and those who came to fellowship with our church family. Thanks to our United Methodist Men who surprised us one Sunday with delicious cornbread as a perfect complement to lunch. All donations from this project will be divided between the kitchen and our UMW missions.

Also...thanks to all of you for supporting the UMW mission efforts to make kids' kits for Family Haven. We will be getting these supplies to the District ASAP.

Below are a couple of pictures from our Steak -N- Bake on 2/15 to honor all of men at Little River. A great time was had by all. Wonderful steaks and grilled chicken breasts were

prepared by Bill Goddard, Eddie Watkins, and Sam McCleskey helped prepare our wonderful food, while the ladies decorated to the hilt, and prepared for the evening. Bonita, Jean, Jessica, & Paula read a poem of all the Men do for us, including "Moving the Wise Men" 😊 Kim Simmons also blessed us with a wonderful song. We have the best guys around!!



**CHRIST Kids**

March & April Missions:  
Toothpaste & Toothbrush Drive

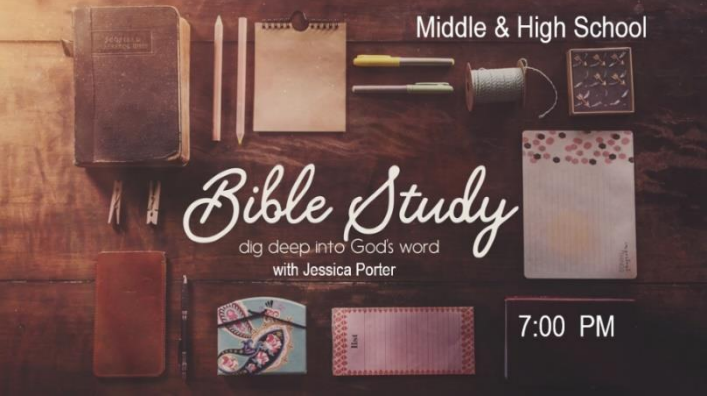
Sign-Up Your Kids this Wednesday!  
6-8 PM Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

ENCMPASS MINISTRIES

The Christ Kids are off to a great start learning about Moses this year. Jessica is working on some online curriculum options to keep the kids learning while they are quarantined at home.

So far this year, they have already completed a canned Tuna Drive for Never Alone Food Pantry off Rope Mill Road. They were super grateful for the tub full of tuna! Their current mission project is a Toothpaste and Toothbrush Drive to be given out to the needs through Encompass Ministries. Lot of donations have already come forth. Thank you so much everyone!

The Youth Group had a great time attending Winter Jam in Atlanta at the State Farm Arena. We enjoyed taking out the church bus, and were blessed with finding parking where we fit! There was a huge array of music, and the event was greatly enjoyed by the youth.



The Youth on Wednesday nights are



continuing their study on the book of Luke. We are currently looking into doing a weekly study using zoom (a video chat app) to where we can still gather, learn, and pray for each other. We are still planning on having our 30-hr. famine later on this year, after our schedules resume to normal.



**Game Night Success!**



A small group of folks who love to play games came together on Wednesday of February school break. These are great nights to invite friends from the community to come together and play games! This past game night we played "Which Came First?" The Chicken or the Egg? A game which gives you all kinds of questions asking which came first. So much fun! And we finished the night playing with Ann Marie Carrier's virtual reality headset playing games like Walk the Plank on a sky scraper, flying through cities, and walking through the grasslands on a Safari.

A black and white line drawing of a decorative banner with the text "Wonderful Counselor". The banner is part of a larger, intricate design featuring various patterns, including floral motifs, geometric shapes, and swirling lines. The text is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace