



LAKWOOD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER, 2018 NEWSLETTER



Who Am I? Why Am I Here? (Part 3)
Or
Thank You, Lord for Everything!

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

When I closed part 2 of this series, I had found a church home through the willingness of ordinary people to share the love of God with me through word and action.

As I grew in my faith at that church, my secular job was to be a hospital consultant. I travelled mostly in Florida, but some in other southeastern states. I helped hospitals figure out costs, staffing levels, etc. I loved it because while I enjoyed the work, I also had opportunities to tell people about how God was working in my life.

As I was working in my consulting job, I kept getting this little persistent thought that God had something different for me. As time went on, I noticed that people were coming to me to ask me to pray for them, or to listen to them and offer counsel. I was learning how to teach the Bible to people.

It took a while, but I finally started feeling like God might be calling me into the ministry.

I was a little like Moses. I tried to tell God all the reasons why I shouldn't be the one to be in ministry. I didn't like speaking in public. I was already doing a lot of witnessing and other things with the job I had. The list went on, but so did God's prompting.

Finally, I got to the place where I said to God "OK, God. If you want me to be in the ministry, then show me." Shortly after I prayed that prayer, one of the pastors at my church approached me. He told me that they were looking for some people to preach on Wednesday nights during the summer. He asked if I would preach one of the sermons.

So, with all the perception of a dead man, I kept praying this prayer. "If you want me to be in the ministry, then show me." A few weeks later, another one of the pastors at my church came to me. He told me the senior pastor and he wanted to meet with me. When we met, they told me that the third pastor at the church was going to be leaving, and instead of an ordained pastor, they wanted to hire me to do some of the things that he had been doing. After a series of events, I said yes.

After going on staff at the church, I served for a little less than two years before going to seminary.

When I came out of seminary, as I was serving in my first church, I had the opportunity to attend a seminar in Tampa called "Leading from the Inside Out." At the seminar, the leader, a man named Ronnie Floyd, was going through some important characteristics of good leaders. As we were going over one page, two words almost jumped off the page at me – "tenacity" and "courage." As he spoke about those characteristics, he indicated that a good leader had to be willing to stay in tough places and stand firm on his or her principles. Well, I didn't like that very much, and I argued with God some, but I acquiesced. I committed to God that I would do the best I could to stand up for what He (God) taught me. This would mean standing up for those who didn't know Jesus. Standing up for the poor, and the unborn. Sometimes, it would mean saying the uncomfortable yet necessary things.

I have tried to follow this commitment even when it would not make me popular or "nice." In all of this I have also asked God to show me when I have acted inappropriately, and to give me the humility to say "I'm sorry" when necessary. If I've hurt you and I haven't said I'm sorry, it could mean one of at least two things: God may not have shown me yet that I was out of line; or God may be asking me to stand firm. I want to be like Jesus said of one of his followers Nathanael – that I would be a man without guile.

So, that's a summary of who I am, and how I got to be where I am spiritually. I hope it will help you in your walk with God.

I am thankful for all that God has given me, and so I will once again be thinking about the blessings of being in ministry. I am thankful for this time to be the pastor at Lakewood Park United Methodist Church.

I hope these articles that tell a little about me can be of help to someone. It has been good for me to think back and write them.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Kirk





The needs of our community and church family continue, as do our need for your assistance with our Food Pantry Ministry: Boxed cereals, cans of soup, canned vegetables, boxed shelf-stable milk, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, tuna, canned chicken, spam, and rice. Food donations have been great lately-thank you so much.

If you take food out of your cupboard, please check the expiration date. We do not give out expired cans or boxes of food. Our Food Pantry is always grateful for donations you wish to make.

Total Food Bank boxes given out in September was 31.

~Thank you, Kay Olson

I want to thank all members of the congregation for their generous support of our food bank. Having started on only donations, you have supported and made the food bank grow beyond my dreams. I now find it necessary to turn the leadership of this Mission over to Kay Olsen. She has a great heart for missions and I know with your support she will do a great job. Many thanks to all. Pat Williams



We continue to support the Methodist Children's Home with our monthly Red Bucket Collection, taken the last Sunday of each month.

Thank you for all donations to this ministry.

~Kay Olson, Local Church Representative



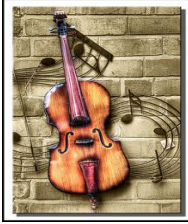
NAME TAG



If you need a name tag, please print your name on the blue Connect Card and place it in the collection basket on Sunday. It will be prepared that week and on the Narthex table the following Sunday.

Please wear your Name Tag on Sundays to make visitors feel welcome and for Pastor Kirk and his family to get to connect faces and names.

After Sunday's Service, if you would like to leave the tag at the church, please feel free to do so by placing it on the "name tag board", next to the water cooler. If you don't have a tag or if you need a change on it, please let our office staff know by telling us on the Blue Connect Card. Thank You!



**LAKWOOD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MUSIC MINISTRY NEWSLETTER
DIRECTOR: DIANE FLOAT
WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 CHOIR YEAR**

Join one of our exciting choir programs and be a blessing to all this year. We have a growing and vibrant Ministry.

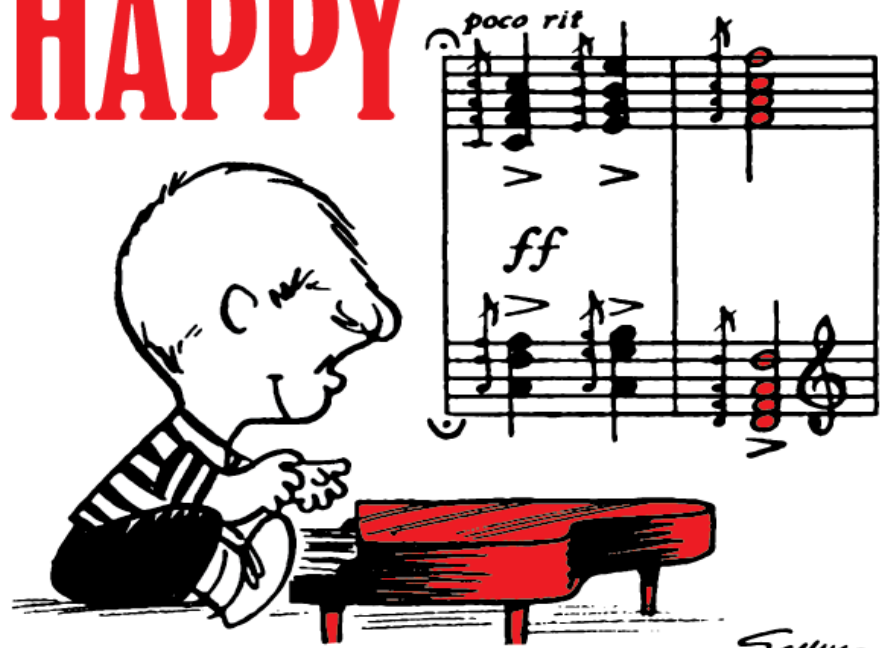
"BLESSING TO ALL THIS YEAR"

OUR REHERSAL SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Youth and Adult)
Thursday 4:00-5:00pm	Home School. Beginning Violin Class 1
5:00pm	Beginning Violin Class 2
Sundays 9:00-9:30a	Praise Team
9:30-10:00a	Chancel Choir Warm-up

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous, it is fitting for the upright to praise Him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy. Psalm 33:1-3

DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY



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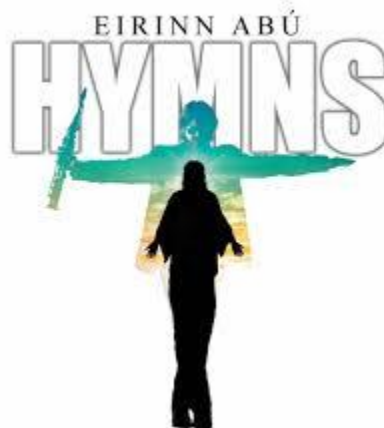
*Do you enjoy singing? Play a musical instrument?? Have you considered becoming a part of our Music Ministry?
Please contact Diane Float, Music Director*

Music
unwraps the heart,
sings out the prayer,
dances the Spirit,
& opens the soul.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Sunday, October 21st, Eirinn Abu, will be performing at our Sunday Worship Service and in concert at 4:00pm in the Family Life Center. Eirinn is a world class saxophonist and plays both church and secular music. A “Traditional Potluck” dinner to follow the concert.





ITEMS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

Would you be willing to bring a 'Treasure' for the Silent Auction OR to Donate Your Time?

An hour of yard work; dinner delivered to the buyer's home; homemade baked goods-baked when you want them; a special piece of jewelry; a painting or art piece; theater tickets; gift card? Whatever you treasure and feel would bring in funding for the Music Department, will be greatly appreciated.

Please bring items to the Family Life Center Music Department Office by Monday, October 22nd.





DINNER THEATER & SILENT AUCTION

Monday, October 29th at 6:00p.m., a Broadway Dinner Theater & Silent Auction Sponsored, prepared and presented by the Lakewood Park UMC Choir. Tickets \$10, go on sale Sunday, September 30th, following Worship Service, from choir members. Volunteers and donations are needed to help put this exciting evening together.

Please contact Diane Float, Music Director, for details.



WINNING WOMEN FOR CHRIST RETREAT

Kay Olson and Evelyn Smiley will be attending a weekend retreat in St. Simons Island, Georgia, October 19-21, 2018. (Evelyn is the pianist for the weekend.) The very humorous and thought-provoking speaker will be Cherie Nettles. The dynamic trio Nevaeh will be the special music and worship leaders. The retreat weekend is packed full of a variety of offerings. To receive a brochure and registration blank, call Kay Olson at 772-359-2102.

Winning Women Retreats are non-denominational and led by an all volunteer board and staff. The goal is that God will be glorified in all that is said and done.

Home Schooling Network

“Classical Conversations”

8:00am-4:00pm “Classical Conversations” This is our new LWPUMC Mission Home Schooling Network. This program for 2018-2019, will be ongoing until the middle of May of 2019 on our church campus.

The Classical Conversations homeschool community would like to extend an enormous thank you to Pastor Kirk, Vickie, Diane, Sue Baker, Scott, and the entire church board for welcoming all of us with open arms! We have felt so loved by everyone we’ve met! We are so thankful for the generosity and beautiful facility that the Lord has blessed us with here at LWPUMC. We pray for all of you here at Lakewood Park UMC that our glorious Father may continue to give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better. That the eyes of your hearts may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you and His incomparably great power for us who believe (Eph. 1:17-19)

We have had an amazing start to our year with 25 kids in our Foundations and Essentials (K-6th) program and 7 in our Challenge Middle School Program. We are excited to see what the rest of this year will bring. We are thankful for the opportunity to homeschool our children and excited to be apart of the family here at LWPUMC. “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

**~In Gratitude,
Nicole Mules
Director of Classical Conversations of Fort Pierce**

YOUTH NEWS

From the Youth Group: A Huge Thank You from the LWPUMC Youth Group! Thanks to your support we were able to send 8 youth to summer camp in July. It was a wonderful experience for all of them. Youth Group meets Tuesday nights at 5:30-7:30. We are diving into The New Testament to learn more about Jesus and our personal relationships with him. ~Denise Liddell

CONFIRMATION INTEREST?

Are you a teen interested in professing your faith publicly through Confirmation? Please see Ms. Denise or Pastor Kirk and we'll make arrangements for the next steps.



YOUNG CHILDREN'S ROOM

If you need nursery care for your child, please let one of the ushers know and we will be happy to assist you. Care is provided during our Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.. The Nursery is located in the Church, across from the restrooms.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand one time per month in our new young children's room, please let us know on your connect card or contact Pastor Kirk.

Also, please know that we will still have a nursery available in the Family Life Center for young child care during special events.





What is 'Salty Service'? –

Salty Servant ministers to persons outside their church family. For Jesus the neighbor we should love is anyone in need. We are sent out into the world. We are called to follow Jesus beyond our comfort zones, as his hands and feet and voice: light in the darkness. Salty Servants are compassionately focused outward beyond themselves, beyond their family, beyond their group. Jesus died "for the whole world," not just for those we know in our congregation; and so, we are sent out as ambassadors of reconciliation, agents of the Kingdom which God desires to give to all his creatures.

Please notice the 'Salty Service' markers in the pews and if you are of assistance to someone, place one of the markers in the offering plate, that you may be counted.



If you lead a group or activity we would love to hear from you so we can keep everyone updated on what is going on. If you have something that would interest our readers, please send an email and/or church photo of activities to the Church Office at: Vickie@Lakewoodparkumc.org. It could be as simple as a recipe, a thank you for a good deed or even a cute humanitarian story.

I am returning to my Seasonal Employment at Al's Family Farms thru February and Vickie will be working on the newsletter. I thank everyone for their input and assistance with our newsletter and ask that you will be of equal support to Vickie as she wears many hats as our Administrative Assistant.

~God Bless You All, Debbie Roche

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Oct. 2	Laura Beaty
Oct. 4	Linda Hewlett
Oct. 5	Hailey Innocent
Oct. 9	Heather Timmerman
Oct. 11	Nancy Davis
Oct. 11	Betty Carr
Oct. 18	Alice Macomber
Oct. 20	Phyllis Ramsey

IF WE MISSED YOUR SPECIAL DAY, PLEASE EXCUSE US. IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND TO NOTE YOUR BIRTHDAY AND/OR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON THE BLUE CONNECT CARD, WE WILL UPDATE THE INFORMATION IN OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM. HOPE YOU HAD A BLESSED DAY.

ONGOING EVENTS



Recycling

Please remember to bring your aluminum cans to our recycling collection site. Additional items to our collection: empty computer ink cartridges, pull rings from soda cans and “Box Top \$ Education labels”. These items can be placed in the appropriate bins along the wall in the Family Life Center. They are taken to the recycling center and the International Heifer Fund Mission benefits from the amount received.

Prayer and Praise

Did you know that we have a group of Prayer Warriors who meet every Wednesday morning at 11:00 to read and pray over the blue connect cards? You are more than welcome to join them as they offer prayers and praises in the Sanctuary.

****Need Prayers? Call the Prayer Chain: Helen Wilson, 772-465-5518 or Sherry Dial, 772-579-5806.**

If you would like to use the Prayer Chapel in the Memorial Garden, it is available for use. Please contact the Church office for the key during regular office hours.

Altar Flowers

Do you have a special occasion coming up that you'd like to remember with flowers? There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex for donating flowers. There is a \$30. donation for the flowers.



CALANDER OF EVENTS
(REMINDER: OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS)

Mon. Oct 1
10:00-Noon
7:00-8:00p.m.

Food Pantry Open
Zumba

Tues. Oct 2
5:30p.m.
6:00p.m.
6:30-8:00p.m.

Terrific Tuesday
Youth Bible Study
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Oct 3
8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
11:00a.m.
6:30p.m.
7:00-8:00p.m.

Home Schooling Network
Prayer & Praise
Adult Bible Study (Youth Bldg)
Zumba

Thurs. Oct 4
9:00a.m.
10:00a.m.
10:00a.m.
4:00p.m.
5:00p.m.
6:00p.m.

TOPS
Ladies Bible Study
Men's Bible Study
Home School Beginning Violin Class 1
Beginning Violin Class 2
Intermediate/Advanced Violin Class

Sun. Oct 7
9:00a.m.
9:00a.m.
9:00a.m.
9-9:30a.m.
9:30-10:00a.m.
10:30a.m.

Children's Sunday School
Youth Sunday School
'Joy Class'-Adult Bible Study
Praise Team Practice
Chancel Choir Warm-up
Worship Service

Mon. Oct 8
10:00-Noon
7:00-8:00p.m.

Food Pantry Open
Zumba

Tues. Oct 9

5:30p.m.

6:00p.m.

6:30-8:00p.m.

Terrific Tuesday

Youth Bible Study

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Oct 10

8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

11:00a.m.

6:30p.m.

7:00-8:00p.m.

Home Schooling Network

Prayer & Praise

Adult Bible Study (Youth Bldg)

Zumba

Thurs. Oct 11

9:00a.m.

10:00a.m.

10:00a.m.

4:00p.m.

5:00p.m.

6:00p.m.

TOPS

Ladies Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Home School Beginning Violin Class 1

Beginning Violin Class 2

Intermediate/Advanced Violin Class

Sun. Oct 14

9:00a.m.

9:00a.m.

9:00a.m.

9-9:30a.m.

9:30-10:00a.m.

10:30a.m.

Children's Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

'Joy Class'-Adult Bible Study

Praise Team Practice

Chancel Choir Warm-up

Worship Service

Mon. Oct 15

10:00-Noon

7:00-8:00p.m.

Food Pantry Open

Zumba

Tues. Oct 16

5:30p.m.

6:00p.m.

6:30-8:00p.m.

Terrific Tuesday

Youth Bible Study

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Oct 17

8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

11:00a.m.

6:30p.m.

7:00-8:00p.m.

Home Schooling Network

Prayer & Praise

Adult Bible Study (Youth Bldg)

Zumba

Thurs. Oct 18

9:00a.m.

10:00a.m.

10:00a.m.

4:00p.m.

5:00p.m.

6:00p.m.

TOPS

Ladies Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Home School Beginning Violin Class 1

Beginning Violin Class 2

Intermediate/Advanced Violin Class

Sun. Oct 21

9:00a.m.

9:00a.m.

9:00a.m.

9-9:30a.m.

9:30-10:00a.m.

10:30a.m.

4:00p.m.

Children's Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

'Joy Class'-Adult Bible Study

Praise Team Practice

Chancel Choir Warm-up

Worship Service/Eirinn Abu, Special Music

Eirinn Abu Concert and Pot Luck Dinner

To be held in the Family Life Center

Mon. Oct 22

10:00-Noon

7:00-8:00p.m.

Food Pantry Open

Zumba

Tues. Oct 23

5:30p.m.

6:00p.m.

6:30-8:00p.m.

Terrific Tuesday

Youth Bible Study

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Oct 24

8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

11:00a.m.

6:30p.m.

7:00-8:00p.m.

Home Schooling Network

Prayer & Praise

Adult Bible Study (Youth Bldg)

Zumba

Thurs. Oct 25

9:00a.m.

10:00a.m.

10:00a.m.

4:00p.m.

5:00p.m.

6:00p.m.

TOPS

Ladies Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Home School Beginning Violin Class 1

Beginning Violin Class 2

Intermediate/Advanced Violin Class

Sun. Oct 28

9:00a.m.

9:00a.m.

9:00a.m.

9-9:30a.m.

9:30-10:00a.m.

10:30a.m.

Children's Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

'Joy Class'-Adult Bible Study

Praise Team Practice

Chancel Choir Warm-up

Worship Service

Mon. Oct 29

10:00-Noon

6:00-9:00p.m.

Food Pantry Open

Broadway Dinner Theater/Silent Auction

Tues. Oct 30

5:30p.m.

6:00p.m.

6:30-8:00p.m.

Terrific Tuesday

Youth Bible Study

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Oct. 31

9:00-4:00

11:00a.m.

6:30p.m.

7:00-8:00p.m.

Home Schooling Network

Prayer & Praise

Adult Bible Study (Youth Bldg)

Zumba