

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell Tele-Christian ~ April 2018 Edition

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## Words for the Journey.....

Throughout the season of Lent, we collected a variety of food items for our local pantries. It was fun to watch the tables fill up as the season progressed. Many of you have told me that this enhanced your Lenten experience.

The collection is finished. The donations have been taken to the pantries at Saint Edward's Catholic Church, The Trinity Lutheran Church, The Lowell Church of Christ and Range Line Presbyterian Church. They thanked us deeply for this generous donation to their ministries.

These are the counts that I have for this project:

Week #1 we collected vegetables. We collected 182 cans of vegetables totally 2,733 product ounces.

Week #2 saw pasta and pasta sauce as our goal. We saw 108 bags or boxes of pasta totaling 1,964 ounces and 110 jars or cans of pasta sauce worth 2,625 ounces.

Week #3 we asked for peanut butter and other protein items. We received 52 jars of peanut butter for 1,255 ounces. Along with 168 cans or jars of other types of meats for 1,660 ounces.

Week #4 we asked for soup. We received 79 cans of chicken and noodle soup for 897 ounces, and 97 other types of soups for 1,219 ounces.

Week #5 searched for fruit. We gained 79 jars of apple sauce for 1,125 ounces, and 50 cans or jars of fruit cocktail for 600 ounces. We had 41 other types of fruit for 682 ounces.

Week #6 we asked for boxes of cereal. We attained 85 boxes of cereal that children might enjoy for 1,312 ounces. We had 42 boxes of cereal that adults are more likely to enjoy for 667 ounces. We attained 4 boxes of oatmeal for 65 ounces.

When all of this is totaled up we collected 1,097 cans, jars, or boxes of food materials for a total of 16,803 product ounces. We had a few additional items that we didn't fit into the above categories like, parmesan cheese, bags of rice, baking stables and other assorted items.

That is a lot of food going out of our church and into the community. Good job church.

*Pastor Rick*



## April Sunday Sermon and Scripture Schedule

### **April 1 ~ Easter Sunday**

Scripture ~ Mark 16:1-7

Sermon Title ~ *'He Is Risen'*

### **April 8 ~ Communion Sunday**

Scripture ~ 2 Peter 2:17-22

Sermon Title ~ *'Recognizing Evil'*

### **April 15**

Scripture ~ 2 Peter 1:3-11

Sermon Title ~ *'Building Blocks of Faith'*

### **April 22 ~**

Scripture ~ 2 Peter 1:12-21

Sermon Title ~ *'I Was There'*

### **April 29 ~ UMW Sunday**

Scripture ~ TBA

Sermon Title ~ TBA



## **Worship News**

### Holy Week Worship Opportunities

**\*\*Thursday, March 29, please join us for a Maundy Thursday service.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 to remember Jesus' meal with his disciples. Meat, potatoes, and drinks will be provided. You may bring a dish to share if you wish. All are welcome!

**\*\*Friday, March 30, we will meet in the Sanctuary at 7:00 for a Good Friday Service.** All are welcome!!

And we hope you will join us **April 1, Easter morning**, to celebrate the Risen Christ at one of our three worship services.

**\*\*The Sunrise service will be in the Fellowship Hall at 7 AM**, followed with a light breakfast.

**\*\* 9:15 and 10:45 worship services will be held in the Sanctuary.**

Don DeFrance will be taking family photos in the Narthex on Easter morning. There is no cost for the photos. What a lovely way to remember this day.

The sanctuary will be adorned with our new white paraments, and tulips, hyacinths and lilies will lend the feeling of spring. If you purchased a plant, you may take it home to plant in your garden. Please wait to take it until after the Sunday morning services.



Our faithful greeters and ushers welcome us on Sunday mornings. We'd love to have you join this group. If you would like to give greeting or ushering a try, see Charlie Haberlin or me. Being part of this group is a rewarding way to begin your morning worship.

Many thanks for your generous donations during our Lenten food drive and for those who sorted and delivered the food to the local pantries.

*YOU ARE A BLESSING!!*

Charlene Grant,  
Chairperson

Below is a list of the members of the congregation who will be participating in various aspects of worship during the month of April:

**9:15 a.m. Service**

**April 1:**

**Greeters:** Bev Johnson, Barb Potter, Carol Olson, Marie Woolfolk, Martha Farney  
**Ushers:** Lynn Bochart, Bob Savich, Elaine DeVine, Dennis Olson, Rick Bachman  
**Liturgist:** Lynne Haberlin **Children's Time:** Paige Van Wolde

**April 8:**

**Greeters:** Virginia Kasparian, Maryrose Lynch, Amy Nichols, Linda Snell  
**Ushers:** Don Bales, Sharon Sanders, Tom Stoner, Kathy Nelson  
**Liturgist:** Paula Tilton **Children's Time:** Denise Smith

**April 15:**

**Greeters:** Gisela Peterson, Phyllis Moser, Jenny Nichols, Carolyn Savich  
**Ushers:** Charlie Haberlin, Wayne Wietbrock, Dave Perry, Darion Kidwell  
**Liturgist:** Don Bales **Children's Time:** Becky Crabb

**April 22:**

**Greeters:** Anita Childress, Nina Wilson, Sandy Villa, Dennis Olson  
**Ushers:** Luan Brown, Scott Beier, Scott Spry, Ken Bisacchi, Bill Bubness  
**Liturgist:** Denise Smith **Children's Time:** Beth Bales

**April 29:**

**Greeters/Ushers:** UMW  
**Liturgist:** Ellen Rosengard **Children's Time:** Becky Crabb

**10:45 Worship Leaders:**

**April 1:** Cheryl Jones **April 8:** Susan Wells **April 15:** Al Martin  
**April 22:** Al Martin **April 29:** Rachelle Bernard

If you would like to join this group of volunteers,  
please contact the church office at 696-9219.



**Thursday BRD4Life (Bread for Life)**

Our mid-week service, Bread for Life, offers an informal experience that will nourish both your body and your spirit. Dinner begins at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and worship starts at 6:15. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Below are the speakers, themes, and cooks for the month of **April**:

**April 5** ~ Speaker: Scott Spry **Cook:** Kevin Corie  
Theme: *'National Deep Dish Pizza Day'*

**April 12** ~ Speaker: Susan Wells **Cook:** Kim McGinley  
Theme: *'Stress Awareness Month'*

**April 19** ~ Speaker: Rick Bachman **Cook:** Sharon Sanders  
Theme: *'National Hanging Out Day'*

**April 26** ~ Speaker: Peggy Hendricks **Cook:** Tracy Seitzinger  
Theme: *'Holy Humor Month'*

## Thank You

Each and every year we seek a new and clearer vision of where God wants us to place our resources, our gifts, so that others may embrace the goodness of our Lord. The Finance Committee labors carefully, with a knowledge that we are to reach into our communities and support their needs, their hopes, their joys. A giving congregation is a vital and loving congregation.

Giving God a tenth of all one makes or has is an ancient practice, the origins of which are lost in the unrecorded past. Abraham is the first tither mentioned in the Bible. With his armed servants, Abraham defeated a pagan army led by four kings. Returning with the spoils of war, Abraham encountered Melchizedek, the king of Salem and priest of God. This king-priest blessed Abraham and blessed God who had given him victory. In response, Abraham *gave him a tenth of everything (Gen 14:18-20)*.

Our **tithes** support the church and its ministry. **Tithing** makes it possible for preachers to occupy their pulpits and pursue their rounds of varied services. **Tithing** makes it possible for missionaries to make disciples among all the nations of earth. **Tithing** underwrites the mission of the church to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, and evangelize the lost. **Tithing** provides the buildings, equipment, and supplies needed by the church for its global task. **Tithing** was not invented by some church finance committee. **Tithing** is God's financial plan, and it cannot be improved upon. It is His basic plan, and devoted Christians gladly add freewill offerings to their tithes. **Those who do so are the happiest of the Lord's followers.**

**Tithing** initiates nothing. It places no claim upon God. It is not a bargaining chip. Biblically understood and practiced, **tithing** is human response to divine grace. We give to God because He has already given to us. He is no poorer if we fail to tithe, but we are impoverished. He is no richer if we do tithe, but we are enriched. **Tithing** is rewarded, for God rewards all obedience to His Word. But we do not give in order to get; we give because we have received.

The 2017 year saw many growing ministries within our church. The year also was witness to the church's total financial commitment to the conference and district tithes. Thank you – thank you!! Your love for Christ, your relationship with our Lord, and your faithful commitment have once again produced the fruits of our healthy church community.

In closing, we share this thought:

***Jesus endorsed the practice of tithing; tithing responds to a law older than the law of Moses. It responds to the law of gratitude.***

Your Finance Committee

### *Tempting Services*

Another successful year!!! **Thank you** to the 25 people who offered their talents and **thank you** to all who purchased those talents! **We brought people together, enriched the lives of others, all while helping to support the many missions of our church!** Talents were shared, talents were received, talents help our church grow and thrive!

This year we had nine new offerings and five new people participating! Fifteen offerings were completely sold out! Below are the talents that are still available and can be purchased through the church office before April 30, 2018. Call Kim (696-9219) or Lynn (696-9048) for details.

Remember to contact the seller to make arrangements for talents you purchased.

Beth Bales	Applied Onesies for Babies	\$15ea (4 left)
Gary & Trudy Corning	Sweet Corn	\$3/doz (only 2doz left)
Jim Deal	French Horn or Trumpet Lessons	\$80 (4...1/2 hr lessons)
Peggy Hendricks	Singing "Telegram"	\$5/phone or \$10/in person
Amy Ingebretsen	Horseback Riding Lesson	\$25 (1...1hr lesson left)
Betty Kelley	Package of 3 Dulcimer Lessons	\$50
Betty Kelley	Package of 3 Lessons: Basics of reading Choir Music	\$50
Bev Kussy	2 dozen Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$10 (1 batch left)
Vicky Nichols	Coffeecake	\$12

*Ongoing throughout the year:*

Kirk McQuiston	Midway Airport Shuttle (call for details)
Sam Conley	Technical Services (call for details)

### **SPECIAL NOTE!!!!**

Can't find your keys? Can't find your phone? Orbit really does work...**as long as you are not in the sanctuary with a lot of electronics churning away!**

We will still have Orbits available for \$25 until.....April 5! So, hurry, hurry!!!!



Please note:

The Nurse Is In will be taking blood pressures Sunday April 8, the second Sunday in April instead of Sunday April 1. The nurse will return in May to the normal schedule of taking blood pressures the first Sunday of the month.



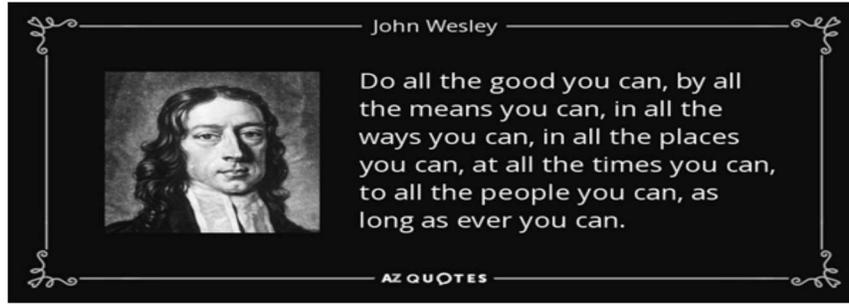
**Prepare to be Rescued by Jesus  
At Shipwrecked VBS!**

**Vacation Bible School is coming June 18 - June 22 from 6:00-8:00 pm.  
Mark your calendars now! More information will follow!**



“Backroads and Lilies” will be shown at our next Brown Bag FREE movie night. In this movie a stranded executive (Christina Karis) needs a reclusive farmer’s (Jefferson Moore) help to get home in time to spend Easter with her estranged family. This is an Easter story with a great message and lots of humor which you can enjoy with your family.

Join us at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 13, in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring along a snack to share if you wish.



## Lowell UMM Warriors for Christ A United Methodist Men Moment

*1 Corinthians 12:5-6: 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

What are we called to do as United Methodist Men? Are we called to the heavy lifting in the church? Get on ladders and hang decorative items within the church?

What about outside? Do we help those in need at their homes? Do we help at the Resale Shop with many projects?

If you answered 'yes', then you are a truly a United Methodist Man.

We have been asked by Charlene Grant and the worship committee to help with the sound set up at the 8:00 park service this summer.

My thoughts are this: I am going to make a volunteer sheet. If two people can work together and sign up for a couple Sundays, then we can all pitch in and no one will be dedicated to a whole summer of sound set up. I will also make some announcements during Sunday services.

We also have a Facebook page now. Just search '**Lowell UMM Warriors for Christ**' and join us. I will be using this page and emails to communicate with you.

May God continue His many blessings on our church.

Craig Wilson  
UMM President



### News from LUMC

from Rachelle Ruge-Bernard

Spring has sprung and it is still cold. Lol! Well, the Ladies United in Missions Circle is going to head out to the garden. We are getting ready to make plans for veggies, flowers, and herbs. We are welcoming anyone who would like to get their hands dirty, provide plants, or just hang and talk. We love the company of those passing by and of circle and church members.

We are also getting ready for our Tea on May 6. Hopefully it will be a little warmer, and you will join us. We appreciate your support of our missions.

The Tom Clawson Sunday Afternoon Teaching Series Presents:

# Electronic Identity Protection

**Sunday, April 8  
from 1pm to 3pm,  
Lowell United  
Methodist Church**



Lowell United Methodist Church will be hosting an Electronic Identity Protection workshop.

The workshop will be given by members of a security team that advises and protects governments against electronic security threats.

This workshop will provide easy security steps we all should consider to safeguard private information from falling into the wrong hands.

**When: Sunday, April 8  
What Time: From 1pm to 3pm  
Where: Church Fellowship Hall  
Cost: Free**

**If you are interested in attending, please register by calling the church office (219-696-9219) or email us at: [umcfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umcfriends@sbcglobal.net)**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday** - *Worship* ~ 9:15 and 10:45 (Sanct.) *Adult Sunday School* ~ WINGS, 8 a.m. (rm. 300), F.O.M., 10:30 a.m. (rm. 301), FRIENDS, 10:30 a.m. (rm.304) *Children's Sunday School* (during 9:15 service)  
**Monday** - A/A 12 p.m. (rm. 300), Guitar 6 p.m. (rm. 303)  
**Tuesday** - Household Pantry 9-12 and 5-6 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)  
**Wednesday** - Weight Watchers 6 p.m. (rm. 300), Praise Practice 7 p.m. (Sanctuary), A/A - 8 p.m. (basement), Al/Anon - 8 p.m. (library)  
**Thursday** - *BRD4life* dinner 5:30 p.m., *Worship* 6:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall), *Godsbells* 4:30 p.m. (balcony), Chancel Choir 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

# April 2018

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

<b>1</b> Easter Sunday	<b>2</b> Office Closed Tri-Kappa 6pm	<b>3</b> LUMC meeting 4 p.m. (library)	<b>4</b> UMW Execu- tive Meeting 4:30 p.m. (301)	<b>5</b> Indian Blanket Ministry 3:30 (basement)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday Teach- ing Series: In- ternet Security 1pm Confirmation Class 9:15a	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Trustees 6:30p  Tri-Kappa 6:30 (300)  Missions 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Indian Blanket Ministry 3:30 (basement)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Confirmation Class 9:15a	<b>16</b> Staff/Parish Mtg. 6pm	<b>17</b> Congregational Care Mtg. 6:30 (301)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Indian Blanket Ministry 3:30 (basement)  BRD4Life mtg. 7pm (bsmt)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bridal Shower 1pm
<b>22</b> Confirmation Class 9:15a	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Indian Blanket Ministry 3:30 (basement)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Birthday Party 12pm
<b>29</b> UMW Sunday  Confirmation Class 9:15a	<b>30</b>					