

# The First United Methodist Church of Lowell Tele-Christian ~ February 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.....**

About 10 years ago Cheryl received a Face Book message from an old friend of hers. This friend asked how we were enjoying our European vacation. As we were sitting at home with no immediate vacation plans and this friend is somewhat a jokester, we were not sure how to answer this note.

As the day unfolded, we quickly learned that someone had entered our email account, changed the password and took control of our email identity. This person sent a note to everyone in our address book saying that we were on vacation in Europe. We had all our money stolen. We were asking our friends to send us money to get us home again.

Clearly, if that thief would have known us, they would have known that none of our friends would help us. They would be thrilled to have us stranded in another country. What better way to get the preacher out of your hair? (Yes, I'm joking.)

Or, if they would have paid attention our "Glass Parsonage" name, they would have known that everyone knows our business. Who doesn't know when the preacher travels?

We saw a copy of the note they sent our friends. I was insulted that people would believe I had written a note like that. Even under stress I would know how to make nouns and verbs agree and when to use an article with a noun.

After a few frustrating days, we regained control of our account again. We had several friends offer to go to Europe to pick us up. No one sent us any money. Hopefully, they didn't send any to the thieves either.

That email theft was inconvenient. All these years later, we see humor in the story. Whenever I see a commercial about protecting my identity, I remember the brush I had with this problem. I hope I am taking the proper steps to protect my phone, my computer & my electronic devices of all shapes and sizes from identity theft.

It is time to check with a few experts to make sure.

Our church will host the members of an international security team. This group electronically works around the world to protect governments, businesses and individuals from security problems. A few members of that team will be at our church to discuss the easy steps we can take to shield our electronic identification.

This is not a sales seminar. This is useful and relevant information each of us should know.

Sunday, April 8, 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon in our church Fellowship Hall, this team will discuss the easy security steps we should take.

There is no cost for this event. The information is priceless.

We would like to know your intentions of attending so we will have sufficient materials for all. Please call (696-9219) or email ([umcfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:umcfriends@sbcglobal.net)) the church office before Monday, April 2, to let us know you plan to attend. This is our first session in the Tom Clawson Afternoon Teaching Series. Our January Administrative Council meeting approved honoring Tom's life, gifts and influence in our church in this way. We will host more special speakers through this series.

***Pastor Rick***

## February Sunday Sermon and Scripture Schedule

### **February 4 ~ Communion Sunday**

Scripture ~ Colossians 2:16-22

Sermon Title ~ *'Let's Share a Ride'*

### **February 11**

Scripture ~ Colossians 3:1-17

Sermon Title ~ *'Will the Trail Ever End'*

### **February 18**

Scripture ~ 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Sermon Title ~ *'But I NEED It!'*

### **February 25**

Scripture ~ Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Title ~ *'I Know I'm Better'*



## **Worship News**

Charlene Grant, Chairperson

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. We hope you will begin your Lenten journey with us on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This year during Lent, the worship committee is sponsoring a nonperishable food drive to help stock local food pantries. Each week we will collect a different food type. You can put the food you bring on the table in the Narthex. The food will be delivered to local food pantries after March 25.

Here is the collection schedule.

On February 18 bring canned vegetables.

On February 25 bring pasta and pasta sauce.

On March 4 bring peanut butter or canned meat-chili, stew, tuna, etc.

On March 11 bring canned or packaged soup.

On March 18 bring canned fruit or applesauce.

On March 25 bring cereal or any nonperishable item you wish.

The blue Advent paraments were a memorial gift to the church. In addition, we have ordered new green and new white paraments through memorial gifts. Thank you to those who made these purchases possible.

### Coming Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday—March 25 (9:15 & 10:45)

Maundy Thursday—March 29 (5:30 potluck)

Good Friday—March 30 (7:00 p.m.)

Easter—April 1 (Sunrise at Evergreen Park), ( 9:15 & 10:45 in the sanctuary)

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

9:15 a.m. Service

February 4:

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

February 11:

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

February 18:

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

February 25:

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

10:45 Worship Leaders:

February 4: Cheryl Jones      February 11: Susan Wells  
February 18: Al Martin      February 25: Al Martin

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 **February**:

**February 1** ~ Speaker: Peggy Hendricks  
Theme: *'National Time Management Month'*

Cook: Darion Kidwell

**February 8** ~ Speaker: Dee Dee Benshoof  
Theme: *'Boy Scouts of America founded in 1910'*

Cook:

**February 15** ~ Speaker: Ellen Rosengard  
Theme: *'National Bird Feeding Month'*

Cook: Susan Wells and Sharon Sanders

**February 22** ~ Speaker: Rick Bachman  
Theme: *'George Washington's Birthday'*

Cook: Kevin Corie

## Tempting Services “Expanding, Extending, Building the Church Family”

Once again we are doing our Tempting Services: **Expanding, Extending, and Building the Church Family**. God has provided each of us with talents that we can use to reach out in our service **to enrich the lives of others**. By sharing your talent you can, also, help our ministries to thrive & continue to grow. **Let’s bring people together!**

Will you share your talent? This can be a simple service, item, or treat that you can offer for sale. The form below offers many suggestions of talents. **The ideas are endless!**

You just need to complete the form and return it by Monday, March 5. Your talents will be available for purchase on Sundays March 11 & 18, and *Bread for Life* on Thursdays March 15 and 22.

All of the proceeds from the sale of your talents will help support the many missions of our church.

Thank you!!!  
Finance Committee

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TITLE OF DONATION \_\_\_\_\_  
What service, talent or resource are you willing to sell for “Building the Church Family?”  
Please be detailed. Example A: Babysitting for 3 hours for 2 children Example B: Pumpkin Pie  
Example C: Painting – 1 hour Example D: Carpentry repairs

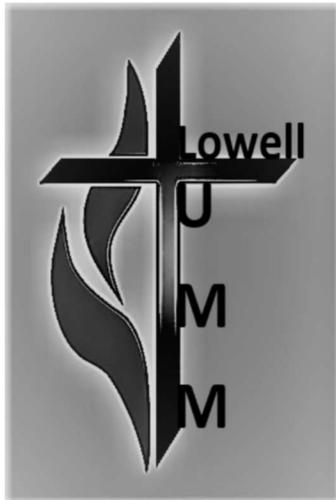
HOW MANY TIMES \_\_\_\_\_  
How many times are you willing to donate your item or service? Be Specific.  
Example A: (babysitting for 3 hrs.) 4 times Example B: (pumpkin pie) 6 pies  
Example C: Painting – 1 hour (4 times) Example D: Carpentry Repairs – 1 hour (4 times)

NAME YOUR PRICE \_\_\_\_\_  
Name your price for your item or service. Be Specific.  
Example A: (babysitting for 3 hrs.) \$10 per hour x 3 hours = \$30 Example B: (pumpkin pie) \$12 each  
Example C: Example: Painting – 1 hour Cost \$20.00  
Example D: Carpentry Repairs – 1 hour (4 times) Cost \$30.00

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ and/ or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## A UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MINUTE



*“I want the whole Christ as my savior, the whole Bible as my book, the whole Church as my fellowship and the whole world as my mission field.”*

~ John Wesley

Jen and I have been members of Lowell FUMC for around 18 years now. I have been on many committees, even chaired one, and have enjoyed doing so. But I have always felt my calling to the United Methodist Men. I have loved this group since we started here. Doug Whiteley, a former member of our church, even kidded around that I would lead this group someday. Maybe he saw something I didn't early on. So, I asked Pastor Rick if I could lead this group, and he is giving me the opportunity to do so.

I have been asked what I have in mind. Well, I don't exactly know, but I am starting with a logo (or flag as PR called it), to give us something to identify us as a group. I have been given some great input from some of the men of this church, but I would like to hear more. Any man of this Church may email me ([jdean678@aol.com](mailto:jdean678@aol.com)) with any ideas or thoughts you may have, including logo ideas and a name for this monthly article. I am sure it will change over the course of the year until we find something that stands out.

I would like to thank the many leaders of this group that have come before me including Tom Stoner, Rick Bachman, Darion Kidwell and Pastor Rick for giving me this platform.

May God continue his many blessings of our Church.  
Craig Wilson  
UMM President



I wish to send out a HUGE thank you to all those who tended me in so many ways during my healing from major surgery. I am still healing, slowly to me, but faster than my nursing team thought possible. Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, meals brought in and for the love and caring. Thanks to Pastor Rick & Cheryl, the Casserole Committee, friends & neighbors & Church family. Your prayers truly work as we all know, for those who need them. As soon as I'm released from the Dr.'s care, "I'll be back!!!"

Patricia (Peg) Atherton & family

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To My Church Family,

Thank you for the cards. Their an encouragement to me to know that you care. Praying God will help me solve my stomach issues.

Ethel Devine

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Dear Loving Family and Friends,

I thank you for the cards, notes, visits, the loaf of banana nut bread and the many gifts I have received. It is so great to know that you are loved and not forgotten. Bless each of you.

Doris Curless

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Dear Secret Santa,

We are so blessed to have angels like you for over nine years. We will treasure our gifts. We thank you so very much.

God bless you,  
Jenny and Amy Nichols

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday** - *Worship* ~ 9:15 and 10:45 (Sanct.) *Adult Sun. 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)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Cub Scouts 6:30pm (300)	2 Game Night 5:30pm (basement)	3 Make your own Valentine 9am-12pm (basement)
4 Confirmation Class 9:15am	5 Staff/Parish 6pm  Tri-Kappa 6pm (basement)	6 Crock Pot classes 4:30 (basement) <i>Christianity 102</i> Bible Study 6pm (304) Children's Council 7pm (library) <i>Experiencing God</i> Bible Study 7pm	7	8	9	10 Basement rented 12p
11 Confirmation Class 9:15am	12	13 Crock Pot classes 4:30 (basement) <i>Christianity 102</i> Bible Study 6pm (304) Trustees 6pm Missions 7pm (lib.) <i>Experiencing God</i> Bible Study 7pm	14 Ash Wednes- day Service 7 p.m. (Sanct.)	15 Cub Scouts 6:30pm (300)	16 Movie Night ' <i>Miracles From Heaven</i> ' 6pm (basement)	17 Basement rented 12p
18 Confirmation Class 9:15am  Food Drive Starts	19	20 Crock Pot classes 4:30 (basement) <i>Christianity 102</i> Bible Study 6pm (304) Cong. Care 6:30p (301) <i>Experiencing God</i> Bible Study 7pm	21	22	23	24 Basement Rented 12p
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