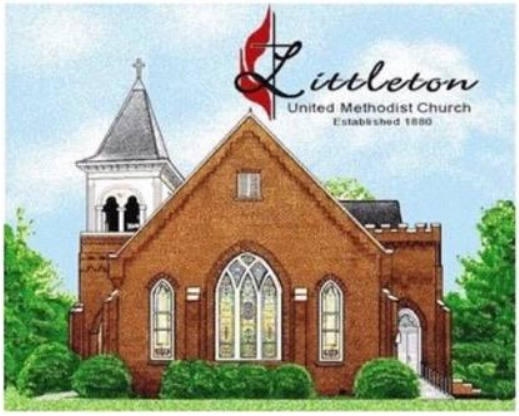

Big News
from
Littleton United Methodist Church
November/December 2026

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"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Greetings beautiful people of God. Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

It's November! Each year this month is focused on gratitude for God's promises and faithfulness. We had a wonderful homecoming. We were visited by Minor Variation, a wonderful a cappella group from Wake Forest University, and our congregations made them so welcome. The harvest is completing. The leaves are peaking. We have had our stew sale, bake sale, and trunk or treat. The skies are filled with the sounds of migrating birds. And Thanksgiving will be upon us in just a few more weeks.

We are hoping to have a joint Bible Study with New Hope, Halifax, Littleton, and Rosemary. This is back by popular demand. Watch the bulletin each week for updates.

I am thankful for these churches. There is a sweet spirit in these congregations, and you all have been so gracious with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. God calls us to be good stewards of all that we have. Giving as a spiritual practice is the intentional act of sharing money, time, possessions, and talents to cultivate inner transformation, loosen the grip of materialism, and care for others. One of the beautiful things about congregation life is that together, we can do more. We hope that giving will be good in November and December so that we can make our budget commitments for the year. The Lord is faithful. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And so we are indeed hopeful in Christ.

We will be studying our church health reports in the next few months. The North Carolina Conference has begun this new process to help churches align with what God is doing in the United Methodist Church. We will be communicating what we learn and pray that everyone will find a place in our congregations to serve the Lord joyfully.

I'm praying for all of you. I hope to see you soon. God bless you.

With much love,
Pastor Keith

The LUMC "Book Club" meets on the third Thursday evening of the month. Our goal is to read menus and have a wonderful Girls Night Out kind of fellowship as we enjoy a wonderful meal, not cooked by us. We often carpool and we regularly laugh a lot while we enjoy our meal...please come when you can! Call Sandy or Marie to let us know you are coming. The next Book Club outing is on November 19th and we plan to go to George's Restaurant in Warrenton.

OUTREACH UPDATE
Sandy Millner

We have been busy in September and October with collecting socks and underwear for the John 3:16 mission. Thank you everyone who has contributed! We also spent game night in October preparing 50 Operation Christmas Child boxes! How awesome!

In **November,** we will be collecting the following for the **Haliwa Saponi Tribal School:**

- Hoola Hoops
- Frisbees
- 2 regulation footballs
- 2 foam footballs
- Several different sized plastic bins with lids
- 4 to 6 heavy duty stacking chairs - can be used, and will hold 200 plus pounds
- 5- 2 inch black binders
- 5- packs of dividers
- 5 headphones
- Pencil sharpeners
- Stress balls
- Highlighters
- Post it notes

Please bring these into the sanctuary and look for the box marked for the school. As always, thank you for your generosity!

The book club attended the play Dearly Beloved at the Acorn Center on 10/18/26.

Sandy Millner is on a committee to bring a NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) to our area and we are working on becoming an affiliate. This is an ongoing process. If you would like to know more/become part of it, please let Sandy know.

The next meeting for what used to be LACC, now called Network for Hope, will be Monday, 11/9 at 9:00 a.m. at our church fellowship hall.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 2	Carol Townsend
Nov 5	Peg Fowler
Nov 6	Diana Bobbitt
Nov 15	Susan Powell

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 19	Ed & Darla Angel

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 3	Marvin Newsom
Dec 4	Don Millner
Dec 18	Carol Lindley
Dec 18	Don Theune
Dec 23	Ashley Smith
Dec 29	Cathy DeWitt
Dec 31	Bill Kuhns



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

Lay Reader / Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Worship Leader	Lay Reader
Nov 1	Bill Kessinger	Bill Kessinger
Nov 8	Pattie Porter	Pattie Porter
Nov 15	Marie Fields	Marie Fields
Nov 22	Marie Fields	Crickett LeMasters
Nov 29	Bill Kessinger	Rhonda Kessinger
Dec 6	Bill Kessinger	Bill Kessinger
Dec 13	Bill Kessinger	Rhonda Kessinger
Dec 20	Marie Fields	Crickett LeMasters
Dec 27	Marie Fields	Marie Fields
Jan 3	Bill Kessinger	Bill Kessinger

Thank you for serving as lay readers. Verses will be provided as part of the bulletin information, and as always, you can find a large-print copy of the reading in the church office before the service.

Refreshment providers

Nov 1	Mary
Nov 8	Marie
Nov 15	Sandy
Nov 22	Susan C
Nov 29	Susan M
Dec 6	Santa Breakfast leftovers
Dec 13	Cathy
Dec 20	Marie
Dec 27	Rhonda



Poinsettias
Marie Fields

Wednesday, November 11th is your deadline to let me know if you would like to order a red poinsettia, or several poinsettias, to go in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. **Cost will be $15**. You may give to or mail to Marie in person or put check in offering plate with poinsettias in memo line. If you would like this to be **in honor or in memory of someone, I will need that info by December 6th** so the names can be added to our bulletin.



GAME NIGHT



Game Night in November will be **November 11th at 4pm at the Fellowship Hall**. Games will start at 4 with supper starting around 5:30. Please let Marie know you are coming so that there's plenty of food in the pot!

Game Night in December will be **at Lewis & Marie's house (Date TBD)** with supper around 5:30. This is our Christmas social/dinner, so we hope you'll join us!

Breakfast with Santa for the children, both young AND old, on Christmas parade day in Littleton. This year we will provide breakfast on **December 5th, from 8:30-10:30am**. The Littleton parade will follow at 11 AM. Our menu will consist again of sausage/egg and other breakfast casseroles, pancakes and sausage, cereal, milk, OJ, coffee, etc. If you want to help with this fun event, please let Marie know…***we will need all able "hands on deck"*** who are pancake cooks, casserole cooks, setter-uppers, cleaner-uppers, greeters, minglers, EATERS, etc. This is so much fun to see the kids react with Santa as they tell him things they'd like for Christmas. Contact Marie and let her know how you can help.



UWF – United Women in Faith
Marie Fields

UWF will **NOT** meet on November 9th. Instead, we will have a **short meeting at our November 11th Game Night** to plan for our Breakfast with Santa event which will be held on December 5th from 8:30-10:30.

In December, the UWF ladies (and anyone who would like to help) will again meet in the Fellowship Hall **to help with the John 3:16 Christmas project** by wrapping gifts or guiding people in shopping or whatever the John 3:16 staff needs us to do. ***Date TBD***

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



*LUMC will host this year's **Community Thanksgiving Service** at **5:30pm on Sunday November 22nd**. Rev. Christing Roe from Lakeside Lutheran Church will be preaching. Donations will go to the John 3:16 Center.*



LAKE GASTON COMMUNITY CHOIR
Christmas Cantata

This year, there will be two performances of Lloyd Larson's cantata **"Were You There on That Christmas Night"** at **Lakeside Lutheran Church on December 12th and 13th** at 2pm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We packed 50 boxes!

If you would like to donate toward postage for the Christmas shoeboxes, please do so by November 8th. The boxes will be dedicated during our November 15th worship service and will be delivered to the collection center at Enterprise Baptist Church on November 16th.

Thank you to Rhonda and her helpers for ordering the toys and organizing the very efficient packing event!











MV

Many thanks to Minor Variation for the wonderful performance during our worship service on October 25th!





Decorating for the Christmas season – *stay tuned for dates and times!*