Hilarious Giving

Dr. John W. Howe, Senior Pastor

“They voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry.”
(2 Corinthians 8:3, 4)

Dear Church Family,

Our Stewardship Call this year will be on November 18, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A letter from the Board of Elders and the Pastors of LOWC is in the mail, and it mentions the often-quoted statement from St. Paul that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The Greek word translated “cheerful” is hilaron, from which we get the English “hilarious.” So, a perfectly literal rendering of the sentence is that “God loves a hilarious giver!”

That bold assertion, and the one quoted above, are both found in the most extensive discussion of stewardship in the Bible – 2 Corinthians 8 & 9. I urge you to read the passage carefully as you pray about your giving for next year.

We are involved in so many truly exciting things! Our children’s and youth ministry is bursting the seams, with kids not only coming to Christ, but themselves being trained and equipped to share the gospel effectively with others. We are sending both teens and adults out in ministry and mission trips that are changing and blessing whole communities. We are seeing the expansion of our network of Bible Studies and Small Groups, with growing numbers of people going ever deeper into discipleship. Our outreach to the community is increasing, and lives are being dramatically touched for the Lord.

We want to celebrate all that! ...and provide for its continuance and expansion in 2019. We have chosen November 18 in the hopes that our pledging and our giving will itself be an expression of Generosity and Thanksgiving.

Please join me in praying that God will enable us to do more than ever before to “Make Christ Known” and bring glory to his Name.

My love to you in him,

Dr. John W. Howe

October 2018
When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God. " Acts 14:21-22

As God called Paul and Barnabas to preach the gospel, make disciples, and encourage the saints, he is calling us to the same task. It has been said that God is a missional God, the Bible is a missional book, and God’s children are missional disciples. So how do we carry out the task of preaching the gospel, making disciples and encouraging the saints? I’m glad you asked. Check out these exciting upcoming training opportunities.

Personal Evangelism: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 at the RISE Community Center on Rt. 20 behind the Clinic. Learn how to share your faith with your family, friends, neighbors and strangers. The 4 week class begins October 9th.

Basic Chaplain Certification: We will also be offering our licensed chaplain class again. The class will be offered at the RISE Center Tuesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 beginning November 13th. It will run for approximately 10-12 weeks. Learn how to serve as a chaplain in a variety of locations and situations.

Financial Peace University: What if you could be debt-free with an emergency fund of 3–6 months of expenses saved, all while investing for retirement and planning for your family’s future? Sound impossible? It’s not! With Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. If you’re interested in learning more about the group, contact me!

ReJesus Small Group Bible Study: ReJesus asks the following questions:

- What ongoing role does Jesus the Messiah play in shaping the ethos and self understanding of the movement that originated in him?
- How is the Christian religion informed and shaped by the Jesus that we meet in the Gospels?
- How do we assess the continuity required between the life and example of Jesus and the subsequent religion called Christianity?
- How many ways do we domesticate the radical revolutionary in order to sustain our religion and religiosity?
- How can a rediscovery of Jesus renew our discipleship, the Christian community, and the ongoing mission of the church?

Sound interesting? Then join our new small group Bible Study where together we will tackle these questions and look at what Jesus desires for his followers. Together we will apply what we are learning to our community and look for ways to demonstrate God’s love to our neighbors. Contact me for more information on this new small group study.

Ready to fall into Discipleship this Fall? Sign up for these awesome opportunities to learn how to make disciples. I look forward to learning with you!

’Til Every Soul Knows Christ,

We Have a Story to Tell....The Next Step..

By Rev. Adam Colson

“Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8) Last month I was working as chaplain in Living Water Community Clinic. It was a very busy night, the exam rooms were full, the counseling rooms were occupied, and the waiting room was full. As I walked into the waiting room I saw a familiar face. A lady who I counseled at the clinic a year earlier was there with her daughter and granddaughter. A year ago, this lady and her husband had come in for medical attention, and in the process, we were able to offer spiritual care, as their marriage was falling apart. I talked with the couple and challenged them to read the book “Love Dare”. A month later, this couple had rededicated their lives to Christ, had renewed their commitment to one another, and have been experiencing peace and blessings ever sense. That evening as this lady sat with her granddaughter, another woman came in for care. During their time in the waiting room, these two women struck up a conversation in which the woman we had helped a year earlier learned that this other woman was having issues in her marriage. Our friend boldly shared her testimony how she and her husband had gone through the book “Love Dare” and had met with me. She told this other woman of the hope that is found in Christ. Then she asked the woman if she could give her the book “Love Dare” and asked her to meet with me. Jesus told the disciples, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.” What a beautiful thing to witness, one of our patients who had freely received, freely giving to another.
Here at LOWC we have many ways to help you get connected with others in the same stage of life. Not only do we have four worship services of various styles on Sunday, but we also have a midweek time of study and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday nights for “Intentional,” a group for Young Families and Young Adults, designed to encourage you to live a life with Christ at the center. In the home, at work, or in the car, we are all called to live lives that glorify God. Let’s live life together in corporate worship and small groups.

Please join us for our periodic family events designed to bring us together as a church such as our LOWC Tailgating during the Redskins vs. Cowboys game on Oct. 21st. Park your vehicle in the church lower lot, and make your best tailgating recipes with enough to share. We’ll watch the game together on a big screen. The parking lot will open at 3:00 p.m. and the game is at 4:30 p.m.. Feel free to email me at jordan.medas@lowchurch.org if you have any questions.

Enthusiastically His,

Rev. Jordan Medas, Associate Pastor
By Mike Lemay, Minister

**Second Half Bible Study** – for men and women over 60. Study continues on the topic of Heaven. Study meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 1:00 p.m..

**Grief Share** – is a support group for those who grieve the loss of a loved one. The current session meets on Monday nights at 6:45 p.m.. The winter session will begin Monday January 14, 2019, 6:45 p.m.

**Walk with Hope** – cancer support group for women that meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Charter Room.

**Volunteer Opportunities**: We are looking for a couple of people who would like to join the outreach visitation team. This is a way to meet new people and get them oriented to the church.

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**Worship, Grow, Serve, Share, Opportunities are here.**

“Love one another as I have loved you” John 13:34

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Lake of the Woods Church
Mondays – 6:45 p.m.
August 20th - November 12th
Register online www.lowchurch.org/support-groups
Next session begins January 2019

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**FAITH BASED CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

**WALK WITH HOPE** FOR WOMEN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Every 3rd Tuesday at 4pm,
The Lake of the Woods Church Founder’s Room
For more info contact Suzanne Lentine @ 972-9060
As I have navigated thru life, I have always been a believer that our life is marked with seasons. There is our season of childhood and adolescence. There is the season of young adulthood and discovery for a career path. Our friendships, schooling and jobs have different seasons. Our roles in life have seasons as we change from single adult to wife, mother to empty nester and life coach, employee to retiree, and then there is the wonderful season as a grandparent. At the close of each season, the emotions run the gambit of sadness, joy, anxiety and anticipation. As I close my season as Children’s Director, I am experiencing many of these emotions, but the greatest emotion that I am experiencing is gratitude.

I am so grateful for this church, who for eight years, has put their trust and faith in me to serve and lead children’s ministry. I am grateful for the parents and grandparents who have brought their children to LOWC and given me the opportunity to love and teach their precious ones. I am grateful for the staff who have patiently worked alongside me in the day-to-day operations of church ministry. I am grateful for being able to witness children grow here at LOWC, not just in stature, but grow spiritually as they learn about Jesus, begin a relationship with Him and continue in their spiritual journey by serving Him in children’s ministry. I am grateful for the many opportunities I’ve had in front of the congregation to “brag on my kids” about what God has done in their lives. I am grateful for spiritual mentors and the many conversations I’ve had with church members, whom God used to speak words of confirmation and encouragement to me when I needed it the most. I am grateful for the prayer warriors who have prayerfully interceded on my behalf and for children’s ministry. I am grateful for the church family for its financial, spiritual and prayer support as well as the time, talents, and gifts given to support children’s ministry. And most of all, I am grateful to God, who pushed me outside of my comfort zone, to call me into full time ministry that brought me joys and blessings that far outnumber the hours spent in overseeing a busy ministry.

My season is over...my heart is heavy...my heart is full. So I end this letter with just two simple words that will never fully express my love and appreciation for LOWC and the opportunity to serve God in this place...Thank you!

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The Ending of a Season
By Sherri Gaskill, Director

October 3 – LOWC Kids Club
October 7 – 1st Sunday Family Worship
October 10 – LOWC Kids Club
October 17 – LOWC Kids Club
October 24 – Kids Club
October 31 – NO LOWC Kids Club

Thank You, Sherri!
Luncheon
Sunday, Oct. 14th
12:15PM
Friendship Hall
Please bring a side or dessert
We are enjoying the cooler weather; school is back in session; and we continue to be busy in our preschool program.

The Preschool and All-Day Child Care for children ages three and four are going great, and we are currently full. We are also full in our School-age Program for before and after school care. We are maintaining a waiting list for those who wish to be part of our program when a space becomes available.

The preschoolers will go on their first field trip of the year to George Washington’s Childhood Home – Ferry Farms on October 17th.

The Preschool will celebrate fall with a Fall Festival Costume Party on Tuesday, October 30th.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministry and programs. We are truly blessed with a loving and dedicated staff.
If you were to peek into the Friendship Hall on any Wednesday night during the school year, you would witness something that would bless your socks off. Every generation, from baby to happy-ager is breaking bread together before worship and Bible study. Our church is offering free dinner every night to our local community. Word is getting around that Wednesday Night is a night that mom does not have to cook. Wednesday night is a night when children can have child conversations. Teens can have teen conversations, and you guessed it, adults can have adult conversations. Here is the beautiful thing: these conversations are about Jesus!

I believe that Wednesday nights tell a beautiful story of who we are in Christ. We have stepped out in faith to feed this community. We are doing what God has asked, and God is honoring our efforts. As our program continues to grow, may we recognize as a church, what a wonderful blessing it is to be “doers of the Word.” You are invited. Our whole community is invited. Come to Wednesday Night, and be satisfied!

October 12th and 13th SLUGfest/Home Helps will begin at church on Friday night at 6:00pm. We will travel to Central Park in Fredericksburg, reaching Funland by 7:00pm. After two hours of unlimited pizza, games, go-carts, and laser-tag, we will head to Skyzone trampoline park. Teens will jump and hang out until 11:00pm. We plan to get back to church by midnight. After a rejuvenating seven hours of sleep, the teens will join the LOWC home helps team to work on yards and do light home repairs for those in our community who are not able to do for themselves. Lunch will be provided for the teens, and they will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

October 24th Halloween Game Night is one of the teens favorite nights of the year. Our costume party begins at 6:00 p.m. with a buffet of Halloween treats ranging from mummy hot dogs to slime dip (guacamole) and chips. Our costume contest will kick off at 6:30 p.m. before a panel of judges. Games, prizes, and lots of candy! We will close out the evening with a powerful gospel message. Bring your friends!

October 27th Go Ye Therefore Banquet will be held in the Friendship Hall from 6:00-8:00pm. Tickets go on sale for $15/ ticket on Sunday, October 7th. We will enjoy a scrumptious meal provided by Clearwater Grill and our youth will serve the meal to our guests. This banquet honors those who have supported youth missions in the last year, provides a platform for our teen missionaries to share testimony from the field, and challenges us all to fulfill the great commission through supporting our teen missionaries.

October 28th Stock Holders Begins: Are you blessed to know that the teens of our church have a tremendous heart for sharing the Gospel? Do you want to be involved, but not sure what you can do? Take stock in our teens! You have the opportunity to invest your treasure in this up-and-coming generation. Be encouraged. Our youth love Jesus and want to share His love. Stock can be purchased for $25/share. Your tax-deductible donation can be designated to sponsor a specific youth or given in support of the entire youth missions effort.

October 29th - Fall Classic Golf Tournament - rescheduled from September 24th due to rain. There is still time to register!

Greetings from the Youth Department
By John Higginbotham, Youth Director
Saturday October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The dynamic music duo of Mary Mancini and Mario Tacca returns to LOWC. Mary is a world class artist with vocal versatility and command of all styles of music. Able to sing in eight languages, she consistently brings audiences to their feet with her international favorites, Broadway music, opera arias, classics, pop and sacred music. She has been called “The Woman with the Golden Voice.”

Mary has received the Lifetime Award for Achievement in the Arts presented by the Order of the Sons of Italy in America, NYS Grand Lodge Foundation and Honorary Achievement awards from The International Festival of the Arts (Canada), The Chinese Government, The American Song Festival, The American Cancer Society, and other societies and colleges.

Mario Tacca, born in Italy, began his musical studies at a young age. He imitated songs his mother used to sing, and walked three miles weekly to his teacher with his instrument strapped to his back! His love of the accordion propelled him past many regional and national accordion championships to become world champion, winning the World Cup of Italy, the Grand Prix of Paris, the US National Competition and the International Accordion Competition held at Carnegie Hall in New York City. He is called “one of the pre-eminent Accordion Virtuosi in the world”, dazzling audiences across the US and around the world with his unmatched virtuosity of international music, the classics, and pop.

Including stadium performances of our National Anthem for the NY Yankees and the Milwaukee Brewers, Mary has headlined numerous concert halls and festivals in North America, Europe, and in China with husband Mario Tacca, champion accordionist. As guests of the China Ministry of Culture, they completed 3 weeks of concert tours in China, performing with three symphony orchestras and acclaimed Chinese tenor, Douglas Song, culminating in the Shenzhen 3500 seat Golden Opera House.

There will be a Cookie Concerto reception and a chance to meet with Mary and Mario following the performance. The concert is free and any voluntary donations will support LOW Church Worship Arts Program. Please call Kevin Paxton, Music Director at 540-972-9060 for more information.
Community Missions Outreach Highlights

Summer has been another busy time for many of our Community Missions Outreach teams. The Boy Scouts have been very active in recent weeks and throughout the summer which began with a super successful Summer Camp in June. In August the scouts participated in water life-saving and rescue skills training at the LOW Clubhouse. Activities during the summer included a waffle breakfast served at the church, a Court of Honor and work on an Eagle Scout project for the Germanna Historical Society. Camping trips are planned for September and October.

The Home Helps Ministry team led by Dave Blackistone completed four more projects in August bringing to a total of 36 Lake of the Woods homeowners assisted by our LOWC team. The Home Helps Mission Weekend is planned for Friday and Saturday, OCT 12-13. If you have trade skills or can rake leaves or paint, please sign up in the Gathering Place for a great weekend of fellowship with Home Helps Team members and LOW homeowners.

In April our church website was updated and re-hosted using ShareFaith, a hosting company specifically for churches. We have recently experienced a significant increase in visitors to the site. If you have not visited our website recently, please go to: www.lowchurch.org and let us know what you think.

The Living Water Community Clinic under the leadership of Debbie McInnis continues to thrive with a steady stream of people seeking medical attention – averaging 10-11 patients each Thursday evening. Many who are treated for medical symptoms also seek spiritual counseling from our pastors and chaplains. The combination of physical treatment and optional spiritual care is a tremendously important aspect in improving the overall health of everyone who visits. The clinic will add an extra session on Saturday to handle the increasing patient load as soon as we get another qualified provider on board. Plans to open a dental office are moving forward and should be realized in early 2019.

The Living Water Community Clinic is seeking volunteers to support the medical staff. If you have skills in data entry, grant writing or general administration, please call the church office (540-972-9060) to volunteer. You will be blessed by participating in this exciting and vital ministry to our community. Please save the date of November 16 when the clinic will host their annual Gala – “Are You the One?”

The Good News Clubs under the stewardship of Vincent and Martha Sukites are gearing up for another great school year of ministry to children in the Locust Grove Primary and Middle Schools. Last year we had an enrollment increase of 47%, and this year we want to reach many more youngsters in our community about Jesus. Sign-up sheets should have been brought home from school by the children in September. If your child didn’t receive one and wants to sign up to attend these enriching after school clubs, please call the church office.

Our Religious Instruction for Special Education (R.I.S.E.) program was very busy this summer with a Luau in June, a week-long camp in July and a Pizza Party in August. The weekly meetings held on Thursday evenings began after Labor Day with new teachers, CJ and Bobbi Gross, under Pastor Colson’s leadership. Together they bring spiritual teaching and loving, pastoral care to this program.

After our Discovery Classes this year for new members, we were blessed to welcome 14 new members to the congregation in May and another 16 members in September. For information on the next Discovery Class for new member, please contact the church administrative office.

On Sunday, October 21 there will be a Ministry Fair to showcase the many opportunities to serve at Lake of the Woods Church and the surrounding Community. If you are looking for a place to volunteer or more information about our church, plan to attend this event. You can expect to learn about and discover what ministries might appeal to your heart and fit your spiritual gifts. The Ministry Fair will be held in the Gathering Place after each Sunday Service on October 21. If you would like to exhibit your ministry, please call Anne Tower at 540-842-5807.

For more information on how you can be engaged with any of our Community Missions and Outreach programs as a participant or volunteer, please contact the church office at 540-972-9060 or Bill Fetzer at 703-856-3685.
Home Helps Weekend  
*By David Blackistone*

“...let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

Our fall Home Helps weekend, October 12 and 13, is just days away. It’s not too late to volunteer to help. You may sign up on a form by the Mission slat board in the Gathering Place, at the Community Mission Kiosk or online through the church website. It’s never too late to pray. Pray for our witness in deed, word and listening to show God’s love to those we serve. Sign up for a week long prayer calendar by contacting David Blackistone, dblackistone1@verizon.net.

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Annual Trees of Life Gala  
*By Debbie McInnis*

Please join us for the Trees of Life Gala to benefit the Living Water Community Clinic on Friday, November 16, from 5-9pm at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. Our guests will enjoy hors d’oeuvres, Christmas Trees Auction, Silent Auction, dinner, music, speakers and much more!

Silent Auction items include trips, sports tickets, specialty baskets, gift certificates, and more. This year’s theme is Are You The One? We will have a special musical presentation of "Come to the Living Water." by The Lake of the Woods Children’s Choir.

The trees will be on display from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The evening will start at 5:00 pm with a reception to allow time to view the trees and make your bids. Dinner will begin at 6:15 pm. Silent auction winners will be announced between 8:30 pm and 9:00 pm.

Tickets are $50/person, and all proceeds will directly benefit the Living Water Community Clinic. Dress: Black tie optional (tux or suit for men, and dressy attire for women). Seats are limited.

Tickets will be available from September 25, 2018 until November 14th. Tickets may be purchased online at www.livingwaterclinic.life, in person at the Living Water Community Clinic (from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday evenings) or The Lake of the Woods Church, 1 Church Lane, Locust Grove (from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursdays).

If you would like to donate an auction item, please send information to Debbie McInnis at debmcin尼斯@yahoo.com. If you would like to provide a decorated Christmas Tree, please contact Missy Garriss at m.garriss@icloud.com. Pre-lit 4’ trees will be provided.

Living Water Community Clinic is a mission of The Lake of the Woods Church, and is established in partnership with community churches, businesses, civic organizations, regional healthcare facilities, and community members. The Living Water Community Clinic provides free medical, counseling, and spiritual care to our neighbors who are uninsured. The Living Water Community Clinic operates solely on the generosity of donors and grants. www.Livingwaterclinic.life
MLM was founded in 2009 by Dave and Celia Olson. They have been involved in media ministry for 30 plus years and lead a team of devoted people who have taken their work to the very ends of the earth. When asked why they started MLM, they told us, “We started this ministry because of a call of God, but the passion we have for media and its reach into the lives of people gave legs to the dream. The Mergelane motto is: “Merging truth and technology to transform lives!!!” Dave and Celia Olson are missionaries of the Assemblies of God serving primarily in the Latin American and Caribbean region of the world. Nevertheless, they respond to opportunities and needs around the world.

Dave’s personal testimony is “I have been working in the media world for more than 30 years helping to develop tools for companies and ministries around the world. As Assemblies of God Missionaries, we have developed a philosophy that is quite simple: “Those who tell the story shape their world.” My faith has given me focus and strength to face the changing world. I would pray that others would find the faith that I have found in Christ.”

MLM specializes in transformational technology services to transform lives, ministries and schools. Their major focus is remote areas that don’t have the services the rest of the world enjoys but must depend upon mobile media. The future belongs to that which is mobile. MLM has grown from 509 viewers online each month to more than a million users per month. Much of their success has been due to the growth in the video streaming industry as well as being perfectly placed to serve small to mid-size churches. Their world missions’ impact is felt through the digital enhancement of church planting ventures. They have developed a product they call Digital Pastor. From the islands of Ecuador to the frozen north of Siberia, Digital Pastor is helping plant churches in remote areas.

In 2018, MLM was able to launch a global missionary training platform called: PMC.Iclassrooms. This site and online training platform have more than 2000 current students from 200 countries around the world and is being translated into a variety of languages. Also, the sending missions from Romania and China have asked and been given permission to use this resource to train their missionaries. MLM has also responded to requests for the development of their eBridge technology wifi hubs into Chinese and Swahili. 2018 saw a major shift in mission and ministry for MLM. They formed a strategic partnership with Samuels House of Caracas Venezuela to meet the needs of the starving children and others on the streets of Venezuela. Samuels House is MLM’s major project for the coming year. Dave and Celia have had their hearts broken as they watched the abuse of the political leadership of that country in trying to enrich themselves. Every day portions of the population of that country die of starvation and lack of water, and medicine. MLM committed this past year to help do something about that. Through their partnership with ministries and missions who have teams in the surrounding countries, they are going to do their best to alleviate suffering, and minister in the name of Christ. MLM has heard so many heart-rending stories of young people and children that it would take hours to share them all.

Please pray for the MergeLane Media and Samuels House ministries as they partner to minister to the people in Venezuela.

More information about the Olson’s ministry can be found at www.mergelanemedia.com
Questions for Dave and Celia can be directed to Email: dolson@mergelanemedia.com

**Prayer for Missions**

O God, you spoke the world into being and you still communicate with us today: we give you thanks for the ministry of Mergelane Media, bringing in-depth Gospel training to third-world countries and the persecuted church. Thank you especially for the creative skills and technical expertise of Dave and Celia Olson. We pray for your guidance as they seek to bring clarity to an uncertain and confused world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Lake of the Woods Church Ministry Fair
Sunday, October 21st
By Anne Tower

Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37

Plan to attend the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 21 in the Gathering Place after each service. Each LOW church ministry will be represented with information, sign-up sheets and people to answer your questions. If you are just looking for more information on any ministry or wish to volunteer to serve, come to the gathering place and get connected.

Before the ministry fair, here are some questions you might be asking: What night is choir rehearsal, and how do I join? You would love to greet people but don’t know who to ask. What’s a shepherd? Who’s in charge of organizing the home groups? I could go on and on, but to get these questions answered and others, attend the fair. There is room in all our ministries for you!

Together we can make a wonderful impact on our church and community.

EVANGELISM CLASS
- 4 Week Class
- Tuesdays beginning October 9th
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- RISE Center on RT 20
- $20
- Register at lowchurch.org

Chaplaincy Class
Train to be a licensed Chaplain
Tuesday Evenings
Beginning Nov. 6th
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
RISE Center, Rt 20
$100
Register @ lowchurch.org

How can the 2018 Tax Law benefit our Giving?
By Barbara Crawford, Elder, Budget & Administration

Are you over age 70 ½ and required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA or Retirement Plan which is completely taxable? Do you want to take the higher standard deduction ($26,000) for married couples on your income tax in 2018 and still give amply to the Church and reduce your taxes without itemizing? You can achieve this through the use of a “Qualified Charitable Distribution.”
You should contact your Plan provider and request that a distribution be made directly to The Lake of the Woods Church. It is called a Trustee to Trustee transfer and the proceeds go directly to the Church. Your donated amount is excluded from your taxable income. The limit is $100,000 per recipient.
For tax advice, please contact your financial advisor. For further information and instructions, please contact our Trustees at 540-972-9060 and let them know what you are planning.
Barbara Crawford
Women's Guild
Upcoming Events
By Julie Phend, Member

Join us for Women's Guild! Women’s Guild of Lake of the Woods Church meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of every month September through May. The meetings are open to all women in the community, and new faces are eagerly welcomed. Each meeting consists of a short devotion, prayer, and a featured speaker, plus a light lunch and time for fellowship. In addition, the group undertakes a service project each month to benefit the wider community.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no cost to attend. However, if you need childcare, please contact the church at 972-9060 by the Monday preceding the Guild meeting.

Coming up in October:

October 4: Kay Zello will speak, and Pete and Carol Brown will provide special music. After the meeting, Nancy Bowles will offer a wreath-making session for those who wish to participate. Cost of supplies is $3.00.

October 17: Brooke Chumley from SAFE House in Culpeper will speak. SAFE House provides shelter and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

October’s service project is to collect needed items for SAFE house.

Coming up in November:

November 8: Pat Erickson will speak about “Traveling Light.” Dave Goodrich will perform special music.

November 15: Nicole Pappas, president of the local chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America, will tell us about the work of their organization.

November’s Service Project will be donations to Blue Star Mothers of America.

The Wear and Tear of Ministry
By Richard Kurz, Sexton

I want to provide an update on the state of our church property. We have had a lot of repairs to our aging and well used buildings and grounds. This fall we are planning some outdoor maintenance, and we will need your help. You will hear more about this soon.

This summer we had to replace one of the rooftop HVAC units for a little under $19,000. It was about two years beyond its design life, so we got good use of it. There are 7 more units which will need replacing over the next 2 or 3 years.

The next big building maintenance item is Friendship Hall. It needs some walls repaired and a fresh coat of paint on the walls and ceiling. And while we’re up there, several lamps need replacing. In fact the most economical thing we can do is replace all the fluorescent fixtures with LED fixtures. The hard part is the ceiling is so high, we have to rent scaffolding or lifts to reach it.

Outdoor projects abound. The playground is going to need re-mulching soon. Our garden team, led by Margaret Thode, is doing wonderful work in weeding and watering, but the Memory Garden could use additional care. We plan to refurbish the foot wide pea gravel border between curbs and lawn, and we need to weed and mulch the islands in the lower parking lot. Look for an announcement in the Sunday service leaflet for “All-Hands” this fall to help with these fun fellowship projects.
10/01 Barbara Crawford
10/01 Ruth Price
10/01 Lee Strain
10/02 Valerie Estela
10/02 Melissa Howard
10/02 Michelle Lyons
10/03 Molly Fulton
10/03 Bob McManis
10/04 Barry Ferguson
10/04 Gene Slagle
10/05 Boyd Bowers
10/05 William Derryberry
10/05 Lynn Duley
10/06 Chelsea Schafer
10/06 Rose Tuminaro
10/07 Laurie Knights
10/07 Gwen Mallmann
10/07 Rebecca Wheeler
10/08 Rod Lackey
10/08 Ken Pounsberry
10/08 Selena L. Rave
10/09 Suzanne Roberts
10/09 Erin Shafferaman
10/11 Sharon Killian
10/11 Devon Weichel
10/11 Kay Zello
10/12 Ken Johnson
10/12 Theda Massie
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# Weekly Activities

**Monday**
- 8:30 a.m. Aerobics
- 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Group

**Tuesday**
- 7:30 a.m. Pastor’s Bible Study for Men
- 9:30 a.m. LOWC Crafters Group
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Good News Clubs (Resumes in October)
- 5:30 p.m. Senior Singles
  - call Carol 972-8196 or Joyce 972-4023
- 6:30 p.m. Shining Hands Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Wednesday**
- 8:30 a.m. Aerobics
- 9:00 a.m. MOPS
- 10:00 a.m. Restoration Dance Preparation
- 10:00 a.m. Alzheimer’s & Dementia Support (3rd)
- 6:00 p.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. Family Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

**Wednesday - Continued**
- 6:30 p.m. MOMs Next
- 7:00 p.m. Kid’s Club
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Elective Education Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA “Big Book” – Rt. 20 - Suite O

**Thursday**
- 9:00 a.m. Shepherds Meeting (3rd Thurs)
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group –
- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Guild (1st & 3rd)
- 10:00 a.m. Faithbooking & Faithcarding (2nd & 4th)
- 1:00 p.m. Second Half of Life Bible Study (1st & 3rd)
- 5:00 p.m. Living Water Community Clinic
- 6:00 p.m. RISE Special Needs

**Friday**
- 8:30 a.m. Aerobics
- 10:00 a.m. Malachi 3:16 Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. AA Group – Rt. 20- Suite O

**Saturday**
- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study Group
- 10:00 a.m. Restoration Dance Ministry

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**The Lake of the Woods Church Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar**

**Saturday November 10th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
**Sunday November 11th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

- **“Saturday only”**
  - Pancake Breakfast & BBQ Lunch will be served (cash only)

- **Bake Sale (Saturday)**
  - Outdoor Games
  - Jewelry
  - Wall Hangings
  - American Girl & Wellie Wishers Doll Clothes
  - Wonderful Wreaths
  - Cards for All Occasions
  - Baby Items
  - the ever popular “Scrubbies” and so much more!

**All proceeds benefit LOWC Youth Missions**

**Cash * Checks * All major Credit Cards Accepted**
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
    Traditional Sanctuary
    Traditional Sanctuary
    Blended Worship Center
    Contemporary Worship Center
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE
    Adult: 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00
    Youth: Higher Grounds, 9:30
    Children and Nursery, 9:45 & 11:00
EUCHARIST
    Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.

Pastors in Worship
October 2018

OCTOBER 7   COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:30 Traditional       Dr. John W. Howe
9:30 Blended           John Higginbotham
9:45 Traditional       Dr. John W. Howe
11:00 Contemporary    Dr. John W. Howe

OCTOBER 14
8:30 Traditional       Rev. Adam Colson
9:30 Blended           Dr. John W. Howe
9:45 Traditional       Rev. Adam Colson
11:00 Contemporary    Rev. Adam Colson

OCTOBER 21
8:30 Traditional       Dr. John W. Howe
9:30 Blended           Dr. John W. Howe
9:45 Traditional       Rev. Jordan Medias
11:00 Contemporary    Rev. Jordan Medias

OCTOBER 28
8:30 Traditional       Dr. John W. Howe
9:30 Blended           Dr. John W. Howe
9:45 Traditional       Rev. Adam Colson
11:00 Contemporary    Rev. Adam Colson

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