



Greetings, Lake Deaton Friends and Family!

As we come to the close of this extraordinary year, your LDUMC Leadership Team felt it would be appropriate to give you an update on the State of Lake Deaton UMC. Your Lake Deaton Leadership and Staff have worked hard to continue a wide variety of ministries and activities all designed to support our mission: ***To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.***

In May of 2020 members of NCUMC voted to launch Lake Deaton UMC as an independent UMC. We began that process officially on June 1st immediately following the congregational vote and Charge Conference approving to move forward with the launch of LDUMC. Over the next 6 months leadership and staff worked to complete the transition from being a campus of NCUMC to being an independent United Methodist Church, Lake Deaton UMC. As of this date, the transition is complete. Lake Deaton United Methodist Church is an independent UMC.

The launch gave us the opportunity to create many of our own operational processes.

First, we launched the Lake Deaton UMC website. You can access this site at www.lakedeatonumc.com. Just about anything and everything you ever wanted to know about LDUMC is there. If you haven't already, please check it out. While there, we would encourage you to click on Resources, then the Ministry One App link. This will take you to a page where you can access either the App store or Goggle play, search for and install Ministry One. This is a directory of our church. We would also encourage you to check your information in the Profile section to ensure it is accurate.

Also, we have implemented new ways to communicate. Every Thursday, LDUMC sends out an electronic Newsletter entitled Lake Deaton Happenings! Included in this communication is a 5 to 10-minute video "Couch Talk". This video will give you a quick update of current activities. The Newsletter also features short articles on activities that may interest you and/or you may wish to connect with. This newsletter is being sent to approximately 980 individuals. Look for it in your email. If you are not getting it, here's a couple things to check:

- Make sure you are signed up. Go to the LDUMC website, click on Resources then Newsletters.
- Check your spam or junk mailboxes.
- Check online or with us to make sure we have your correct email.

Speaking of connecting, LDUMC continues to offer numerous ways to connect and ministries to become a part of. Here is a recap.

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Continuing Ministries coordinated with NCUMC *(sometimes previously referred to as NCUMC Global ministries)* We continue to enjoy a good relationship with NCUMC, both churches continue to support these ministries just as we did prior to the launch.

- Bargains and Blessings
- Helping Hands
- Emergency Response Team
- Wildwood Food Pantry
- Wildwood Middle School Mentor Program

Continuing LDUMC Ministries/Activities

Care Ministries (Co-Leads: Cheryl Grieve and Kathy Schroder supported by Pastor Loida)

- Card Ministry
- Care Calling
- Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)
- Home communion
- Hospital/facility/home visits
- Pastoral visits/counseling
- Prayer Ministry
- Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Stephen Ministers
- Support group: Grieving with Hope

Connectional Ministries (Lead: Laurie Dennison supported by Pastor Kristyne)

(Some of these activities are currently inactive due to COVID however, will return ASAP)

- Umbrella Cheer Ministry
- Discover Lake Deaton
- Mugging Ministry
- Cookies/Coffee
- Information Desk

Disaster Response Coordinator (Dave Hurnevich)

- Emergency response planning
- Emergency equipment maintenance

Discipleship (Lead: Don Argus supported by Pastor Kristyne)

- EMMAUS
- Disciple Classes
- Grow Night Dinners *(currently inactive due to COVID however, will return ASAP)*
- Small Groups
 - Mixed
 - Men's
 - Women's

Historian (Lynn Clever)

- Coordinates and records Church activities
- Assist with member photographs for directory

Men's Ministry (AKA: Journeymen) (Lead: Jay Schmidt supported by Pastor Kristyne)

- Weekly Men's Breakfast
- Weekly Men's Executive Golf

Missions and Outreach (Lead: Shirley Cromwell supported by Pastor Jim)

- Backpacks for Kids
- Christmas in July
- Christmas Joy
- Christmas Wish Tree
- Congo Partnership
- Emergency Response Team
- Fresh Expressions
 - Messy Church
 - Connect Pancake Breakfast
 - Dinner Drive through at Wildwood

- Bibles & Brews
- Helping Hands, Bargains & Blessings
- House of Hope
- Lowell Correctional Institute
- Mission Trips
- Operation Christmas Child
- ZOE Ministry

Recreation Ministry (Lead: Kerry Hughes supported by Pastor Jim)

- Pickleball
- Yoga
- Co-ed Volleyball
- Couples Golf
- Walk Away the Pounds

(check the website or contact the Church office for scheduling and availability details)

Women's Ministry (AKA: Bloom) (Lead: Open supported by Pastor Kristyne)

- Monthly Virtual/Live Program – Luncheons to return ASAP
- MOAMI
- Golf Gals

Worship (Co-Lead: Jonathan and Donna Baker supported by Pastor Loida)

- Communion prep
- Devotion in Motion – Dance group
- Greeting
- Parking Coordination Team
- Technical Support
- Ushering
- Weekly Devotionals with Pastor Kristyne
- Weekly Devotionals with Pastors Jim and Loida
- Weekly Prayers with Pastor Kris
- Worship Music
 - Choir & Praise Band
- Worship Planning
 - Saturday evening services – 5:00PM
 - Sunday Morning Services – 9:00AM and 10:30AM

New LDUMC Ministries/Activities

- Sonrise – A respite program coming early 2021
- Celebrate Recovery
- Butterfly Garden Project
- Began “We miss you” events
- Started outdoor services on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- Started Wednesday “Christmas at the Movies” *(outdoor movie night at the church)*

Again, you can find additional information regarding these ministries/activities at

www.lakedeatonumc.com or by calling the Church office (352-571-4665).

In addition to all these Ministry activities our Resource Teams have been busy as well.

Leadership Development Team (LDT) (Chair – Stan Hoover)

- Filled open Resource Team Openings
- Completed our Annual Charge Conference to approve 2021 Leadership Roster and other required activities
- Beginning Leadership Development training activities – 2021

Finance Resource Team (FRT) (Chair – Randy Remington)

What a year we have had so far in 2020. Certainly, the challenges presented to us personally and as a church are challenges unlike any that most of us have experienced in our lifetime. Despite the challenges, one of those being our launch from the New Covenant umbrella, we have thrived as a church thanks to our generous congregation, our staff, and our pastors. Specifically, as to our finances, we project that we will have received by year-end around \$1,300,000 versus expenses totaling \$1,260,000. Accordingly, that should leave us around \$40,000 that will be added to our reserves. These numbers are amazing given the challenges presented by the pandemic, challenges that we look to continue to have through the first six months of 2021. Our budget for 2021 has been approved and projects \$1,350,000 in contributions and expenses. We will closely monitor our results as we work into 2021 and adjust the budget as necessary. We, as a financial committee, pledge to the congregation that we will make sure we make any decisions, regardless of how hard they might be to ensure the financial viability of Lake Deaton United Methodist Church.

Staff Parish Relation Team (SPRT) (Chair – Diana Richards)

- Completed all necessary transition activities relating to personnel/Staff
- Completed Pastor Evaluations
- In Process – Review of all Personnel and Staff related policies
- Coordinated Personnel/Staffing activities
- Coordinated Pastor and Staff Appreciation activities

Trustees Resource Team (Chair – Alice Austin)

- Hired new Lawn Service (*If you hadn't noticed the Church grounds are looking much better*)
- In process/On-going – Facility and grounds maintenance issues
- Coordinating Butterfly Garden project
- Started "Adopt a flower bed" project
- Coordinated outside stage for worship

Lake Deaton UMC continues to look for additional ways to connect and serve. This recap is constantly evolving, so we encourage you to keep in touch and please share your thoughts/ideas. We hope you would agree that we are progressing toward become an innovative, supportive and active community of Faith. Even in this challenging time, we continue to strive to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus in the community and around the world.

We wish you and yours the Merriest Christmas Season and a Very Happy New Year.



Tom Gilbert
Chair, Lead Team



Mike Herzberg
Lay Leader