

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell

Tele-Christian October 2025 Edition

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

Mark's Remarks...



"We can't do that. We don't have enough...money, time, volunteers" or any of countless other excuses. If God wants it done, do you believe He will help us accomplish it? The following is a story to illustrate that point.

Faith Can Move Mountains (Author Unknown)

A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smokie Mountains built a new sanctuary on a piece of land willed to them by a church member. Ten days before the new church was to open, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building. Until the church doubled the size of the parking lot, they would not be able to use the new sanctuary.

Unfortunately, the church with its undersized lot had used every inch of their land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to move the mountain out of the back yard. Undaunted, the pastor announced the next Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all members who had "mountain moving faith." They would hold a prayer session asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and to somehow provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the scheduled opening dedication service the following week. At the appointed time, 24 of the congregation's 300 members assembled for prayer. They prayed for nearly three hours. At ten o'clock the pastor said the final Amen. "We'll open next Sunday as scheduled," he assured everyone. "God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time too."

The next morning as he was working in his study there came a loud knock at his door. When he called "come in," a rough looking construction foreman appeared, removing his hard hat as he entered. "Excuse me, Reverend. I'm from Acme Construction Company over in the next county. We're building a huge new shopping mall over there and we need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of that mountain behind the church? We'll pay you for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge, if we can have it right away. We can't do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly."

The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned and there were far more members with "mountain moving faith" on opening Sunday than there had been the previous week!

Would you have shown up for that prayer meeting? Some people say faith comes from miracles. But others know: **MIRACLES COME FROM FAITH!**

What mountains are God moving in your life?



October 5:	Scripture: Luke 17:5-10
October 12:	Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
October 19:	Scripture: Luke 18:1-8
October 26:	Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Title: <i>'Increasing Your Faith'</i>
Sermon Title: <i>'Gratitude: An Aspect of Faith'</i>
Sermon Title: <i>'Persistent Prayer'</i>
Sermon Title: <i>'A Humble Faith'</i>



Sunday, October 5 we will join with those in other countries for World Communion Sunday. This day, we will partake in Holy Communion at the communion rail.

Sunday, October 19 we will celebrate **Children’s Sunday**.

Worship will be spent reflecting on all the blessings youth, children, toddlers, and babies bring into our church and lives. Those children present on Children’s Sunday will get the opportunity to participate as greeters, ushers, liturgist, etc. if they would like. The highlight of the service will be a **Blessing of the Children**. Invite families and friends. All children are welcome.

Sunday, November 2 is All Saints Day. We will remember those loved ones of our church family who have passed in the past year.



Live Your Faith
TODAY!

LYFT is our Thursday evening worship service held in Fellowship Hall. We start at 5:30 pm with dinner and go right into worship at 6 pm. Worship includes music, a lay person or Pastor Mark speaking, prayer and communion. LYFT is a casual worship service where each week we enjoy food, fellowship and fun! Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Remember...if you can’t arrive in time for dinner, you can still come for worship!



We will hold a Confirmation Class this year for all youth in 6th grade and up who would like to learn more about the church and join the church. Talk to Pastor Mark if you are interested and have a time in mind that will work with your schedule.



The Finance Committee wants you to know how much your faithful giving to our programming, missions, outreach and operations is appreciated. Your commitment helps to spread God’s word within our church and within our community.

By now, you should have received the annual stewardship letter and 2025 Commitment Card. It contains many things to pray about...time, service, and money. Are you able to give more of your time? Are you able to serve God in more ways? Are you able to tithe (10% of your income)? If you aren’t able to tithe, are you able to increase your giving by at least 1%? Your church is doing wonderful things in God’s name and wouldn’t it be wonderful to do more?

Important dates to keep in mind: Return your Commitment Card on Thursday, at the Lyft service, **October 9** or Sunday, **October 12**. You may, also, return it to the church office prior to October 20. **It is very important to fill out a card and return it, even if you are unable to financially commit this year.**

Blessings for your prayers and faithful commitment.

4th ANNUAL!



FREE LUNCH - STORY TIME - GAMES

Who: All Children Through Grade 5

When: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Following the Town of Lowell Monster March
Approximately 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Where: Lowell First United Methodist Church
(sponsored by the Education Committee)

Parents are asked to stay.
Lunch will be available for the whole family.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach local young families. Our event will take place immediately after the Town of Lowell's "Monster March". This children's Halloween parade takes place in Olde Towne Square and downtown. We will be serving a free lunch, having story time, and providing other activities such as games and cookie decorating. Spread the word in person and through social media to your neighborhood families and friends. Volunteers will be needed on October 18. If you are able to help, please sign up at the table in the Narthex.



As you all know the children collect coins during the church service as part of Children's Time. For the last few months the change collected was to go to Heifer International. They collected \$860 in which they were able to purchase:
1 water buffalo, 1 goat, 1 sheep, 2 pigs, 2 honeybees, 3 flocks of chicks, and 1 share of garden seeds. Way to go kids!!



It's time to think about care packages for our college students. In November we will collect items, write notes of encouragement, and pray for the students and college boxes. The boxes will be mailed to arrive for the week of final exams. Please submit the names and addresses of those to receive a college finals box to the church office by October 26.



Chuck Wagon Dinner—A Tasty Success

Our recent Chuck wagon dinner was a tremendous success! More than 80 people enjoyed hearty western-style food, fellowship, and fun in our fellowship hall. The funds raised will directly support the church's Outreach activities such as Music in the Park, Kidz Karnival, and Winterfest.

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated, worked to make the evening possible, and attended to support this worthy cause. Events like these remind us that when we come together as a church family, we can accomplish great things while having a wonderful time.



Mission of the Month

Our October Mission of the Month is a favorite national and international mission of many. **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**, provides immediate help following natural disasters, pandemics and other major crises. Like the Red Cross, they provide what is needed, food, water, blankets, shelter, medical care and more. They will also stay in an area affected until the people are back on their feet. They continue to help until people are back in their home, jobs, back to normal. Unlike other agencies, 100% of your gift goes to helping in various crises. There is no advertising or salaries coming out of your gift.

On October 12, you will have an opportunity to learn more about our mission, as well as a chance to give. Giving to missions should be above and beyond your giving to the ministries of the church. It is called *second mile giving*. Don't feel bad if you don't feel you can afford to support any of these monthly missions.



Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day, November 11, is the federal holiday for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. On Sunday, November 9, we will be honoring our church family veterans. Our worship service will include recognition of those who have served our country and following the service they will be the honored guests at an all-church brunch.

The brunch will be hosted by the Congregational Care Team and other volunteers. To assist us in determining the amount of food to prepare, reservations will be required for the brunch. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex by mid-October. There will be announcements on Sundays and email reminders. This event is your opportunity to personally thank those who sit around you in our sanctuary on Sunday for their past service to our country.



1st & 3rd Wednesday Country/Gospel Music Jam

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, local musicians from around the area gather to play and sing your favorite country gold, gospel greats, bluegrass, old rock 'n roll, folk, and more. You may bring an instrument and play along, or just come to listen.

The United Women in Faith will be on hand with refreshments for purchase. As with all of their projects, the proceeds will go to help others through missions. We really hope to see you there.

Mark the following dates on your calendars: October 1, 15; November 5, 19; December 3, 17.



We invite all able bodied attenders on Sunday morning to not park in the church parking lot. Please save those spots for our folks with mobility issues, those with young children and visitors. You can park at Sheets Funeral Home, Chase Bank or behind the church. Thank you for your consideration.



I'm the church mouse. I see all that goes on in the church and I love to gossip about it. Of course being a Christian mouse, I only say positive things.

Well, we've had another Chuckwagon Dinner. It was a fun time with fantastic food. All of those volunteers did such a wonderful job setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up and tearing down. It sure takes a lot of folks to get a job done right. They really did it right!

Did you see the shelf that the Trustee's moved from the west side of the church to the Narthex? They did a wonderful job of saving the integrity of the shelf and making it fit in the perfect spot!

Be careful when you do good work for the church. I'm watching and just waiting to share that gossip.



Senior Bingo

Young at Heart Sr. Bingo meets on the fourth Tuesday. The next gathering will be October 28 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite someone to come along with you. This is free Bingo with dessert and snacks and prizes. It's a fun time!



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for your cards, texts, calls and prayers. They have really meant a lot to me. I am feeling stronger every day and have appreciated the love that you all have sent my way.

Thank you!
Carol Goodrich



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards sent. My arms still hurt but the Bio Flex I take helps my back & legs. Prayers that eventually the pain in my arms will subside.

Thank you. Ethel Devine



Pastor's Comic Corner

In case you haven't noticed, I love humor.
Below are comics that I've come across. Enjoy and smile! Pastor Mark



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday - Worship ~ 9:30am (in Sanctuary), **Sunday School** ~ Adult: 8:15 am WINGS, FRIENDS Children: 9:30 am
Monday - A/A 12pm (303) **Wednesday** - A/A - 8pm (Fellowship Hall), Al/Anon - 8pm (lib) **Thursday** - Dulcimers 10am (303),
 Godsbells 4:30 pm, *LYFT* Dinner 5:30pm/Worship 6:00pm (F.H.) Chancel Choir 7 pm **Saturday** - A/A 11 a.m. (303)

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Country/Gospel Music Jam 1pm (FH) UWF Exec. Mtg 5:30 pm (lib.) Trustees 6pm	2	3 Working Together Circle 1:30 pm (library)	4 Charge Conference (Gary Christ UMC) 3:30 pm
5	6 Tri-Kappa 6 pm (FH)	7	8 Congregational Care 10 am (library) Education 7 pm (300)	9	10	11
12 Commitment Sunday Mission Sunday: UMCOR	13 Susanna Wesley Circle 1 pm (library)	14	15 Country/Gospel Music Jam 1 pm (FH)	16 Pastor Mark Birthday!!	17	18 Children's Pumpkin Party 12:30 pm (FH)
19 Children's Sunday	20	21 Household Pantry 9-12 & 5-6 (curbside)	22 Finance 4 pm	23	24	25
26	27 Ad-Council 6 pm (FH)	28 Senior Bingo 1 pm (FH)	29	30	31 Halloween	