

# MINISTRY PLAN

News Update – Part 1 of 2 (see other side also)

The Lithopolis United Methodist Church (LUMC) Ministry Plan (budget) is supported by contributions to the General Fund. This includes all contributions made to LUMC that are not designated by the donor for a specific purpose.

General giving provides funds for ministry support, staff, utilities, materials, etc. for operations.

General Contributions this year as of September = \$286,142

**Praise God for this ministry support!!**

We had some planned additional expense for parsonage and church maintenance as well as the pastor relocation. These are not expenses we will have each year and we did use money from the “savings” in the General Fund to cover these.

Our current expense total exceeds contributions by \$8,999.

We are pleased to announce that there was a positive response to Grow One last year. **Growing in faith is the focus** which results in ministry growth through the giving of time, talent and treasures.

**Praise God we are growing ministry!!**

Many of the ministry reductions that were necessary last year are being returned – we are growing ministry. We are realizing increased participation in worship and small groups as well as other ministry areas. It is great to have renewed interest in our outreach / mission ministries as many things are being done. We are planning important support for our expanding worship ministry with the addition of a Worship Leader for the 11AM Worship.

We are reviewing our Kids Ministry and are in process of praying, discerning and deciding how to enhance all that we are doing to meet the growing needs in this area. Results of Grow One this year will help decide what steps may be possible.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HOW  
YOU WILL SUPPORT MINISTRY**

# MMC (Multi Ministry Center)

News Update – Part 2 of 2 (see other side also)

Lithopolis United Methodist Church (LUMC) is blessed to have the Multi Ministry Center (MMC) which provides outreach and ministry to the Community. This includes:

1. Upward Basketball Program for the past five years has ministered to over 450+ players and countless families
2. LUMC sponsors Boy Scouts which use the MMC for various meetings and events
3. For the past three years Wednesday night dinners in the MMC have provided fellowship and an outreach to the community.
4. Mom's Day Out uses the MMC each week
5. Senior Dinners provide meals and fellowship opportunities
6. PLUS many other events continue to take place in the MMC

However, this wonderful ministry tool comes at a cost. LUMC currently owes approximately \$633,000 on the MMC mortgage. Proverbs 22:7 states “...the borrower is slave to the lender.”

LUMC's goal is to pay the mortgage off in the next five years while continuing to “invite all to seek and learn together to serve Christ.”

We have **RECENTLY REFINANCED** the mortgage from 6.5% to 4.8% and plan to make additional principal payments as financially feasible to reduce this debt as fast as possible. Imagine the amount of ministry and outreach that could occur by eliminating debt payments of over \$141,000 per year.

Building Contributions this year as of September = \$101,663  
\$11,296 per month – **Praise God for faithful contributors**

The required monthly loan payment is \$6,745 and Finance has approved making an additional \$5,000 principal payment each month with the **GOAL BEING TO PAY THIS OFF IN 5 YEARS**. \$11,745 monthly is the total payment planned to accomplish this.

However, the monthly year to date contributions for the Building Fund are **\$449 LESS THAN WE NEED** to maintain this payment schedule. Finance will monitor this to make sure we do not draw down our savings in the Building Fund more than advisable.

**Please pray for God's continued guidance  
as we strive together to meet this need.**