



The Life and Times

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Newsletter

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Lots Available for Lease

There are currently no lots available to lease for a RV or Park Model.

The following lots are available for a modular home to be put on them:

5359 Beulah Land

5885 Shiloh Path

Call the Park Office at 863-858-7504 for information.

News from the Park Administrator

It's June! I wondered what observances were celebrated this month. When I looked it up on the Better Homes & Gardens site (bhg.com), I found there are many—not only monthly observances, but weekly and daily ones as well. There are four monthly causes that caught my eye. All of them relate to our health and well-being: 1) Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness, 2) Men's Health, 3) Cataract Awareness, and 4) Great Outdoors. So, make this a month aimed at improving your health.

June 1 also marks the beginning of the hurricane season. In the past, the Polk County Fire Department has conducted a hurricane preparedness meeting to help us better prepare for storms and any aftermath we may experience. This year, Kathy from Polk County Fire Rescue will be conducting the preparedness presentation. Come to Hood Hall on June 13 at 10:00 a.m. to learn what you need to do to prepare for the season.

At last, work can finally begin at the outflow of the Jordan River! TECO has relocated all the lights and power poles that had delayed the project. The next step will be to begin demolition of the concrete structures currently in place. Once that is completed, we can begin laying new culverts to better control stormwater flow at that end of the Park.

It was recently reported to me that someone fed the alligator at the pond. Remember, it is not only illegal to feed alligators, but also extremely dangerous! If alligators become accustomed to getting food from us, they get acclimated to humans and begin to anticipate food when we show up. If there is no food, they may view us as food and attack. By the way, feeding alligators presents such a danger to park residents, that I will report such activity to the Fish and Game Commission for their intervention. After an investigation, the person who was feeding an alligator may receive a fine or jail time.



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Last month I mentioned that we needed cleaning and maintenance personnel. Please welcome our newest housekeeping staff member, Pat Wagner. Pat lives outside the Park, on Cherry Road, and has been a frequent attendee at the monthly Cars & Coffee. Initially, she provides cleaning services in the Guest Rooms and Hood Hall. We still need maintenance personnel, however. Two qualified people are considering applying for a position. Hopefully, I will be able to introduce them in a future newsletter.

Many of you have been wondering about the progress on the purchase of the property north of the church. Although we are still in the early stages of the process, I am happy to report that a Purchase Contract has been delivered to the owner of the property. We have not yet received a signed agreement from the owner but be assured that he is reviewing it. He and I stay in close contact and will continue that as we proceed. I do want to remind you that we are receiving donations toward the purchase price and costs associated with the purchase. If you wish to donate, send a check with a note on the memo line, "Donation for Property Purchase."

Wherever you are this month, I encourage you to focus on your health and well-being. Enjoy the great outdoors! Learn how to reduce the chances of developing Alzheimer's. Get your eyes checked for cataracts (if you haven't already). Men, maybe take walks while enjoying the great outdoors—that can improve your well-being and health. Have a great June.


Office News

It's June and we don't know where May went. We keep busy even though things have greatly slowed down at the Office. Hours have changed to 9:00 am to Noon as they always do in the summer. We are not very busy so if you are here, feel free to stop in if you need something.

Please let the Office know if you need anything put on the calendar for the upcoming season. We want to be sure we get everything, so we don't have conflicts when new activities are scheduled after the first of the year.

We have a new storage shed for Hood Hall. This is something we have been looking at for a while and it finally has been addressed.

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It sits just to the south on the east side of the building and will be used for Park storage of linens for rentals, other items to be used in decorating rentals, and things that we deem appropriate for the space. This will help us organize the cleaning room beside the men's restroom and be able to lock that space. It will also free up space for the decorations as they change from month to month. We hope this will help our organization of "stuff" to be more manageable and controllable.

Sometimes, we fail to acknowledge the kindness of our people just because we take it for granted. Mid-May there was an evening rain that was strong but not particularly threatening. However, the morning after, a tree was found down across Deeson Road just at the west end of Briarwood. One of our residents had trouble getting out at 6:00 am while trying to take someone to the airport. A neighbor was busy cutting out a path and managed to get him through.

Later in the day, it was observed that there were a few people clearing the whole road for traffic. A sheriff was there to protect the workers. There were two neighbors that I did not know, but who did I see being a neighbor but Tim Smith, Aaron Smith, and Kathy Smith? What a blessing they are to the community as well as our Park. Thank you to the Smiths for being Jesus in how they live.

It is so good to be a part of a community who loves Jesus enough to live out their faith. I pray every day for our people who are representing Jesus in what they do, whether is in the park or where they are for the summer. Pray for our Board of Directors and staff that they will be able to sense the Spirit guiding them as they lead our Park business.

We will probably all be trying to take a break during the next few months. Someone will always be left behind to keep the Park going. Pray for safe travel and plenty of renewal of strength as employees and staff have vacation time.

Before we know it, we'll be done with June and thinking about how the summer is almost half over. Be sure to take time to smell the roses.

The office Staff.

News from the Board of Directors

It's June! Well, right again the May flowers did bloom. As much as we miss being in Florida, watching everything bloom and leaf out in Michigan is great too.

Summer will soon be here and fall right behind.

I'm sure you all remember what our standard form of communication was like back in the early 1960's: Telegraph, tell-a-neighbor, tell-a-family member, telephone or just mail? We might have used all of these, but the telephone was it! And of course a little later, answering machines. Now go all the way back to the 1960s when Light and Life Park was formed and imagine what it was like to do the "business" of the Park with just the telephone and mail. Then fast forward to today, technology with cell phones, internet and computers now enables us to be in instant contact with anyone in the world. How this has changed our world and lifestyle.

One of the only few good things to come out of the pandemic was our ability to communicate through Zoom. With many thanks to Stans efforts we set up Zoom to hold Board meetings and residents' meetings throughout that period. That was quite a learning curve for all of us. And now adding electronic voting we have jumped into the 2023's. Last summer the BOD continued to meet via Zoom so the office could keep us updated on projects and any business that needed to be completed. This gave us a head start going into the busy winter season when we all could be together again.

This summer and into the fall we will be doing the same thing, meeting by Zoom to address any ongoing issues and keeping us all up to date on projects. One of these is the new "Tech Center" in Hood Hall. A few months ago, we approved a project to install a "permanent" location for all the equipment necessary for video and sound.

As time flies into the summer season, keep us all in your prayers that we stay in His will to do the business of your Light and Life Park.

Larry Putnam Board President

What a fun Park we have.



Keep an eye out for this pair of resident owls!

Thanks Marva

Check out the park website!

Copies of the newsletter, the Park calendar, places for sale, and much more can be found there.

www.lightandlifepark.org



Where to Donate your Goods

The donations given at the Park to help others are appreciated. We want to remind you where to take your donations.

Food donations for Briarwood may be left on the designated table in Hood Hall.

We will now be accepting "linens" for Senior Orphans. Please refer to Senior Orphans article in this newsletter.

Jean Whipple takes several items to Talbot House weekly. See that article in this newsletter for details.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A note about pop/soda cans:

Thank you for saving your aluminum cans which are taken by us to a recycling center in east Lakeland. The money received is being used to help our Park.

I am happy to pick up your pop/soda cans to haul to the Recycling Center, however it will make my job a lot easier if you remember the cans from canned goods **CANNOT** go in with the aluminum pop cans. These are picked up by someone else and need to be kept separate.

There is a bin in the metal recycling collection center near the dumpsters which is marked "POP CANS"--that's the one to use!

Thanks for your help.

Wes Crist

Talbot House Ministry

The ongoing deliveries of prescription bottles, unused medicines, good clean clothing that you no longer use, and small household items is an ongoing project. Please continue to save these helpful items for the homeless shelter and the Good Samaritan Clinic. Please deliver them to the Whipple's porch at 5866 Deeson Road any time. Jean will get them delivered.

Jean will take your items on Wednesdays. PLEASE leave things in Jean's screened porch any day just inside the door. Thank you.

Should you wish to send financial assistance to this work, the address: 814 North Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland.

Please do not bring items for Talbot House between April 26th and June 12. Deliveries resume the next week in June. Thank you! Jean Whipple

Stamps for Missions

All donated stamps are sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers where they are sold to dealers. The money is sent to a publisher in Buenos Aires, Argentina where they publish Sunday school material in Spanish that are sold to at least eight Latin American Countries as well as Spain and the US. They are used by over 40 Protestant Denominations.

Try to leave at least 1/4 inch or more around each stamp or strip of stamps. They now collect picture post cards both unused and used. If used, please leave the stamps on the cards. Thank you. The container is in **Hood Hall** for your convenience.

We want to thank Colleen Sellers for all her hard work in keeping this Mission going.

If you don't save your stamps, consider doing so. Many children learn about Jesus because of the sale of stamps.

Thank you. *Marilyn Stone*

Medical Equipment Available

Maxwell Commons at The Villa has some medical equipment available that can be borrowed by any Park resident. Call someone you know in the Villa to help you. Please sign out the equipment you are borrowing. There are wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, portable pots, and shower seats. Please notify a Villa member when you are returning an item, so we know it has been returned. Please **don't** leave it on the porch. We are **not** presently accepting any equipment donations due to lack of storage space.

SENIOR-ORPHANS IS BACK!

For several years prior to covid, residents of Light and Life Park had the opportunity to bless those less fortunate through a program called Senior Orphans.

Senior Orphans helps local, indigent seniors living with no family support and meager monthly incomes.

We will again be collecting items to donate to this foundation. Please feel free to drop off clean, gently used bedding, linens, and towels to the totes in Hood Hall designated for Senior Orphans.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Terri Boda at 5378 Bethel Drive or phone 434-270-2840.

Bucket Listers



We might not be in the park during the summer months, but we continue to brainstorm ways to improve our park!

The Bucket Listers obtained approval from the board, park, and church officials to endorse Kathy Zook and Donna Zook in their new project. Kathy and Donna are interested in preparing two Wednesday night meals per month for the residents of the park during the months of January, February, and March next winter. The meals will be served between 4:30 pm and 5:45 pm. They will plan, shop, prepare, serve, advertise, and clean up after these meals. They will also price the meals reasonably but competitively. The food prepared will be high quality home cooking.

This would not be a fundraiser for The Bucket Listers.

Profits after covering the cost of supplies and food would go towards a park project.

Bucket Lister Projects for next year include buying televisions for Hood Hall, building a shade structure at the pool, buying new side tables for the pool area, screening in the lanai by the pool and building a pavilion near hood hall!



The completed sidewalk

L & L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Come & enjoy fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & wellbeing.

Routines are choreographed to music and designed to promote improved muscle strength, endurance, flexibility & core balance without the stress of land exercise.

Splash times are offered **year-round**, twice weekly, and free of charge.

Coordinator:
Karen Castle-Williams
allforyum@aol.com
704-502-0466.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Even though the blood pressure clinic has been suspended for this year, I am a full-time resident now, and am willing to take anyone's blood pressure at any time.

I can come to your house, or you can come to mine, 5437 Bethel Dr.

JoAnn Willet RN
989-615-8430



Fellowship Dinners

The June fellowship dinner will be held on Monday, June 5th at 5:30 pm. This is not a potluck. Bring yourself and \$6.00 and you can fellowship with your neighbors at a dinner prepared for you. Dinner will be a Baked Potato bar. Dessert will be cream cheese pies topped with fruit pie filling. We hope to see you there. In July, there will not be a planned dinner. Watch for more information about a 4th of July picnic/potluck.



Update on Benches

We spoke with Ed Hamilton this week and he assured us that he is still optimistic that someone will take over the Park Bench manufacture so we can get more benches. He hopes to know within the next few weeks for sure. He already has some benches requested but would like other requests to be made to the Park Office until the details are sorted out on getting them.

You may continue to collect plastic lids. Please be sure they are clean. If they are stored at his place this summer, they need to be put inside his storage containers.

We will keep you posted if anything further develops.

Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to **The Life and Times** are delivered to the newsletter editor, Barb Hartson by the **20th** of the month prior to publication.

If you have pictures of an activity you would like to share, send them to me I will do my best to put them in the newsletter.

Please use this email: bfhartson@gmail.com (Barb Hartson). Email is the preferred method.

The July deadline is June 20th unless the activity is in the latter half of the month. Then check with me to see if you can still make it in.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Plans are underway for the 2024 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

We will be honoring the following couples who will be celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024.

Randy & Faith Reesman
EJ & Brenda Miller
Stan & Gloria Welton
Richard & Patty Bohms
Fred & Barb Hartson
David & Gayle Hooks
Dennis & Jill Wood

These couples can be expecting an email soon, listing all the information and what to do to ensure a wonderful open house.

If your name is not listed above and you are celebrating your golden anniversary next year, we would love to include you! Just send me your names and contact information.

Perhaps you'd like to serve on the committee for the 50th celebration or help with the event – you are most welcome to join in by contacting me and expressing your interest.

Thank you,

Carolyn Lindley
carolyn_lindley@yahoo.com
50th Anniversary Chair



Game Night

Game Night is held on most **Friday evenings** at 7:00 PM in **Maxwell Commons**.

Bring your favorite game and friends and have an evening of fun and fellowship.



2024 CPC golf tournaments!

Save the dates!

Two-person (men and women) Tournament
(18 holes Scramble)! Bring your partner!
Jan 5, 2024 (Friday) Earlier start time 10:00 AM

Club Championship Tournament (two flights) for
Men's & Women's categories (18 holes) Feb 2, 2024
(Friday)

Note: if Field Day doesn't happen in 2024, the
closest to the pin and longest drive contest will be
held as part of the Club Championship!

Two-person Blind Draw tournament (18 holes)
March 8, 2024 (Friday) Shot gun start at 10:00 AM.
Men's & Women's Categories. \$50 to each winning
team, plus, names on a trophy in Hood Hall.

Three club Co-Ed tournament
April 1, 2024, Monday, 18 holes. 10:00 AM

The Player's Club

Ed Stockwell 517 861-0481
edstockwell48@gmail.com



Gad-About News

Thank you to all the ladies that joined us on the
trips in 2023.

A special "Thank You" to all the ladies who drove
us there and back safely.

Here is a peek into what we have planned for next
season, 2024

Jan 11 - HSN Shopping Outlet
Jan 25 - Secret Staircase Restaurant
Feb 15 - Lunch on Limoges & Giraffe Ranch
Feb 29 - Silver Springs Park & Glass-bottom Boat
Tour
Mar 14 - Back Porch & Stable Home Decor
Mar 28 - Russell Stover Chocolate & The Villages
West Tour

Things are subject to change until we can confirm
all the details in November/December when we
return to the park.

Keep thinking of things for the future and let me or
Peggy know. Our hope is that we can keep the
away trips to 2 hours or less whenever possible.

Flo Grabowski
Cell 931-797-2639 coachfllc@gmail.com
Peggy Dunn
Cell 248-766-5537 pegjim2000@yahoo.com

For anyone in the Area!

Roy and Janet Wight will be hosting the Second
Annual Saturday Before the 4th of July Picnic for
Light and Life Park residents at Manton Christian
Camp in Manton, Michigan on 7-1-23.

Manton Christian Camp is the campgrounds for the
North Michigan Conference of the Free Methodist
Church located in Manton, Michigan.

There will be a potluck dinner at 1:00 pm.
Bring a dish to pass, a chair and a story to tell. We
have reserved the pavilion by the flagpole.



*Last
year's
get
together
at
Manton.*

Library Information



Library Notes

To more efficiently keep track of the books checked out, it has been suggested to me by Nina Alden, that we put date due slips in all books in the library. Lord willing, by the time you come back this will be accomplished! Just remember to look for the date due slip when you need to find when your book is due back!

Other projects to watch for, include reclassifying DVDs and cataloging all books in the library, including Free Methodist and Reference.

Please send in your recommendations for books, magazines, and DVDs also!

Book Review

As a library we have been blessed with rich donations given to us by our own people.

"Becoming Mrs. Lewis" explores the life and work of Joy Davidman, a bold and brilliant woman. It is carefully researched, beautifully written, deeply romantic, and fiercely intelligent. It is both a meditation on marriage and a whopping grand adventure. Touching, tender, and triumphant, this is a love story for the ages." —**Ariel Lawhon**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia*

Poet and writer Joy Davidman began writing letters to C. S. Lewis—known as Jack—she was looking for spiritual answers, not love. Love, after all, wasn't holding together her crumbling marriage.

Everything about city New Yorker Joy seemed ill-matched for an Oxford intellectual and the beloved writer of Narnia, yet their minds bonded over their letters.

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Embarking on the adventure of her life, Joy traveled from America to England and back again, facing heartbreak and poverty, discovering friendship and faith, and against all odds, finding a love that even the threat of death couldn't destroy.

In this masterful exploration of one of the greatest love stories of modern times, we meet a brilliant writer, a fiercely independent mother, and a passionate woman who changed the life of this respected author and inspired books that still enchant us and change us. Joy lived at a time when women weren't meant to have a voice—and yet her love for Jack gave them both voices they didn't know they had.

At once a fascinating historical novel and a glimpse into a writer's life, *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* is above all a love story—a love of literature and ideas and a love between a husband and wife that, in the end, was not impossible at all. (*From the publisher.*)

Just looking at the cover I knew I wanted to enter this journey which was mesmerizing from the beginning to the end. It brings a fresh look at the people behind the great authors. It is in the new section of the library. Remember, all "new" books are not necessarily the present year's books.

Gloria Welton
Librarian

Cars and Coffee

2nd Saturday of every month 8:00am to 10am,
April 8th everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the vehicles of all years, sizes, and shapes at:

5221 Deeson Road, Lakeland, Florida.

Come, join the fun, and have a cup of coffee and a doughnut!

Larry Thomas 540-447-0458

A Good Read

Mel Starr, our resident author, has copies of his medieval mysteries, including the newest, #15, **SUPPRESSION AND SUSPICION**, which was released in October.

He has a new book being released in October just in time for the next winter season here in the park.

Even though the Starr's have left the park for the summer, you can find all his books at Amazon.com.

"Growing old is like a grammar lesson: we find the present **tense** and the past **perfect**."



Shuffleboard

Just a reminder for the summer! The courts are always open, and the pucks will be waxed. You are always welcome to play if the sun and bugs don't deter you. Enjoy! We will resume a regular schedule in the Fall.

Dale Schantz
989 975 6710 or 863 816 5422

Pickleball and Tennis

The pickleball/tennis players would like to thank those who attended and supported the two fundraisers'/dinners this year.

The courts are always open but are undergoing some construction so play carefully.

See you in the Fall.

Denise Tomasello
517-250-1420



Our HORSESHOE pits are open.

The pits are located between the miniature golf and shuffleboard courts.

You might want to check out the new construction around the pits. It might be easier to work on improving your game, and safer, too.

For nighttime play the light switch is inside the miniature golf shed on the east wall.

Help yourself to horseshoe fun.

Keith Childerhose

L & L Bowling League

Bowling is complete for this season, and we look forward to next January when we organize our teams again.

Some of us will be bowling for fun over the summer, if you have an interest, please let me know.

Please join us next year, you don't have to be good just diligent.



Barb Hartson bfhartson@gmail.com



Keep
eye out
for
those
on "low
riders"!

**Submitted by
Colleen Sellers**

When I'm an old Lady

When I'm an old Lady, I'll live with each Kid,
And bring so much happiness...just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites, and blues,
And I'll bounce on the furniture, wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry, I'll run--if I'm able!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

An update on the Pictorial Directory

Pat Wilkins and Barb Hartson have been working diligently to get the Directory to you!

We have everything submitted and it has been sent back to us for any corrections.

Besides the corrections, we had to make many changes of addresses. Just since the pictures were taken there have been many residences change hands. People have left the park for various reasons. Others have joined our amazing Park.

Please be patient and we will get them to you as soon as we can.

Prayer initiative

It was announced at church recently, that our Southeast Regions Conference is starting a 24/7 prayer initiative.

We are looking for all people willing to pray for 30 minutes per week to keep our conference churches, ministries and personnel covered with prayer for the upcoming conference year.

If you are willing to take your place as a prayer warrior, we will give your name to the Conference office, and they will guide you on how to pray moving forward.

Thank you for standing together with us, in this Kingdom work.

Please let me know asap if you can stand with us.

Pastor Jeff 716-720-0387



Outreach Ministry

Our Light and Life Outreach Food Program is progressing, but we are somewhat short on volunteers for the month of May and through the summer months. Are you willing to Stand in The Gap?

The Bible talks of Standing in the Gap in a couple different ways, and we are going to use the term to ask for your help. You can help physically, to pick up food from the distributors, help pack the food in Hood Hall or help distribute the food once it is packed. Another way you can be a gap filler is financially, as we try each week to not pass on Publix bread and sweets but add milk, eggs, cereal, canned vegetables to fill the boxes. Donations can be made at Hood Hall or by mail. You can volunteer to be a prayer warrior without which our efforts would be fruitless. We always need these.

We want to help with physical needs to open opportunities to help with spiritual needs. We can be the representative of Jesus and Stand in the Gap.

We currently distribute to many places. If you know someone in need, please let someone in this program know.

Thanks,
Christine Aurich
Program Director Chrisaurich@hotmail.com
616 402 8241

Ladies at Prayer

"Ladies at Prayer" will be meeting again weekly, beginning Wednesday April 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the Light and Life Church annex.

We pray for needs of our families, the church, the park, missions, and the world.

All ladies are welcome to join us.
If you have questions, contact:

Annie Frankenfeld (316-213-5848).

Helping to pack Christmas boxes for Senior Orphans



PRAYER PARTNERS May 8 – August 21

This is how prayer partners works:

1. Put information form in the box in Hood Hall or the box in the Church Foyer or drop off at the church office.
2. Meet at Hood Hall at 3pm on Monday, May 8th. We will have lite snacks and you will receive your prayer partner.
3. Remember, even if you go up north during this time you can still participate by mail to the office to be put on table in foyer.
4. Any Questions contact.

Cindy Igel: 716-803-3961 or
Pam Hill: 863-808-3779

Email: church.llfmc.org

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A Note from Pastor Chuck...

Those April showers that bring in May flowers have failed to show up as we now enter June. Of course, by the time you read this God may have sent plenty of rain.

In April I announced that I would be retiring in September.

The process for Light and Life Free Methodist Church follows:

Superintendent Mike McAvoy has been in contact with Sylvia Stevenson who is our lead Delegate to the Southeast Region Conference (SRC). She was provided with a printout of the procedures that will be followed in assisting with the appointment of LLFMC's next Pastor. This involves a Transition Team from LLFMC to give congregational input.

The Transition Team has been established with guidance from the SRC. The local Board of Administration placed two on the team to represent the BOA. Our three Delegates are also part of the team. Three others have been selected to represent other segments of folks who attend the Church.

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The members of the Transition Team are:

- Delegates: Sylvia Stevenson, JoAnne Thomas, Gene Lewis,
- BOA Representatives: Bob Cannon and Tom Boda
- Music Director: Carol Hines-Brown,
- At-Large Representative: Gail Cook
- Off-site Representative: Earl Wright.

The local BOA was also challenged by the Superintendent to work on the Church's purpose, vision, mission, and values. As the Board nails down these four areas, they will be able to present our church's vision when talking with whomever the Superintendent will present as a possible Pastor to this Church.

If the Team agrees with the Superintendent and SRC Ministerial Appointments Committee that the Pastor would be a good fit for LLFMC they will so inform the Superintendent.

If the Bishop agrees, he will then make the appointment. This is an adapted Appointment/Call process though officially we are an Appointment system.... meaning The Bishop could appoint someone other than the one suggested by the Conference.

A footnote: The Trustees have received a quote on a new sound system. The soundboard/mixer, microphones, speakers and more has an estimated cost of around \$34,000.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

