

You are Invited



TONIGHT, January 9 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge, I will be discussing "Care Talk" and studying the Lord's caring ways. This is an open invitation for you and yours to attend!

If you are unable to attend what we call "Sunday Night Live," then there is good news. We have in place what we call "Wondrous Wednesdays" happening on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. (This is a repeat from Sunday's talk.)

Sunday, January 9, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

- Care Talk: We will pick up where we left off in October. We will be studying the Lord's caring ways from the Scriptures.

Sunday January 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

- Family Ministry Workshop: A discussion on the types of family structures in our own family and related matters.

Sunday, January 23, 2022 - The Table

5 p.m., Fellowship Hall

- Join us for a service of prayer, communion, and meditation led by Denton Pearson.

Wednesday, January 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

- Care Talk: We will share personal stories of our caring ways, which really seem to help one another.

The lineups for February will be available in mid-January. Our experiences and events are intergenerational. What we learn from each other through sharing nurtures our faith and helps lighten life's load. If you cannot come to a weekly meeting, but are interested, you are free to call Pastor Neenan at 901-378-7505 and he will come to you.

Rev. Dennis Neenan will be our guest speaker on Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 a.m. where he will discuss

"Where is St. Luke's?"

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls will be Sunday, January 23. If anyone has prayer shawls to be blessed, please bring them to church by Thursday, January 19. If you have any questions, contact Pat Anderson at 901-489-3757 or pata9276@gmail.com.

Human Relations Day is Sunday, January 16. Celebrated on the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Human Relations Day is a time to highlight the social justice commitment of The United Methodist Church and to partner in supporting outreach to underserved communities in the United States. (Church offices will be closed January 17.)

The Table. Sunday, January 23, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Meditation by Denton Pearson on "Praying for Our Children of all Ages" with communion led by Rev. Jim McKinney. Contact Lynne McAlexander at 901-550-3091 if you have any questions.

Our "Play Day" scheduled for Sunday, January 9, has been cancelled. We will try again in February! Contact amy.pearson@stlukesumc.org for more information.

Day School Enrollment for 2022-2023 is now open at www.stlukesumc.org. Parents are welcome to come by our facility and take a tour. If you have any questions, contact amy.pearson@stlukesumc.org.

"Souper Bowl of Caring." On Sunday, February 6, our Youth will collect donations at the end of the service in soup pots. Please drop in at least \$1, or whatever you wish to give. All of the money collected will go directly to feeding hungry people in our community.

Golden Cross. St Luke's really came through with the donations this past fall. For January and February, we will be collecting for the bedroom. We need bed pillows, pillowcases, sheet sets (full size), blankets, comforters or quilts, mattress pads, incontinence bed pads, closet deodorizers, sachets, etc. Remember all items **MUST** be new and in original packaging. Contact Marty Cobb at 901-277-4345 or martystitches@aol.com for more information.

Sit & Sew. I Am excited to report that Sit & Sew will resume meeting on Monday, January 10 with new hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays during January and February. The class is limited to 4 people. The focus of the class will be making Easter clothes for Sherwood Elementary and premie burial clothing for The Regional Med. Contact Marty Cobb at 901-277-4345 or martystitches@aol.com for more information.

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Baptism of the Lord



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

January 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9, 2022

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul and Sudie Colter from Harry and Bette Colter.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Harris

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organ

CESAR FRANCK

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from bondage.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: God's love is seen to the end of the world.

People: God has shown himself to us.

*OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

WORD AND WONDER

Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are asked to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Church.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives,
to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our GivePlus App was phased out on December 31. Please search the App Store on your smart phone and download "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement." You may also give online at www.stlukesumc.org.

OFFERTORY

Brightest and Best

ARR. EDWARD BROUGHTON

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TFWS 2051

*SCRIPTURE

(Please stand.)

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

UMH 50-53

*GLORIA PATRI

CLOSING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

BENEDICTION

As part of renewing your baptismal vows, worshippers are invited to touch the water at the bowls on either side of the sanctuary and make a sign of the cross on their foreheads.

POSTLUDE

Alleluia

J.S. BACH

Prayers of the People

- A celebration of life service for George Green will be held at St. Luke's on Saturday, January 15 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Please Pray . . .

Jerry Rawls (Elizabeth Rucker's mother), Stone McKinney, Johnie Sue Huddleston, Nan Smith, Mary Lou Cushing, Mary Frances Hall, Joe Cobb, mother and brother of Sally Coulson, Hanalise Yarbrough, Monica Hoagland (friend of Tina Bodenheimer), Mark Mathis (son of Mac Mathis, security guard at St. Luke's), Claire Kermick, Andy Bogle (nephew of Ann Al-Chokhachi), Maria Contreras (Uziel Contreras' mother), Bethany Kroemer (Katie Kaler's sister), Vic Feisal, Ray Weatherly, Ed and Nita Barlow, Coni Stevens, Eloise Carpenter.

If you have any additions or changes to the prayer list, please contact Donna Thurmond at donna.thurmond@stlukesumc.org or Pat Anderson at 901-489-3757 or pata9276@gmail.com.

Are You on Our Email List?

If you are not receiving regular emails from St. Luke's, please go to stlukesumc.org and sign up! This is the best way to stay informed about what's happening at St. Luke's.

*Because of the rise in COVID numbers recently,
please wear a mask at all times and avoid sitting on the rows
that are blocked with tape. Thank you!*