

Saint Luke UMC

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November 20, 2024



2nd Annual

Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Friends- Giving

Saturday, November 16th

Our second annual Friendsgiving took place Saturday night. Everyone, special guests and Saint Luke members, enjoyed a delicious meal, good fellowship, and a fun night of BINGO. Many thanks to Gus and Susan Gomez for preparing a delicious Thanksgiving holiday meal and to all those who provided desserts, appetizers, and decorations. Our next special evening will be in February to celebrate Valentine's Day.



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Pastor Weekend Emergency On-Call Schedule (984-977-1798)

November 22-23: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

November 28-30: Rev. Jim Rogers

Church Office Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday. Closed on Fridays.



social media



Saint Luke UMC Calendar of Events



November 20—December 4, 2024

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
 11:30 am Ladies' Lunch and Learn—Davison's
 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
 6:30 pm WNL Class: Questions—Room #221/223
 6:30 pm WNL Class: Upper Room—Room #225
 6:30 pm WNL Class: Old Testament—Rm #227
 6:30 pm Cancer Plus Support Group—Rm #228
 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, November 21

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #222/224
 12:00 pm Keenagers—Room #222/224
 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #232

Sunday, November 24

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
 9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
 9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
 9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones—Room #222/224
 9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter—Room #235
 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 am Worship Service with Baptism of
 Ellis Foster Turner—Sanctuary
 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
 3:15 pm Children's Choir—Room #229
 4:00 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
 4:00 pm JAM—Room #116/118 and DCLC
 4:00 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House
 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service—
 First Presbyterian (203 Hawkins Ave.)

Monday, November 25

6:00 pm Evangelism Committee—Room #225

Tuesday, November 26

9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed
 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
 9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
 9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
 9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones—Room #222/224
 9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter—Room #235
 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
 4:00 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
 4:00 pm JAM—Room #116/118 and DCLC
 4:00 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House
 4:00 pm Women's Events/Retreats—Library
 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens—Sanctuary

Monday, December 2

5:00 pm Sanford Christmas Parade

Tuesday, December 3

9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
 6:00 pm Church-Wide Christmas Celebration—
 Davenport CLC

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for November 24, 2024

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Revelation 1:4b-8

Psalms 132:1-12

John 18:33-37

Scriptures for December 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Psalms 25:1-10

Luke 21:25-36



*Flower
Donations*

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 24 will be given to the glory of God and in celebration of Mark and Suzi Osborne's 23rd wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer on Sunday, December 1st will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Merritt Foushee by his family as he celebrates his first birthday, November 30th, in heaven.

Giving Thanks . . .

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Psalm 107:1

This past Sunday we were blessed with music from our children's choir. They sang in both the 9:00 service and the 11:00 service. With the cold temperature in the sanctuary (it was 62°), our 11:00 worship service was moved to the Casey Chapel. There were lots of people scrambling to make this move work at the last minute. Thanks to Rodney Oldham, the chancel choir, Sandra Hancock, the children's choir, Jon Miller, and Jim Rogers, everything came together to make worship happen in the Casey Chapel at 11:00.

There are many parts to worship, beyond what is sometimes easy to see. All these obvious and not-so-obvious parts play a vital role in offering the best possible worship service. Thank you to all who make possible three worship services every Sunday.

The month of November provides a great opportunity to reflect upon the blessings we have. No matter what your situation or life circumstance, there is a blessing found somewhere. No matter how much money is in your bank account, or the size of your house, or the car you drive, even if all these are meager when compared with others, there are blessings to be found. Yes, you might need to search hard for blessings on some days. But on other days, blessings may be more obvious.

Psalm 107 reminds us to give thanks to God because God is good. It reminds us to give thanks to God because God's love lasts forever. I give thanks to Sandra and the children who give of their time to sing in choir. I give thanks to the parents who support the children's choir. Music is important to our very soul and spirit. We can communicate through music when words are inadequate. Music is indeed a very special language.



So, let us give thanks to Sandra and the children's choir. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus, God's Son, our Savior and Lord. Take a moment to reflect on these words (written by Henry Smith) from one of the songs the children sang.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks . . .*

With deep gratitude for my Saint Luke UMC family,

Pastor Charlotte





November Keenagers

(Men & Women age 65 and up)
Thursday, November 21st
12 Noon—Room #222/224

All Keenagers are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and great fellowship! Cost for lunch is \$6. The fun and fellowship are free! Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, November 18th.



The Joyful Sound of Baptism

On Sunday, November 24, we will be blessed to witness the baptism of one of our little ones!

Ellis Foster Turner, son of Joshua and Brooke Turner, will be baptized during the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary.

We hope you will plan to be here for this special day!



Ladies Lunch & Learn



Next Gathering:
November 20

Ladies of all ages are encouraged to come and bring a friend!

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Davison's Restaurant
1724 Westover Drive
Sanford, NC



Dinner is served from 5:45 - 6:30 pm in the DCLC
(\$8/adult; \$4 child under 11; \$25 family max)

November 20, 2024

Turkey Roll, Sweet Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, and Dessert



NO NEWS

There will not be a newsletter next week due to the Thanksgiving holidays. The next edition will be published and mailed on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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THANKFUL: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24th at 7 P.M.
We will be having our annual Community Service hosted this year at First Presbyterian (203 Hawkins Ave) reception to follow. Every year several area churches gather to give thanks to God and to gather food for those in need, with the help of the Scouts, Girl Scouts and youth groups. We look forward to seeing you there!





Clare Eileen Wicker

Born August 21, 2024

4 pounds, 9 ounces

Daughter of Quinn & Kaitlin Wicker,
of Arlington, Virginia

Proud Big Brother:

Zeke O'Quinn Wicker (age 2 1/2)

Proud Grandparents:

Dennis and Alisa Wicker,
of Sanford,
and

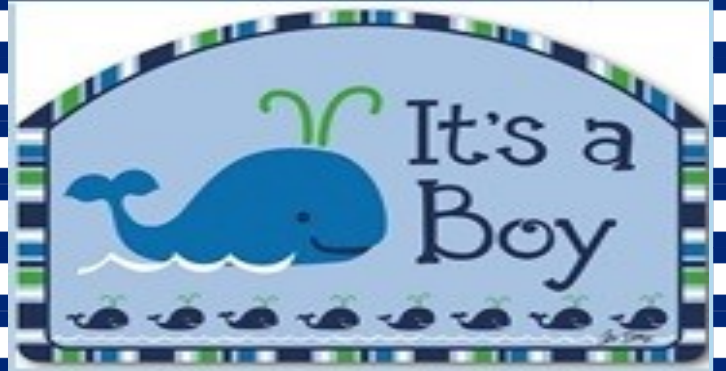
Matthew and Kyle Szulik,
of Raleigh, North Carolina

*"Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him."*

Psalm 127:3



Welcome to
the World!!



Mac Edward Wicker

Born August 21, 2024

5 pounds, 2 ounces

Son of Quinn & Kaitlin Wicker,
of Arlington, Virginia

Proud Big Brother:

Zeke O'Quinn Wicker (age 2 1/2)

Proud Grandparents:

Dennis and Alisa Wicker,
of Sanford,
and

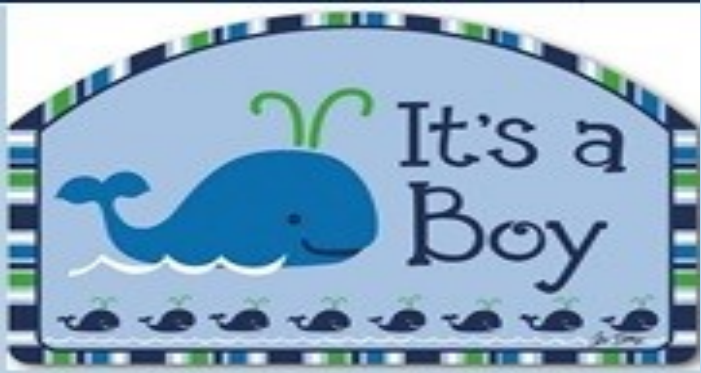
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Finn Grayson Wicker

Born October 29, 2024

8 pounds, 9 ounces

Son of Jackson & Meredith Wicker,
of Raleigh, NC

Proud Siblings:

Hayze Jackson Wicker (age 6),
Reece Patterson Wicker (age 5),
and

Eleanor June Wicker (age 3)

Proud Grandparents:

Dennis and Alisa Wicker,
and

Mikeal & Penny Basinger,
all of Sanford

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Spotlight on ... Jean Gay

Member
Spotlight

As part of our 50th year celebration, the History Committee is highlighting some of our "most senior" members—those 90 and above.

Jean Gay was born November 17, 1934 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Corinne Holcomb and Harry Thomas Buchanan. Jean had a brother and a sister, both deceased. Jean's father was employed with various power companies and they lived in different states. When they lived in Wilmington, North Carolina, Jean attended East Carolina College, now East Carolina University, and majored in Home Economics. She met her future husband, Paul, there and they were married in Raleigh during her Senior year in school. At that time, her parents lived in Raleigh where her father worked for CP & L. Paul was two years older than Jean and was working in Lancaster, South Carolina. After her graduation, Jean became a vocational teacher.

While in Raleigh, Paul was recruited to Sanford Central High School as a football coach, athletic director, and teacher. Later he was involved in the PE Department. Jean was a vocational teacher at the high school.

Jean and Paul have three sons, P.J., Doug, and Joe. When they moved to Sanford, Jean transferred her Methodist membership to Steele Street and Paul joined Steele Street in 1960 with Dr. Potter as the minister.

Over the years, Jean has enjoyed working with the children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She worked with Betty Hickman and Madge Oldham. She has served on Altar Guild, filling bags for the hungry, and served on the Saint Luke Preschool Board. She was a volunteer receptionist in the Williams Lobby with Anne Hurley and others.

When asked about her favorite hymn, she said she loved all the old hymns. As a child, her mother would play the piano and she would sing to these wonderful hymns.

We are so glad that the Gay family moved to Sanford and enriched us in many ways.

Spotlight on ... Janet Edrington

Member
Spotlight

As part of our 50th year celebration, the History Committee is highlighting some of our "most senior" members—those 90 and above.

Janet Edrington was born November 25, 1933 in Portsmouth, Virginia, where she grew up and was educated. Janet went to Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia and graduated in 1954 with a teaching degree. After graduation she went home to Portsmouth and began teaching English. She became involved in the McGuffey Clinic reading program, sponsored by the University of Virginia, which teaches older children to read and she implemented it at her high school.

Janet met her husband, Charles, in 1952. He was at the University of Arkansas and the Korean War was going on. Charles left school to join the Navy, where he served for four years. In 1956 he returned and they were married that June. They lived in Portsmouth while Charles finished school at William and Mary in Williamsburg. In 1959 he attended dental school at the University of Tennessee.

The Edringtons moved to Selma, NC before moving to Sanford to provide dental care for the community. On June 16, 1964 Edrington Dental Care was opened in Jonesboro, across from Jonesboro Methodist Church where they attended. Rev. Vernon Tyson was their minister. They watched as the old Jonesboro Methodist Church was torn down and the new one was built. During that time, Janet did office work while leading a remedial reading program for Ken Brinson.

The couple had two children, David and Susan, and two granddaughters. When their children were small they made the decision to move to Saint Luke in 1974. Charles joined the men's class and Janet joined the Wesley Class, which was called the Discussion Class at that time. They had been married for 58 years when Charles passed away in 2014.

Janet is still a member of the Wesley Class, Thursday Morning Bible Study, Circle #2, and Keenagers. She has served on the Hostess Committee, the Bread Basket Team, and has enjoyed numerous Bible studies. One main joy Janet enjoyed for six years was playing the piano for the 9:00 am traditional service, which was held in the sanctuary when Rev. Reggie Ponder was the pastor. Janet treasures the many friends she has made and the lifetime relationships she still enjoys at Saint Luke.

Christmas Tree Giveaway 2024

Wouldn't this tree look beautiful in your home?!

The women's events/retreats committee is giving away a Christmas tree December 1, 2024. The theme is *The Magic of Christmas* and was designed and created by our own Helen Bridges Yarborough. Check it out in the corner of the Williams Lobby. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from The Magic of Christmas committee members. They are Margie Washburn, Marsha Havens, Beverly Suitt, Diane Mason, Pat Sindelir, Helen Bridges Yarborough, Sally Porter, and Toni Hickerson. Tickets may be purchased before most church services and from the church office during the week. Profits will be used to offset the cost of our Women's Advent Event, The Magic of Christmas to be held December 12, 2024.





*The Hanging
of the
Greens*

Sunday, December 1, 2024

6.00 pm in the Sanctuary

Our Hanging of the Greens service this year will offer a wonderful beginning to the Season of Advent. Special music will include Abby Borrell (solo), Rodney Oldham (organ), Leonard Brendel (guitar), the Chancel Choir, and congregational hymns of the season. Several persons will share Scripture and other stories that help explain many of the symbols and decorations of the Advent season. We will add more greenery and decorations including cedar branches, poinsettias, a wreath, and garland. We will even give out candy canes during the service as part of the shepherd story! This service involves several children, youth, and families. **A nursery will be provided.** All are encouraged to come as we kick-off the Season of Advent.



You are invited
to a
Church-wide
Christmas
Celebration

Tuesday, December 3rd
from 6 - 8 pm

Davenport Christian Life Center

There will be a catered meal and entertainment.

A love offering will be accepted.

Please sign up by November 26th!

Sign up sheets are available on bulletin boards and in Sunday School classrooms,
or you may call the church office at 919-776-2012 to make reservations.

Sponsored by: United Methodist Men and United Women in Faith

Cantata 2024!

Follow the Star,
Follow the King

Sunday, December 15
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Presented by the Saint Luke UMC Sanctuary Choir
accompanied by an orchestra.

Don't miss this special service!

**WICKER
STREET
BAND**



*Saint Luke Wicker Street Band presents
A Christmas Concert Celebration
featuring special guests Triadic Vocals*

Saturday, December 14, 2024

6:30 pm

Saint Luke UMC

Davenport Christian Life Center

Doors open at 6:00 pm

\$10 General Admission; \$25/ families
(pay upon entry)

All proceeds benefit children in our community.





The Magic of Christmas

A Christmas Dinner Extravaganza for Women

**Christmas
Concert
Featuring
Triadic
Vocals**

Thursday, December 12

6:00 – 8:00 pm

5:15 Doors Open

Davenport Christian Life Center

Tickets: \$15

**Catered
meal**

Hurry and get you ticket!! Very few seats are still available for this special women's event. The deadline for purchasing any available tickets is Tuesday, November 26. Please see Laura in the church office. Names will be placed on a waiting list if no tickets are available.

"The Magic of Christmas," a Christmas Extravaganza for Women, will be held Thursday, December 12 from 6—8 pm in the Davenport Christian Life Center. ***Triadic Vocals***, a semi-professional a cappella group based in the Triangle of North Carolina, will present a mini-Christmas concert as part of the evening's festivities. There will be a delicious catered meal along with wonderful fellowship, beautifully decorated tables, an inspiring Christmas devotion, and a fun Christmas Sing-A-Long led by Triadic Vocals. It will be an evening to remember! All ladies in the church and community are invited to attend.





Live Nativity, 2024!



Invite your friends and neighbors to drive through on

*Sunday, December 15th
from 5:30 - 7:00 pm*

Come see and hear the story of Jesus' birth
portrayed by our very own Saint Luke members!



From the ARK Ministry Team

It's called the ARK—short for Acts of Random Kindness—but this mobile ministry of Saint Luke's is laser-focused on helping the homeless and marginally-housed of Sanford.

We try to be the hands, feet, and wheels of Jesus, serving our friends where they are. We now deliver 200 hot meals into the community and offer cloth-

ing and comfort items from two trailers that hit the road every Sunday afternoon, and provide coats to school students in need.

None of it would be possible without the congregation's support, and the ARK team is grateful for every donation. This fall, when the ARK needed bottled water, peanut butter sandwiches, brownies, coats, jeans, gloves or socks, you produced them. You gave cash. You bought hot-dog dinners at the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat. You cooked, you hooked up your cars and towed the trailers. You helped sort donations.

On behalf of the ARK team, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Know that for some of the people Jesus called "the least of these," you are making the most difference.

Spiral Sliced Hams Needed for ARK Christmas and New Year's Dinners

The ARK Ministry Team will be cooking and delivering delicious holiday meals for Christmas and New Year's to our ARK friends on Sunday, December 22nd and Sunday, December 29th. **SIXTEEN spiral sliced hams** are needed to help provide these feasts. If you'd like to donate a ham, please contact Callie Spitler at 919-935-3575 so that we will know to expect your donation.



Saint Luke has received a thank you letter from Lee Logwood, who spoke on behalf of the Gideons at our services on Sunday, September 29. The letter read in part:



"On behalf of the Gideons of the Lee County Camp and The Gideons International we want to thank you and your church for your support to the Gideon Ministry. The financial gift of \$725.00 from your congregation is tangible evidence of the love your people have for making the Word of God available to those who otherwise may not have a copy. This offering will purchase 483 New Testaments or 145 Bibles. Please pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of these scriptures being placed in the Lee County area and around the world. We know that He promises that His Word will not return void but will accomplish that which He pleases.

Thank you for your support of this ministry."

Lee Logwood



From the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of Saint Luke United Methodist Church would like to invite you to consider making a pledge towards our 2025 Church Budget. There will be more information coming concerning electronic giving opportunities, but in the meantime, you are welcome to use the card in this newsletter, or pick up a card in the Williams Lobby or Perry Foyer. Our church and its ministries are dependent on our church family and its generosity. Please return completed pledge cards in the offering plate or to the church office.

*"Each one must give
as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly
or under compulsion,
for God loves
a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

TAKE ONE STEP UP . . . FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and his church, I plan to TAKE ONE STEP UP in my giving.

- STEP UP BEYOND TITHING**
My desire is to do more than God's minimum.
- STEP UP TO TITHING**
I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work.
- STEP UP TOWARD TITHING**
I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.
- MY COMMITMENT IS \$** _____ **per week**
This represents an increase over last year.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This commitment may be revised or cancelled at any time at my request.
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STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Mark Your Calendars!
Sunday, December 8th

Muffins



by the Manger

and



Angel
Breakfast
10:00 am in the DCLC



Children's Christmas Pageant
4 pm in the Sanctuary

GRIEF

COUNSELING



Jackie Petty, MA,
LCMHC is a Licensed
Clinical Mental Health

Counselor who can provide individual or family counseling for persons experiencing a time of grief and loss. With a Master's degree in Community Counseling, Jackie has been in private practice for 15 years and has over 25 years of experience in offering Trauma-Focused therapy to adults and children, as well as clients with anxiety and depression. The grief journey can be a complex time of confusion and sadness with feelings of uncertainty and deep pain. It can be difficult to sort through these feelings alone. Jackie would like to offer free counseling to anyone who believes it could be beneficial for them. These sessions are confidential and discreet and can be offered at the church or in your home. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at jackiepetty@windstream.net.

Nativity Scenes Needed!

We are planning to use nativity scenes to decorate the tables at our Church-wide Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, December 3. If you have one (or more) that you are willing to share with us for that evening, we would appreciate it! Please bring your nativity scene in a box labeled with your name and phone number so that we can be sure to get it returned to you. For more information, contact Kathy Jones or Joyce Edmonds.



HELP! Muscles Needed!

Our Christmas Elves will begin decorating the church on Sunday, November 24, but they need a little help from **THREE STRONG MEN!** If you can come to the church at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 24 and help get the 12-foot Christmas tree down from its storage spot and assembled in the Sanctuary, please contact Susan Nave at 919-498-5277 to volunteer. Your help in preparing the church for the Advent and Christmas season will be greatly appreciated!!



Order Your Poinsettias!

At Christmas each year, members of Saint Luke are given the opportunity to help make the church festive as we celebrate the birth of our Savior by purchasing poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones. The poinsettias will be placed in the church beginning Sunday, December 15th. If you would like to order one (or more!!) poinsettias, they may be purchased at a cost of \$12 each in the church office now through Monday, December 9th.

Please return this form, along with payment, to the church office. Payment must be made at the time of your order. Please make checks payable to Saint Luke UMC, memo line "poinsettias."

(PLEASE PRINT!)

In honor of: _____

In memory of : _____

Given by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

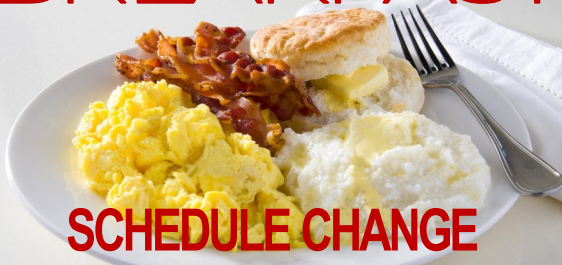
Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____



WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST



SCHEDULE CHANGE for November and December!

Please join us on the
FIRST AND THIRD Wednesdays
at 7 am in November and December!
Meeting dates are: 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18.
Cost is \$7.
Regular schedule resumes in January.



It's Time to Ring the Bells! Volunteers Needed!

Saint Luke folks will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at **Lowe's Foods on Spring**

Lane on Saturday, December 14th from 9 am until 7 pm and on Friday, December 20th from 9 am until 7 pm. Each

“ringer” will ring for a two-hour shift, so **we need five individuals, couples, or groups each day.** If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Rex Scott to secure your time slot. He may be reached at 919-656-3236 or shakypop@gmail.com.



Children's Choir!!

Children's Choir for kids in K—5th grades meets each Sunday at 3:15 pm in Room #229. The Children's Choir is led by Sandra Hancock. We are working on Christmas music. All kids are welcome!! Bring your friends and come make a joyful noise!!



Next Membership Sunday: December 22, 2024

If you have prayerfully considered making Saint Luke UMC your church home, we would love to have you! Please call the church office (919-776-2012) to let us know you'd like to join, or speak with Preacher Eddie if you have questions.

Find your place at Saint Luke!



Saint Luke Children's Ministries is hiring! Please help us fill a **paid nursery worker position** every Sunday morning from 8:45-12:00 pm. If you are interested in caring for our little ones and helping them learn about God's love, please contact Katherine Holt by email at katherine@saintlukeumc.org. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.



Van Drivers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our transportation ministry! If you are willing to drive one of our church vans once a month or once every six weeks on Sunday mornings to pick up folks in the community and bring them to the 11 o'clock worship service and then return them back after the service, please contact Bruce Greybill at 919-656-2410 to volunteer. We will need a copy of your driver's license for insurance purposes.

Dinner on the Run!

The youth had a wonderful time "breaking bread" together and learning about what it means to break bread this past Sunday at our annual Friendsgiving "Dinner on the Run" event. A special thanks to our host families who opened their homes to us and provided the delicious food! (Heath and Dana Hendrick, Chris and Sarah Slate, Jason and Tiffany Osborne, and Justin and Elizabeth Smith)



ADVENT and the ARK

During Advent, we will be collecting specific items to be shared with our neighbors through the ARK. Each week during Advent will be different items. As we remember and give thanks for Jesus, the Greatest Gift of All, please bring your gifts of the following items to the collection bins in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer:

December 1: New bath towels, washcloths, and individually wrapped bars of soap

December 8: Small individually wrapped chocolate candies, granola bars, peanut butter crackers (orange nabs) or other peanut butter crackers, and fruit gummies

December 15: Baby wipes and diapers (sizes 4-6)

December 22: Bottled waters and blankets



Let's share Love, Joy, Peace, Hope, and JESUS with our neighbors!



NOVEMBER 2024

Phone: (919)-776-2012 ext. 2000 email: jim@saintlukeumc.org IG: @stlukeyouth_ Remind: text @stlukprnts to the number 81010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

<p>3 NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR CONFIRMANDS Those who completed Fall sessions 1-7 will be confirmed as new members at the 9 or 11am services.</p> <p>NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON - "DIFFERENT" A 3-week series that focuses on the truth that following God will often cause us to go a different direction than others.</p> <p>GRAVEYARD DEVOTION @ 4PM & OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT @ 5PM Come enjoy a devotion from Pastor Eddie, food, fellowship, & a movie in front of the Youth building before Day Light Savings Begins. Movie TBD. Sign up via the Newsletter.</p>	<p>5 CONFIRMATION RETREAT @ GARNER METHODIST BUILDING & METHODIST CHILDREN S HOME</p> <p>8-10 FALL RETREAT (ROCKY MOUNT, NC) PILGRIMAGE 2024 - Signup via the Newsletter</p> <p>17 YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH EVENT "DINNER ON THE RUN" EVENT - Progressive Dinner Night. Sign up via the Newsletter.</p>
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DECEMBER 2024

Phone: (919)-776-2012 ext. 2000 email: jim@saintlukeumc.org IG: @stlukeyouth_ Remind: text @stlukprnts to the number 81010

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	16	17	18	19	20	21
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<p>1 NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON - "CHRISTMAS GIFTS" A 3-week series that focuses on the different gifts we are reminded of during the Christmas season.</p> <p>NO YOUTH - DEC. 1</p> <p>7-8 FALL RETREAT & CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SECRET SANTA EVENT AT CAMP ROCKFISH Sign up via the Newsletter.</p>	<p>15 ST LUKE LIVE NATIVITY 5:30 - 6:30pm in church parking lot.</p> <p>22 EARLY REGISTRATION FOR WINTER RETREAT ENDS Sign up via the Newsletter.</p> <p>29 NO YOUTH - DEC. 27</p>
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The Need Is Great ... and On-Going



We all have been deeply affected by the plight of those who were in the direct path of Hurricane Helene. Rescue and recovery efforts are ongoing in the North Carolina mountains. We continue to pray for those who are missing and all those who have lost family members, friends, homes, and livelihoods.

How can we help?

Donate financially. If you want to ensure that your donation goes directly to Western North Carolina, there are two options:

- 1) **Write checks to Saint Luke with “WNCC Disaster” on the memo line. We will forward the funds without delay.**
- 2) **Write a check to WNCC Treasurer, memo line “Disaster Response” and mail it to Western NCC, PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070-2757.**
- 3) You may also donate to the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** by writing checks to Saint Luke with “UMCOR Domestic” on the memo line. These funds will be distributed to areas within the United States that experience natural disasters (including, but not limited to, Western North Carolina).

Get Trained to Be Part of a Work Crew

Many of you have received Early Response Training, but are not currently certified. If you wish to recertify or certify for the first time, there is a training session on **December 7 at Wendell UMC. For first-time trainees, the time is 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. If you need to recertify, times are 8:00 am—12:00 pm. To register, go to: <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training>. Each team must have one certified person for every volunteer who is not certified. This is a change from previous requirements.** Early Response teams go in for “clean-up and tear-out” after first responders complete their work and on invitation of the resident Bishop. Recovery/rebuilding teams will go in later. Western North Carolina will be in recovery for a very long time. If you have time and skills, the people will need you.)



Emmaus News:

Agape Bags

Our supply of Agape Bags needs to be replenished.

Please bring donations of bottled water, snack foods such as nabs, Nutri-Grain bars, travel size toiletries, etc. to the Biddle Classroom (Room #221/223) and place them in the baskets marked "Agape Bags." **Even if you are not involved in Emmaus, you are welcome to donate supplies!** All donations are appreciated! Everyone is also encouraged to take an Agape Bag and give it to anyone you encounter who needs it.



and

KINGDOM KIDS

meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm!

Kingdom Kids - Room #114

JAM - Room #116/118 and DCLC



"We Are the World"

HELP! Costumes Needed!!



The theme for this year's Christmas Parade float is "We Are the World." We hope to be able to provide costumes depicting dress from around the world for the children who ride the float. The Sanford Christmas Parade is Monday, December 2nd. If you have clothing and attire from around the world that you are willing to share, please bring them to Preacher Eddie or Katherine. Thank you!



Safe Sanctuaries

Safe Sanctuaries Training is now ONLINE!

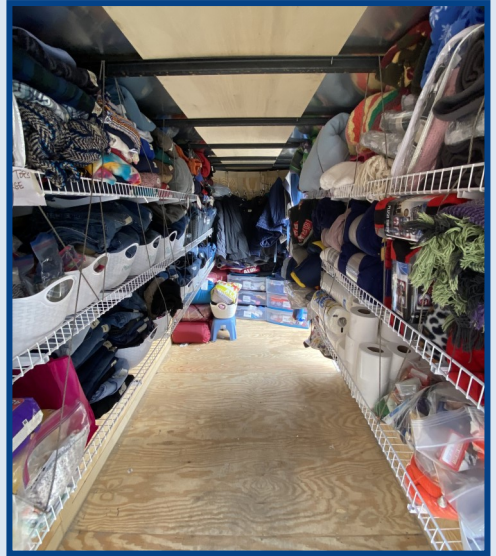
To reach more people, our Safe Sanctuaries Policy Training is now online. This will allow persons to take the training any time during the year. Online information includes the Safe Sanctuaries Policy, Training video, Covenant Statement and Acknowledgement of Abuse Prevention Form, as well as information to order background checks. All workers with children, youth, and vulnerable adults are now able to take the training any time. To access the online information, scan the QR Code. Please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel if you have any questions.





The ARK Ministry

There are many ways you can help with this ministry which provides direct aid to some of our neighbors most in need. Volunteers are always welcome! To volunteer, please reach out to the lead cook for the week you'd like to serve. If that week's jobs are filled, you will be added to the list for another week.



CURRENT NEEDS: BOTTLED WATER!

Ways you can help:

- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal

Contact Callie Spitler (919-935-3575) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



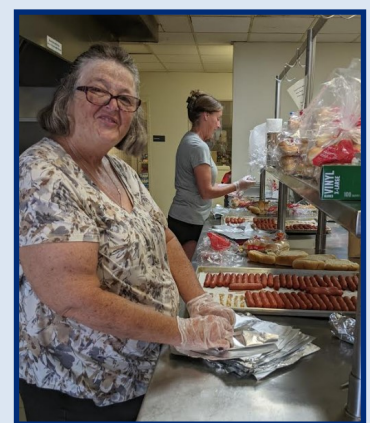
Upcoming Lead Cooks

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| 11/24 | Pat Greybill |
| 12/1 | Gus Gomez |
| 12/8 | Kim Hales |

Upcoming Packing Teams

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| 11/24 | Spitler / Miller |
| 12/1 | Peele / TBD |
| 12/8 | Stewart / Coggins |

Loving God, Loving Others.



Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

We need ushers for our 11:00 worship services! If you are willing to serve as an usher on a rotating basis, please call the church office at 919-776-2012 to volunteer. All you need is a warm smile and a willing heart!!

Serve the Lord with gladness ...

Psalm 100:2a



Cancer Plus Support Group

December 18th at 6:30 pm



Our "**CANCER-PLUS**" **SUPPORT GROUP** meets every third Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room #228 (Something More Classroom). Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 18th. This small group offers support to survivors and caregivers of persons with cancer and other serious illnesses and is facilitated by Janette Scott. It is open to the community. Gatherings include sharing stories and experiences, as well as having occasional guest speakers.



Save Your Pop Tops!

Please save your pop tops from aluminum cans and bring them to the marked bin in the collection closet in the Williams Lobby. They will be donated to the

Ronald McDonald House, where they will be used to help families whose children are hospitalized.

Don't throw away an opportunity to help!!

Thought for the Day

"You can give
without loving
but you can
never love
without giving."



Robert Louis Stevenson



The Family That Prays Together ...

Every day, Saint Luke sends out a "Saint Luke Daily Prayer" via text message. It's a short message, but it helps connect us all, and unites our hearts for a brief moment each day. If you are not currently receiving the Saint Luke Daily Prayer, and would like to, please sign up! All you have to do is text the message "@stlprayer" to 81010. Will you pray with us?



Professional Counseling Services Available

Rev. Marti Hatch, MDiv, MA, LCMHC, NCC, is now available to schedule counseling appointments with clients. This is available to members of Saint

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at hatch.marti@gmail.com or call 919-750-7949. All appointments and financial arrangements will be made through Rev. Hatch.



Greeters Schedule

Greeters for the 9:00 service, please be in place in the Williams Lobby at 8:40 am.

Greeters for the 11:00 service, please be in place in the Perry Foyer at 10:40 am.

Nov. 24	(9:00)	Christian & Ashley Davenport
	(11:00)	Beverly O'Donnell
Dec. 1	(9:00)	Buck & Katie Harris
	(11:00)	Kim Osborne
Dec. 8	(9:00)	Mike & Susan Laudate
	(11:00)	Kim Hales

Scripture Readers Schedule



November 24

8:30	Bill Towson
9:00	Ronnie Jones
11:00	Dave Nave

December 1

8:30	Sara O'Quinn
9:00	Janette Scott
11:00	Robin Jones

December 8

8:30	Nancy Thomas
9:00	Lonnie Hickerson
11:00	Susan Nave

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



November 24	Jimmy Keen
December 1	John Maness
December 8	Clark Maness



DCLC (9:00 worship)

November: Courtney Brown and Meghan Brown

December: Hope Frye and Blake Post

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)

November: Kathy Jones, Beverly Suitt, Susanne Heins

December: Joni Martin, Charlene Ray



We've set a goal of receiving 50 **new members** in our 50th year as Saint Luke UMC. We are over halfway there, with **30 new members so far** this year! Will YOU be one of the 50?

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

*He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
Psalm 91:4*

WANT TO GIVE ONLINE?



SCAN ME

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nov. 20—Dec. 4

Birthdays:

(11/20) Buck Harris,
Rachel Kaisinger

(11/21) Herb Keith,
Terri Kirkman, Dale Profio

(11/22) Rita Cox,
Ann Kightlinger, Jeremiah Lindsey

(11/23) Kathy Davis,
Berta Gaertner, Beth Hart

(11/24) Tanner Thomas

(11/25) Janet Edrington,
Sandra Hancock, Pat Mace

(11/26) Kenny Britton

(11/27) Cherokee Hall

(11/28) Layton Harris, Heather Perry

(11/30) Mary Ann Miller,
Sally Porter, Liz Register

(12/1) Ron Hall

(12/2) Tyson McCoy, Charlene Ray

(12/3) Doug Gay, Bruce Kelly,
Gayle Knight, Griffin Tatum

(12/4) Jena Bradley, Stephen Cox,
Sophie Davenport, Haley Thomas,
Nancy Thomas

Anniversaries:

(11/20) Michael & Heather Tatum

(11/24) Mark & Suzi Osborne

(11/25) Ralph & Susan Larsen

(11/27) Doug & Jean Gaertner
Hank & Diane Richards

(11/28) Jeremy & Kandice Pedley

(12/1) Bobby & Linda Powell



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Gen. Fund Beginning Balance

Budget Needs Through

General Fund Income YTD

General Fund Expense Paid YTD

Loan from Sustaining Fund

Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund

Thank you for your patience concerning our church's financial report. We are drawing very close to having accurate and up-to-date figures available. In the meantime, please rest assured that our financial status is very stable.

November Attendance

	2022	2023	2024	2024 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2024 Virtual Facebook/YouTube
Week 1	*422	*534	*431	53/207/63	na/108
Week 2	*379	*590	*345	37/131/76	na/101
Week 3	*290	*460	*1028	44/138/70	746/30
Week 4	*533	*439	*		
Week 5	*	*	*		
November Avg.	*406	*506	*601		

Before / After 24 Hours Streaming. *Includes Facebook, You Tube and In Person



Saint Luke periodically sends out informational text messages to help keep our congregation informed. These messages may be related to changes in service times, inclement weather, or special events, etc. **To sign up to receive these informational text messages** simply text the message "@stlukeinfo" to 81010. Stay in the Saint Luke Loop!

One Number to Reach the Weekend
Emergency On-Call Pastor
(984) 977-1798

All you need to know is one number to reach our clergy-person-on-call! Whoever is on call for the weekend will answer. So please make note of our "on-call" number. **Program it into your phone. Tape it to your refrigerator. Write it in your address book.** And if you have a pastoral emergency on a weekend, please use the number to let us know how we can help.





*The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18*

*Saint Luke
United Methodist Church*

Prayer Requests

Received as of November 20, 2024

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Marsha Havens	Liz McGrath	Irene Smith
Judy Baker	Lloyd Jennings	Dawn Michaud	Patsy & Ira Smith
Jeanne Bethea	Mary Kesler	Ken Miller	Mackenzie Stinson
Chris Burns	Claudia Key	Beulah Mooneyham	David Stout
Sarah Curry	Neal Kightlinger	Dave Nave	Eugene Thomas
Jean Davenport	Susan Larsen	Betty Newell	Nan Touchard
Ed Davis	Nan Lehmann	Parker Normann	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Susie Dixon	Dorothy Lloyd	Jan Olsen	Kristin Vernon
Nancy Dugan	Mary Loving	Ron Perkinson	Mark West
Janet Edrington	May Mace	Bill Ray	George Whitaker
Daniel Facemire	Annie MacKay	Georgann Roberts	Heather McCoy Wicker
Linda Fowler	Nancy McBryde	Janette Scott	
Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Rex Scott	

Other Known Prayer Requests

Larry Andrews	Larry Ellcessor	Rebecca Kesler Laster	Sean Robbins
Deborah Alvord	Marilyn Facemire	Betty Lawrence	Juanita Showalter
Bruce and Linda Benton	Lana Gist	Joel Lawrence	Brent Smith
June Brantley	Tonia Gist	Debi Lee	Paula Smith
Jan Brooks	Susan Glass	Hannah Lindsey	Ryan Smith
Steve Buckner	Teresa Goins	Kacie Mauldin	Jackson Snipes
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Krista Gregg	Allyssa McNeal	Betty Spence
Norman Cooper	Keri Grant	Jonathan McNeill	Denny Swarmer
Jamie Covil	Lisa Harden	Daniel Newman	Carolyn Taylor
Jeff Cummings	Whitney Hines and Daisy	Carlie Anne Nicholson	Jane Thomas
Dalton Davis	Rev. Al Hocutt	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Dr. Vance Thomas
Pat Dillon	Bill Holt	Scott Olsen	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Diedre Dowdy	Margaret Hubbard	Greg Patterson	Jimmy Wilkins
Brian Drye	Rick Huneycutt	Wade and Janie Peele	William Beckett "Beck" Woodell
Jay Dutton (infant son of Walt & Diana Dutton)	Scott Keller	Kate Redenbaugh	Ricky Yarborough
Martha Eigenbrodt	Sarah King	Tina Rickard	Connie Zaring
	David Lane	Susan Ritchie	
		Terry Ritchie	

Sympathy to . . .

Elizabeth and Keith Thomas and family In the loss of Elizabeth's father, Don Key.
Ted and Claudia Key and family in the loss of Ted's brother, Don Key.

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List or to request a pastoral visit, please use a Prayer Request card or call the church office.

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Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

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Organist Emeritus, Posthumous	James Dixon Kimball	

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