



# THE EPISTLE

## St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

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Friday, October 28 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$10 Armbands

(\$25 family max) 2 and under free

Dress in your favorite costume  
(nothing scary please)

Carnival Games, Crafts and more!  
Lots of Good Food



### MISSION STATEMENT

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

# Pastor Mark's Epistle

Dear Friends,

Hope you are enjoying your daily devotionals as part of Extravagant Generosity this month. In case you are non-internet and do not have a copy yet, we still have some available at the Hospitality Hall desk. There is an inspiring and timely message for each day from now through October 30th.

Sunday, October 30th is the "big day" for 2012 estimates of financial giving to be turned in, but I want to emphasize as we go along the importance of giving our ALL, including but not limited to financial resources. Our elements in our church vows include "prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service." It is in giving our all for Christ that we find fulfillment. Please be aware that in November, in follow-up to "Extravagant Generosity", Bettye Jo Masters is going to lead us in a new survey of gifts, graces and interests, to the end that each and every member can find the niche of personal servanthood that is "just right" ...please be in prayer for discernment and willing hearts and minds as we move "onward and upward" with Jesus Christ at St. Luke's!

In service, Pastor Mark

## Join us in Worship

**Sunday, October 16**  
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50  
Extravagant Generosity 2  
John 13: 34-35  
"The Art of Love"  
Pastor Mark Matheny

**Sunday, October 23**  
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50  
Extravagant Generosity 3  
"Visions of Hope"  
Joel 2: 28  
Pastor Mark



**the element**  
Sundays 6:00pm,  
Fellowship Hall

**Extravagant Generosity**  
Oct. 16: "Pay it Forward"  
Oct. 23: "Bucket List"  
Oct. 30: "Mr. Holland's Opus"

### **Who will be St. Luke's Unsung Hero for 2011?**

We have many loyal folk in our congregation who work tirelessly!! The one we choose will be honored at the McKendree District Laity Celebration on Sunday, November 13, 2:30 PM, at Germantown UMC. Nominate your choice for our Unsung Hero or Heroine on the form here using 50 words or less and return the form to the collection box at Hospitality Desk at the church by Sunday, October 30. Additional forms are available at the Hospitality Desk. Contact Virginia Hathorn for additional information.

My nomination for St. Luke's Unsung Hero is: \_\_\_\_\_,

because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

# Together We Grow....

## Wednesday Dinner and Activities

### Activity Options for October

#### Study

Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation - Lounge  
Extravagant Generosity Study - MB 106  
Generosity in the Movies - MB 304

#### Service

Hands Activity - CLC 103  
10/12 - Hands in the Heritage Room  
10/19 - Assemble Hygiene Bags  
10/26 - Cards for Homebound  
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

#### Creative

Altarscapes - Sanctuary  
Writing, Advent Devotional Book - MB 211

#### Wellness

People Play Games, CLC Gym  
Walking or Fitness in the Gym  
Yoga - MB 213

#### Children

Cherub Choir and Team Grow Activities  
Chorister Choir and Team Grow Activities

### Come see how your faith can GROW

#### Fellowship Meal

Oct. 12: Minute Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pie

Oct. 19: Shirley's surprise

Oct. 26: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Peach Cobbler  
Salad Bar each week; Chicken nuggets available for children.

We are excited about the increased fellowship and attendance of our Wednesday dinners! However, please help us to prepare the correct amount of food by making reservations by noon on Tuesday. Baked Chicken is available each week if requested when making reservations.

## YOUTH NEWS

Hey guys! Here's what we have going on over the next couple of weeks:

Wednesday, Oct. 12

5:45 - Dinner

6:30 - Together We Grow Activities

Saturday, Oct. 15

Noon - (*Meet at 11:40*) - Kickball game at Hope Pres!

Sunday, Oct. 16 - **FRUIT SALE BEGINS!**

9:30 - Sunday School (*Helper- Melinda Kaler*)

4:00 - Youth Handbells and Creative Worship

5:00 - Dinner (*Caldwell*) and Youth Activities

Wednesday, Oct. 19

5:45 - Dinner 6:30 - Together We Grow

Saturday, Oct. 22

2:00 (*Meet at 1:40*) - Kickball game at Hope Pres!

Sunday, Oct. 23

9:30 - Sunday School (*Helper - Debbie Cargile*)

4:00 - Youth Handbells and Creative Worship

5:00 - Dinner (*Melinda Kaler*) and Youth

Wednesday, Oct. 26

5:45 - Dinner 6:30 - Together We Grow

Friday, Oct. 28

6:00 - 8:00 - Boo-Out

8:00- 9:00 a.m. Oct. 29 - Junior High Lock In!

Sign Up outside the Dining Room!

Wow. That's a bunch!

Let me know if you have questions!

Peace, Beth

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Here's the schedule for the next few weeks:

Oct. 11, 18, and 25

6:00 - Meet for dinner and discussion about Extravagant Generosity!

I'll keep you posted about the possibility of a work day on Oct. 22!

Peace, Beth

## Boo Out is coming!

Friday, October 28

Many Volunteers  
are still needed.

*Would you like to help?*

Sign-up sheets are in the  
Hospitality Hall or contact

Mary Francis Hall,

mplllcmom@hotmail.com



## FRUIT SALE!!!

It's that time of year again where our wonderful Youth offer presales of wonderful Florida citrus fruit! We will begin taking orders on Oct. 16! All orders are due by Nov. 13! Come by our table to place your order, or pick up an order form in hospitality hall! All proceeds from the sale benefit our youth department and help pay for summer 2012 trips! The fruit is scheduled to be available for your pick up on Sunday, Dec. 4!

## Congregational Support

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

**Al Simpson** in the death of his mother, Edna Lois Simpson on Oct. 8. Services will be in Russellville, AR.

### GIFTS RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

**David & Denise Hensley** from John & Helen Wofford

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS OF OUR ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

Deborah Lewis

Jean Hastings

Brian McKinley

Jackson Wofford

Fletcher French

Rev. Sonny Davis

Brooke Hall Henderson

Sam & Betty Bennett

*(Beverly Parrish's Aunt & Uncle)*

Judy Cristallino

*(friend of Marty Cobb)*

Stephen Ministry Training Group

*Our missionaries,*

David & Lorie Persons

Sue Porter

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### Radio Broadcast

WREC 600 AM, 8 - 9:00 a.m.

The service from October 2, broadcast on Oct. 9, was dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of

#### **The Newman Class**

from David & Glenda Turner.

The service from October 9 broadcast on Oct. 16, was dedicated to the Glory of God

in honor of **Elton Watlington**

and in memory of **Janice Watlington**

by their family.

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**For hospital and prayer concerns, call our "What's Happening Line" at 901-327-0006, updated by noon Mon. - Thurs.**



Praying as a congregation brings our hearts together in one common voice heard by God. Please join us as we pray each day at 8 AM, 12 noon, 4 PM and again at 8 PM. Put it on your calendar, set your alarm on your black berry, I-phone or whatever you carry with you that will remind you to STOP wherever you are and pray the Generosity Prayer together with the congregation of St. Luke's.

You are also invited to come to the prayer chapel on Fridays to pray specifically for the ministries of St. Luke's and listen for God's direction and vision for our future. Contact Pastor Bee or Ann Alchokhachi for more information.

### Generosity Prayer

Most Good and Generous God,

Thank you for the countless blessings you have showered upon us. May it be through these blessings that we come to know the depth and width of your love for us. May we recognize that there is a difference between believing in the idea of love and putting love into action. Help us to be as generous in our loving and giving as you have been. We ask for discernment to see our shortcomings and that you strengthen us to do your will in our church and community. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ; to Your praise and glory. Amen

*Come Celebrate A Special Day  
For A Special Person*

## **Shirley Barber's 80th Birthday**

Sunday November 6th 2011

2:00pm until 4:00pm

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
Lounge

480 South Highland Ave.

*Bring Birthday Wishes only*

# Fun at Fall Retreat!



*Crafts and Songs*



*Making new friends  
with Scout Troop 40*



*Games and Campfires*



**Won't you join us next year?!**

## Basic and Advanced Lay Speaking

Thursday Nov. 3, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Cost is \$25

Includes book and Saturday lunch

*Basic Lay Speaking is a prerequisite to advanced Lay Speaking. Attendance both days is required to complete the course.*

Colonial Park UMC

5330 Park Ave., Memphis

Register by email to:

lclayton@mckendreedistrict.org

or call Liz Clayton - 901-590-3688



### The Church Health Center's annual Race for Grace

#### Celebrating 15 years!

The 15th Annual 5K Run/Walk or 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will be Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 9 a.m. We had a great St. Luke's team last year and hope to have more join us this year. The race unites

the faith community and celebrates the physical body with which God has blessed us, while also supporting the ministries of the Church Health Center. Our team name is Faithful Servants and Denise Hensley is the Team Captain. If you would like more information, please contact Denise at david.denise@att.net or 435-6099. You can also register online at [www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com](http://www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com).

## Young at Heart Fall Events

Join Young at Heart for lunch and storytelling on **Monday, Oct. 31** at 11:45 am. Gloria Jeffries will entertain us with a story. We will also celebrate birthdays of those whose birthday falls in September, October, November or December. In addition, there will be surprise entertainment. Sign-up at the Hospitality Desk to reserve your place by Thursday, October 27. Pay \$6.00 at the door.

## HANDS MINISTRIES

### Wednesday Service Opportunity

The Hands committee has had very successful Wednesday evening group activities. Come join the fun and fellowship! We are still in need of your help to supply some of these items.

- **Christmas Cards** for the upcoming season.
- **Shut-In Bags:** Pocket Kleenex pkgs, hand/body lotion, body powder, lip balm, emery boards, baby wipes, devotion books, notecards and stamps.
- **Hygiene Bags:** Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash, deodorant, nail clippers, emery boards, feminine hygiene products.
- **Emergency Meal Sacks:** Bottled water, Vienna sausages, cheese/peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, cookies.



We are collecting these items in the elevator room on the 1st floor. Please give generously.

THANK YOU to all who have brought plastic bags. We made a lot of "plarn" and we have a lot more to make. However, **we do not need any more bags** right now but as soon as we have made "plarn" out of the bags you have donated, we will let you know.

### HANDS Activities in the month of October

12: Hands in the Heritage Room, Bettye Jo

19: Packing Hygiene Bags for Our Saturday Supper and Sunday morning friends.

26: PLARN for the Prison Ministry, Pastor Bee

If you are not participating in other activities on Wednesday nights, you are welcome to join the HANDS team.

Visit Caratas Village for lunch and have a guided tour of the "Facing History" display at the Benjamin Hooks Library. Meet after Senior Choir on **Tuesday, November 8** to leave at 11:30 for lunch followed by a tour of the display featured in the Commercial Appeal. Learn from history to make decisions for the future. Lunch is your only cost for this trip. Reserve a place by Sunday, November 6.

# St. Luke's Calendar: October 12 - 28

## Wednesday October 12

6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 10:00am – 1:00pm American Sewing Guild - Lounge  
 5:45pm – 7:30pm Dinner & Activities - FH  
 6:25pm – 7:35pm Children's Choirs & Team Grow  
 7:30pm – 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday October 13

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 9:15am – 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel  
 9:30am – 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108  
 10:00am – 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106  
 6:00pm – 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym  
 6:15pm – 7:30pm Yoga - Lounge

## Friday October 14

7:30am – 6:00pm Prayer Vigil - Chapel/Prayer Room  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Famine Relief - Lounge  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal- Sanctuary

## Saturday October 15

9:00am – 12:00pm UMW Preparing for Lunch - FH Kitchen  
 10:00am – 1:00pm The Med Basketball League - Gym  
 2:00pm – 5:00pm Skill Builders Sewing Ministry - Lounge  
 2:30pm – 5:30pm Mid South Basketball Academy - Gym  
 4:30pm – 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm McCarthy/Gideon Wedding - Sanctuary

## Sunday October 16

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH  
 8:30am – 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:30am – 10:30am Sunday School - Lounge  
 10:50am – 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary  
 12:00pm – 2:00pm UMM/UMW Spaghetti Luncheon - FH  
 3:00pm – 4:30pm Youth Bball Practice-Abston - Gym  
 5:00pm – 6:00pm Wesley Handbells - MB, 207  
 5:00pm – 7:00pm Youth Dinner & Activities - MB, 3rd Fl.  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

## Monday October 17

9:30am – 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel  
 6:30pm – 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211  
 7:00pm – 8:00pm Coin Club - Lounge  
 7:00pm – 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

## Tuesday October 18

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 10:00am – 11:30am Staff Meeting - MB 310  
 10:30am – 12:00pm Mary Circle - Lounge  
 12:30pm – 2:30pm Rachel UMW Circle - Lounge  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - Kitchen 310/311  
 6:30pm – 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting - MB 211  
 7:00pm – 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym  
 7:00pm – 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut

## Wednesday October 19

6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 5:45pm – 6:20pm Dinner & Activities - FH  
 6:25pm – 7:25pm Choir ages 3-Kindergarten - CB, 105  
 6:25pm – 7:35pm Hands Activity - CLC, 103  
 7:30pm – 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday October 20

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 9:15am – 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel  
 9:30am – 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108  
 10:00am – 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106  
 6:00pm – 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym  
 6:15pm – 7:15pm Yoga - Lounge

## Friday October 21

7:30am – 6:00pm Prayer Vigil - Chapel/Prayer Room

## Saturday October 22

10:00am – 1:00pm The Med Basketball League - Gym  
 2:00pm – 5:00pm Skill Builders Sewing Ministry - Lounge  
 2:30pm – 5:30pm Mid South Basketball Academy - Gym  
 4:30pm – 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH

## Sunday October 23

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH  
 8:30am – 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:30am – 10:30am Sunday School - Lounge  
 10:50am – 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary  
 12:15pm – 1:15pm Children's Ministry Team - MB, 211  
 3:00pm – 4:30pm Youth Bball Practice-Abston - Gym  
 5:00pm – 6:00pm Wesley Handbells - MB, 207  
 5:00pm – 7:00pm Youth Dinner & Activities - MB, 3rd fl.  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

## Monday October 24

9:30am – 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel  
 6:30pm – 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211  
 7:00pm – 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

## Tuesday October 25

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 10:15am – 11:15am Senior Choir - Choir room  
 10:30am – 12:00pm HARC Board Mtg - Parlor  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - Kitchen 310/311  
 7:00pm – 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym  
 7:00pm – 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut

## Wednesday October 26

6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 5:45pm – 6:20pm Dinner & Activities - FH  
 6:25pm – 7:25pm Children's Choirs and Team Grow  
 7:30pm – 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday October 27

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 9:15am – 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel  
 9:30am – 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108  
 10:00am – 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106  
 6:00pm – 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym  
 6:15pm – 7:15pm Yoga - Lounge

## Friday October 28

7:30am – 6:00pm Prayer Vigil - Chapel/Prayer Room  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm BOO-OUT

MB-Main Building, FH-Fellowship Hall,  
 CLC-Christian Life Center, CB-Children's Building

For the most current calendar information  
 visit our website - [www.stlukesumc.org](http://www.stlukesumc.org)

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## Artistic Adventures

Wayne Edge, the artist who sculpted the beautiful pieces that are on our walls in the gallery hall, has a show of new work at the David Lusk Gallery, 4540 Poplar Ave. The show will be displayed until October 29 and can also be viewed at [www.davidlusk-gallery.com](http://www.davidlusk-gallery.com). We are blessed to be able to display Wayne's pieces here at St. Luke's.

## St. Luke's Recycles –Again!

We are once again offering to collect your old electronic parts and equipment in order to have them recycled or properly disposed of. This includes computer components, rechargeable batteries, telephones, fluorescent bulbs, etc. We can only accept certain brands of televisions: Samsung, Sharp, Panasonic, Mitsubishi & Toshiba. If you have questions about particular items, please contact Tim Taylor: [tim.taylor@stlukesumc.org](mailto:tim.taylor@stlukesumc.org) or call the church. We will collect these items until October 19. Small items can be dropped off at our Collection Center in the first floor elevator room. Larger items will be stored by our staff—please let us know what you are bringing and we'll help you get it where it needs to be.

## Scout News

As of Sept. 29, we now can call Thomas Wilson an Eagle Scout!

This past weekend Troop 40 attended the St. Luke's family retreat. The scouts learned from and were exposed to Bettye Jo Masters' masterful leading and teaching. We found that the next move is ours. The troop shared their cooking skills for the retreat.

We are now in our yearly fund raiser - POPCORN! Please visit our website, [troop40memphis.com](http://troop40memphis.com) and place your order

Thanks for your aluminum cans and your support, Burges

## Top 10 Reasons YOU should Tithe:

#1: To witness the Extravagant Generosity of God and how your gifts are multiplied throughout the St. Luke's community and the world!

*What is your top reason for tithing?*

### RECORD OF LOYALTY

<i>Sunday School Attendance - 10/2</i>	209
<i>Sunday School Attendance - 10/9</i>	191

#### **Worship Attendance - October 2, 2011**

<i>Sunshine Service</i>	58
<i>8:30 a.m. - Worship</i>	59
<i>10:50 a.m. - Worship</i>	257
<i>Fall Retreat</i>	48
<i>No Element</i>	--
<b>Total</b>	<u>422</u>

#### **Worship Attendance - October 9, 2011**

<i>Sunshine Service</i>	54
<i>8:30 a.m. - Worship</i>	67
<i>10:50 a.m. - Worship</i>	302
<i>Element</i>	20
<b>Total</b>	<u>443</u>

#### **Gifts & Tithes Received**

October 2, 2011	\$11,778.50
October 9, 2011	\$23,216.67

The next **Epistle** will be published on Monday, October 24. **Please have any articles for publication turned in by Sunday, 5:00pm, October 23.**