

Together We Grow...

Wednesday Dinner and Activities

November 30: 5:45pm - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Sherbet; Salad Bar; Chicken nuggets for children.

6:25 - Children's Choirs and "Team Grow"

6:30 - Bible study with Pastor Mark;

Serving from the Heart with Bettye Masters;

Cooking with Coach and Wellness activities.

Make reservations for dinner by noon on Tuesday.

...Come see how your faith can GROW!

Wednesday December 7 INTERNATIONAL Christmas Celebration

This will be the last Wednesday night fellowship activity this year and you are invited to come get a taste of how Christmas



is celebrated in the Scandinavian Countries, Italy, Philippines, Germany and France. We will sing Christmas Carols, make a Christmas Tree decoration and be blessed by the Children's Choirs. Please be sure to make your dinner reservation so we can have enough food and material for everyone.

Glaedelig Jul!! Betty Jo Masters and Pastor Bee

Young at Heart Events

Bingo is Monday, November 28, in the Lounge. Play begins at 10:30. Everyone who wishes to play should bring a sandwich and a prize for Bingo. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

On **Wednesday, December 7**, Young at Heart will hear the Memphis Symphony Orchestra play at Calvary Episcopal Church, followed by lunch at Tugs in Harbor Town. We will leave by bus at 11:00 AM. The cost for the day is \$24. Reservations and payment must be made by Sunday, December 4. You may give your check to Vickey Hobbs, Virginia Hathorn or Betty Green

The AARP 55+ Driving Class will be offered On Tuesday, November 29 and Thursday, December 1, to anyone of that age who is interested in brushing up on driving techniques. Classes will be held in the lounge from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Attendees must be present for both days to be eligible for a certificate. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Sign up to be a part of this class at the Hospitality Desk. This class is open to anyone who is interested in improving driving skills.



The **Mitten Tree** for Sherwood Elementary students is up!
Cold weather will be here soon.

Please help decorate the tree with mittens, gloves, caps, scarves, and new or used jackets. Also, there is a need for underwear (boys' sizes 6-10, girls' sizes 6-10) and socks.

Many thanks.

Questions? Contact Barbara Caldwell

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday November 27

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH
8:30am - 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary
9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School
10:50am - 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary
1:30pm - 3:00pm Bball Practice 11/12th Boys - Gym
3:00pm - 4:30pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym
5:00pm - 6:00pm Wesley Handbells - MB, 207
6:00pm - 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

Monday November 28

9:30am - 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel
10:30am - 1:00pm Young at Heart Bingo - Lounge
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 5/6th Boys - Gym
6:30pm - 7:30pm Church Council - Chapel
6:30pm - 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
7:00pm - 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

Tuesday November 29

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
9:00am - 1:00pm AARP Driving Course - Lounge
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 7/8th Boys - Gym
6:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 3rd Fl.
6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 40 Cub Scouts - CB, 213
6:30pm - 9:00pm Boy Scout Family Night - FH
7:00pm - 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym

Wednesday November 30

6:45am - 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH
5:45pm - 6:25pm Fellowship Dinner - FH
6:30pm - 7:30pm Fellowship Christmas Party - FH
6:25pm - 7:35pm Children's Choirs and Team Grow
7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room
7:45pm - 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym

Thursday December 1

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
9:00am - 1:00pm AARP Safe Driving Course - Lounge
9:15am - 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel
9:30am - 11:00am Day School Open House - HH
9:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 1st/2nd Boys - Gym
6:00pm - 7:00pm Day School Advisory Board - MB, 211
6:00pm - 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym

Saturday December 3

9:00am - 7:00pm ESCRA Youth BB Games - Gym
4:30pm - 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH

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

For the most current
calendar information
visit our website
stlukesumc.org

CHURCH COUNCIL TO MEET

Our next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, November 28th, 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel. The 2011 Budget as well as other important items will be our topic of discussion. All council members will need to be present for his important meeting.

*Please be sure to sign the Registration Pad
located in the black folder at the end of each pew.
Include your email address to be added to the E-pistle list.*

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Organist



November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent



Gifts that won't Break

Mission Statement

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

CENTERING MUSIC AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"
setting: Paul Manz Wes Kirkpatrick, organ

INTROIT "What Gift Can We Bring" Chancel Choir

ADVENT REFLECTION AND CANDLE LIGHTING

(prayer in unison following reflection)

Powerful God of promises,

**You are able to do so much more than we can ever
ask or even imagine.**

**As we celebrate the coming of your Son, may your Spirit help us find
renewed hope in your presence and your love.**

**Give us renewed strength to share that hope with the world around us.
Amen.**

†CAROL "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196
tune: HYERYDOL

STEPPING UP IN SERVICE Hands Ministries

WORD AND WONDER Pastor Bee

"Into My Heart"

**Christ in our hands, Christ in our hands
Be Christ in our hands, Lord Jesus,
Help us to share our neighbors' care;
Be Christ in our hands, Lord Jesus.**

All children are welcome to the chancel steps.

*Kindergarten age and under may leave for Children's Church after
Word and Wonder, located in Room 210 of the Children's Building.*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSIC "People Look East"
setting: Dale Wood

†DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT tune: OLD HUNDREDETH

**O Glorious God, to you we bring
All that we are as offering;
Spirit of hope, among us dwell;
Come Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

†HYMN "We Meet You, O Christ" UMH 257

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1: 18-21

SERMON "God's Gift of Hope" Dr. R. Mark Matheny

ANTHEM "Hope Will Come" Chancel Choir
text and music: James Brighton

*Hope will come to a world in need
through the eyes of a child God's people will see.
Hope will come, have faith and believe.*

Open your heart now; make room for the hope Christ will bring.

Peace will come in the midst of strife to a stable so bare.

One still silent night

Peace will come God's truth will shine bright.

Open your heart now; God's peace will bring us new life.

Peace will come to the nations.

Hope will ring through the night.

For those who walk in darkness will see a great light,

And love will reign in the day of Jesus Christ.

Hope will come. Peace will come.

Christ is coming soon.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

†CAROL "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206
tune: HOUSTON

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE "And the Glory of the Lord" Mr. Kirkpatrick
G. F. Handel

†You are invited to stand as able.

UMH United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS The Faith We Sing Supplement

Red Poinsettias

Weeks of Nov. 27 – Dec. 4

IN HONOR OF:

Jay Walker given by The Chancel Choir

Wes Kirkpatrick given by The Chancel Choir

Jo Ann Shelton given by The Chancel Choir

Vickey Hobbs given by Princess

Blanche Miller given by Princess

Mary and Steve Palmer given by Dot Dickey

Bill and Barbara Caldwell given by Cameron and Lincoln Caldwell

Mr. and Mrs. Lutero Magtoto given by Roma Magtoto

Rev. Birgitte French given by Katie and Larry Kaler

Emily Stafford Matheny given by Pastor Mark Matheny

Rorie Read given by Frank and Deana Marion

Doris Eavenson (Mom) given by her daughters, Rorie, Candy,

Mary Lou and Vickey

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Watlington given by Sieger Family

Neely Wright given by Katie and Larry Kaler

Beulah Holmes given by her Family

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

James Fike

David Mills

Deborah Lewis

Brooke Hall Henderson

Trudy Ellis, Ann Al-chokhachi's mother

Our missionaries,

David & Lorie Persons

Sue Porter

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Audrey Alley in the death of her sister, Doris Humphreys,
in Ebenezer, MS.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS: United Methodist Healthcare, Hospitals and
Physicians.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Matthew 1: 18-21

the element

Sundays 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall



Setting the Scene for Christmas
Nov. 27: Elf

There is still time to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special. Please fill out the form below and return it, along with payment, to the church office. They are \$15.00 each. We will use RED poinsettias for Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 and WHITE poinsettias for Dec. 11 & 18. Please fill in the blank next to color and date you are choosing. Thank you for your gift of love by sponsoring a poinsettia.



Poinsettia Order Form

in HONOR of: _____

_____ # of RED for weeks Nov. 27 & Dec. 4

_____ # of WHITE for weeks Dec. 11 & 18

in MEMORY of: _____

_____ # of RED for weeks Nov. 27 & Dec. 4

_____ # of WHITE for weeks Dec. 11 & 18

Given by: _____