

the element
Sundays 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall



Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
"The First Day of the Rest of My Life"



"Pizza with Parents"

Wednesday, January 4,
5:45 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Join Amy Pearson, our new Director of Children's Ministries, for an informal conversation about Children's Ministries at St. Luke's.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to make plans together. Please help by letting me know if you can attend, how many are coming and if you need childcare.

The best way to reach me is
e-mail: amy.pearson@stlukesumc.org. Don't
hesitate to e-mail or call, 452-6262 #116.

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Recognition of Church Leaders

Next Sunday we will commission all of our Church Leaders during the 10:50 worship service. Please be present to support the leadership of St. Luke's as we look forward to an exciting year in 2012. Please be in prayer for this leadership team that they will be guided by God who equips those called into service.

After worship there will be lunch and a training session for all church leaders. Please be sure to sign the RSVP list at the Hospitality Desk so that we can plan accordingly.



Wednesday Dinners and Activities will resume Wed. Feb. 1, 2012

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday January 1, 2012 Happy New Year

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
6:00pm - 7:00pm The Element - FH.

Monday January 2, 2012 - Church Offices Closed

Tuesday January 3, 2012

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym .
9:45am - 11:00am UMW Exec. Committee - MB 104 .
11:00am - 1:00pm UMW Meeting - Lounge
12:00pm - 1:30pm Staff Meeting - MB 106 .
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 7/8th Boys - Gym .
6:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 3rd Fl.
6:30pm - 7:30pm Trustee's Meeting - MB, 106 .
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut .
7:15pm - 10:15pm Defender Bball League - Gym .

Wednesday January 4, 2012

6:45am - 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH .
10:00am - 12:00pm American Sewing Guild - CLC 105 .
3:00pm - 5:45pm Stephen Ministry - MB, 106 .
5:45pm - 7:00pm Parent Meeting with Amy - FH
6:25pm - 7:35pm Knitting Group - Parlor .
7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room .
7:45pm - 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym .

Thursday January 5, 2012

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 .
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 1st/2nd Boys - Gym
6:00pm - 8:00pm Music Ministry Team - MB-106

Friday January 6, 2012

4:30pm - 5:30pm Stillman/Anderton Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:15pm - 10:15pm Defender Bball League - Gym

Saturday January 7, 2012

9:00am - 10:30am Jr. Jammers BB - Gym
11:00am - 7:00pm ESCRA Youth BB Games - Gym/CLC 103
1:30pm - 4:00pm Stillman/Anderton Wedding/Reception - Sanctuary/Parlor
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
and click on the "events" tab.

**Please be sure to sign the Registration Pad
located in the gray folder at the end of each pew.
Include your email address to be added to the E-pistle list.
Brochures with information about St. Luke's are located in this folder.
Please feel free to take any that you my need.**

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Minister of Mission
Interim Director of Music
Organist



January 1, 2010
Epiphany of the Lord



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

JANUARY 1, 2012

CENTERING MUSIC AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE “All Creatures of our God and King”
setting: Edward Broughton Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*

†CALL TO WORSHIP Maggie Lee Scoggins, *liturgist*

The wise men came from far in the east to see this child.

**We have come from east and west, north and south to see again
the Christ who has been born.**

They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**We bring the gift of our very selves, offering our lives to the one
whose light shines in the darkness.**

For they bowed down and worshipped him, recognizing God in human flesh.

**We worship the Christ-child, giving thanks to God for coming
into our world. God is with us! Let us worship God.**

†CAROL “We Three Kings” UMH 254
tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSIC “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”
setting: Max Drischmer

†DOXOLOGY FOR EPIPHANY *tune:* IN DULCI JUBILO

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow on every hill and coast!
Praise God above, all angles who comprise the heav'nly host!
Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

†CAROL “Star Child” TFWS 2095
tune: CHANNEL OF PEACE

*As we sing children kindergarten age and under may gather to leave for
Children's Church located in Room 210 of the Children's Building.*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2: 1-12

MEDITATION “The Long Road” Rev. Birgitte T. French

†HYMN “Eat This Bread” UMH 628
tune: BERTHIER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

**God of light, we give thanks that you have come to us
and that your light shines around us.**

**We acknowledge that there is still darkness is us
and in our world.**

**We confess that we have seen the light of your star
and yet do not always follow where it leads.**

**We want to offer our gifts to you and the world,
but often we are reluctant to give.**

**We confess that we have treasured that
which is not precious in your sight
and turned away from your most gracious gift.**

**Lead us again by your guiding light into the light
and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION
(Communion liturgy continues with The Great Thanksgiving, page 13 UMH)

THE LORD'S PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

(from the New Zealand Worship Book of Prayer)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

†HYMN “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” UMH 383
tune: JERUSALEM

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE “Holly and the Ivy/Cherry Tree Carol” Mr. Kirkpatrick
Alex Rowley

†*You are invited to stand as able.*

UMH United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS The Faith We Sing Supplement

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2: 1-12

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please check the board in the Hospitality Hall for the most recent list of prayer request.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS

The people of our Congregation.

Today's service will be broadcast on Jan. 8, 2012.

WREC 600 AM, 8 a.m.

Given in memory of

Ruth Gibson

on what would have been her 90th birthday.