



# THE EPISTLE

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## What's Happening on Wednesday Nights in February

### 5:45 Fellowship Dinner

*There will be a few changes to our meals this semester - see details inside.*

### 6:30 - Studies and Fellowship Activities

#### Pastor Mark's Bible Study - Lounge

Feb. 1 - "John the Baptist as a Methodist"

Feb. 8 - "Old Testament Shades of Lent"

Feb. 15 - "Preparing for Lent"

#### Open Gym and Games

Join Beth Ryan and David Day in the CLC for a variety of games and activities for all ages

#### Yoga

Kelly Gardner will move from Thurs. nights to Wed. starting Feb. 1, rm 106, \$3.00 donation

#### Knitting & More Group - Parlor

#### Prayer Group & Communion

*More information from Pastor Bee inside*

#### Adult Choir

Now meeting at 6:30 in the Choir Room

#### Team Grow

Children's Choirs led by Beth Masters

Children's Activities led by Amy Pearson

6:25 - 7:35 - Children's building.



### 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,

**“Lead Folks to the Water...”**

On Monday the 16th, Emily and I attended the symposium at FedEx Forum prior to seeing the Grizzlies' nice victory over the Chicago Bulls. Retired NBA stars Clyde Drexler and George Gervin were honored for community service in Houston and San Antonio, respectively.

In his remarks about the special school that he founded, Mr. Gervin used an old saying with which most of us southerners are very familiar: “You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.” He made the point that students can be given a great opportunity, but no one can force them to take advantage of that opportunity.

To me, it is striking how similar that is to the way Evangelism works among us. We are to offer Christ (the “water” ... “living water”!), but we cannot guarantee that everybody will “drink” (accept the gift of Christ and become a disciple). **BUT WE SHOULD ALWAYS PERSEVERE IN LOVING PEOPLE TO CHRIST.** No one can be sure how people will respond, but we can always do our best to present the gracious Gospel of Jesus. Let's do it, trusting that the “Living Water” always blesses!

Shalom, Pastor Mark

## Worship Services January

**Sunday, January 22**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50

Mark 1: 16-20

**“The Essence of Followership”**

Pastor Mark Matheny

**Sunday, January 29**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50

John 1: 35-42

**“What are you looking at?”**

Pastor Birgitte T. French

### **A Journey for Evangelism**

Join in for an exciting “field trip” to a

**Conference Seminar on Evangelism.**

Saturday, February 18 - Union City, TN

Nationally known leaders will train us, with emphasis on “Sharing Your Story.” Cost will be only \$30 (includes Conference Registration, a fabulous supper at “Sassafras” restaurant, and transportation on the Church Bus.) There is a sign-up sheet at the Hospitality Desk. This is a Memphis Conference sponsored event. Let's take a good St. Luke's group and show we really care!



**the element**

Sundays 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall

## Notes from Pastor Bee...

### Prayer time and Communion on Wednesday nights

Our Wednesday night activities are starting up again on February 1 and it is exciting. Wednesday nights are some of my favorite nights at the church, you can hear people singing, an organ playing, smell food being cooked, people gathering in the Hospitality Hall and now we will offer a special time of prayer in the chapel every Wednesday. We will lift up those who have asked to be on the church prayer list and we will pray for our congregation, our city, our children and youth and we will spend time listening to God. And once a month we will have a short communion service.

If you are not otherwise engaged in activities on Wednesday nights, you are welcome to come to the chapel for a quiet time with God.

In Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, Pastor Bee

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## Wednesday Night Dinners

### New Meal Options

Pick your meal option when you make reservations.

1. Meal with a side salad \$6 *blue sticker*
2. Meat with salad bar \$7 *green sticker*
3. Hot Dog meal \$4 *yellow sticker*

(includes fries or tots, carrot sticks, and dessert)

Family Max \$20

Walk-ins must wait until 6:05pm before being served.

**Yes**, by popular demand the Hot Dogs are back!

Also by request, once a month we will have a special dinner of either a baked potato bar, taco bar, or hamburger/hot dog bar with all the fixin's!

**Feb. 1 Menu:** Pork chops, corn bread, turnip greens, white beans, banana pudding/sugar free banana cream pie. There are sign up sheets at the Hospitality Desk in the reservation book to sign up for a permanent reservation and which meal you prefer. If you would like to change your meal option or cancel please call and change your reservation by noon on Tuesday.

## Children's Corner

### CLEAN UP DAY

We plan to do some early Spring cleaning on Saturday, January 28, 9-11 a.m. Parents who love to organize and clean are invited to join us while we spruce up the Sunday School rooms. We'll meet on the second floor. Amy will provide some treats to give us energy!

### DESSERTS FOR DAY SCHOOL

St. Luke's Day School will have a super fun fundraiser on Thursday Feb. 16. In Mardis Gras fashion, they'll host a Crawfish dinner with Jazz Band. The children's area wants to support the day school by providing desserts for the evening. If you would like to donate a dessert, contact Amy. Thanks in advance!

## YOUTH NEWS

Hello Everyone!

Here's what we have going on this week:

Sunday, Jan. 22

9:30 - Sunday School (*Helper - Need one!*)

5:00 - Dinner (*Mark Green*) and Youth

Sunday, Jan. 29

9:30 - Sunday School (*Helper - Need one!*)

4:00 - YOUTH PARENT MEETING

Please make every effort to attend

5:00 - Dinner (*Goebel*) and Youth

Peace, Beth

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Hey guys!

Here's what's on our schedule coming up:

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - 6:00

Dinner and Discussion

Tuesday, Jan. 24 - 6:00

Dinner and Something fun!

Peace, Beth

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 5, as many gather to watch a

football game and eat lots of food, many people will be hungry and without something to eat! The Youth will collect your change and donations after worship on Super Bowl Sunday to help feed people in our community. Donations will be divided among the hunger ministries at St. Luke's. Won't you contribute and be a part of this time of remembering our sisters and brothers that are hungry?



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are having so much fun in Sunday School! Teachers are excited about the lessons and friends are so glad to see their buddies. Make every effort to have your child here as much as possible.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR KIDS

Wednesday Night activities will resume on February 1. The children's choir will resume with activities for 3 yrs - 5th grade. Not a singer? Don't worry! We'll also have small group opportunities for kids! Join us on the second floor of the Children's Building from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Blessings, Amy Pearson  
amy.pearson@stlukesumc.org or 452-6262, ext. 116.

## Congregational Support

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

the family of **Phyllis Bailey** who passed away on Jan. 10, services were Saturday, Jan. 14.

the family of **Virginia Timmons** who passed away on Jan. 8, services were Thursday, Jan. 12.

**Lou Carmichael** in the loss of his father in Florida.

### GIFTS RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

**Vickey Hobbs, Mary Lou Cushing & Tim Taylor** from Rita Richardson Finance Committee for a "Job Well Done" from Rita Richardson

**Children's Ministry Volunteers** from Denton & Amy Pearson

**Josie Edens Masters** from Evelyn Brady

**Ross Brady, Lindsey Brady, Sarah Cunningham, & Lane Cunningham** from Evelyn Brady

**Dr. & Mrs. Victor Feisal** from Daniel & Stephanie Poje

**Jay Walker** from Dr. & Mrs. Eugene McKenzie

**Dorothy Sue Lovejoy and Helen Allison** from Mary Circle

**Our Sunday School Teachers** from the Loyal Stewards Class

### GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

**Marge Utterback** from James Vanden Hout

**Mary Todd Evans** from Mary Clyde McKnight

**Doris Humphrey** from Fred & Joyce Allen

**Jeff Sadler** from John & Marilyn Sadler

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

Deborah Lewis  
Brooke Hall Henderson  
Trudy Ellis  
JoAnn Link  
Mary Bowles  
Vanessa & Chad Turner

Sandra Sleeker  
Doug Walton  
Music Ministry Team  
*Our missionaries,*  
David & Lorie Persons  
Sue Porter

### Radio Broadcast

WREC 600 AM, 8:00 - 9:00 AM

The service from Jan 8 was broadcast on Jan. 15 dedicated to the memory of **Deborah Gibson** for her support of our Radio Ministry by St. Luke's UMC.

The service on Jan. 15 will be broadcast on Jan. 22 dedicated to the memory of **Ruth Clements** on what would have been her 103th birthday, Jan. 18 by David and Glenda Turner.

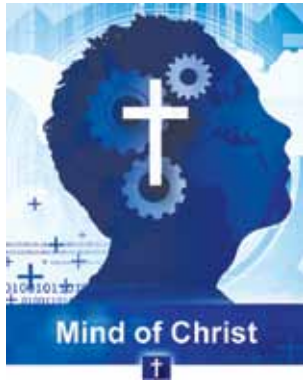
**For hospital and prayer concerns, call our "What's Happening Line" at 901-327-0006, updated by noon Mon. - Thurs.**

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

**S**is Christ caring for people through people. When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That is one way a Stephen Minister cares for others. We need more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of life crises. Will you consider serving in this way? I ask that you will be in prayer for how God is calling you to be in ministry. We offer 50 hours of good and healthy training where we help develop your listening and caring skills. Our training will be on Monday nights from 6pm to 8:30pm. The cost is \$45 and scholarships are available. Please contact Suzanne Ragsdale (685-3305) Pat Anderson (757-9868) or Pastor Birgitte 452-6262 ext 124 or via email pastor. bee@stlukesumc.org if you would like to know more about how to become a Stephen Minister.



The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a church-wide collection of baby items for First Step program. Items needed include formula, (preferably Good Start brand), baby food, diapers, pacifiers, crib toys and linens, new or gently used baby clothes and new or gently used maternity clothes. There is a basket in the Hospitality Hall for all donated items. Thank you for your support. Gwynne McKenzie



**Join us in Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning**

*Here's some of the studies going on this month:*

**Growing Disciples/Faith & Friendship**  
meeting together this month - MB 304  
"Love Wins" by Rob Bell

**Red Letter Class** - meets in the Lounge  
Intro to Psalms Disciple Bible Study

**Newman Class** - meets in MB 213  
February study taught by Linda Hensley

**Christian Homebuilders** - meets in MB 108  
Weekly discussions on current topics

**Loyal Stewards** - meets in MB 215  
Adult Bible Study Series

**Living Parables** - meets in the Parlor  
Weekly discussions helping those in need

**Young at Heart Events**

**DON'T FORGET!  
Monday, Jan. 30, 2012  
Fellowship Hall at 11:30**

Come hear **Steve Mulroy**, County Commissioner.

If you are an adult, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent or a citizen of Shelby County this session is for you!

**All are welcome** to hear Steve giving updates on the public school merger; open meeting law; county redistricting and he will be taking our questions. Lunch is for those who make a reservation but the meeting is for all of us who wish to gain more knowledge about current affairs from an often quoted commissioner, STEVE MULROY.

*Come and bring a friend!*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

St. Luke's Day School is inviting you to a Crawfish Dinner and Jazz Fest fundraiser! Join us on Thursday, February 16th from 5:30 to 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be an auction, and it's all for a great cause... raising money for our Day School. Look for more information in the coming weeks, but be sure to mark your calendars now!

**SPRING 2012**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING!**

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 and join us in the Church Library at 10:00 am to review options for the Spring 2012 Women's Bible Study. The group will meet each Tuesday 10:00-12:00 with childcare available as requested. Cost will depend on the material selected but will not exceed \$20.00 per participant. Please consider this wonderful opportunity for study, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Contact Susan Dacus (756-8290) with questions.



As part of your New Years plan why not consider joining a LIFE Group.

There are many LIFE groups that meet during the week in several different places throughout the area. It is a known fact that by becoming part of a spiritual support group your faith will deepen and your relationship with God and others will be more meaningful. Become a part of a group to experience that rich spiritual connection. Contact Pastor Bee to find the group that is right for you.

## **Branch Library Update**

In the wake of the city's closing of the Highland Branch Library next door to St. Luke's, a coalition is forming to develop a good alternative use for the building. So far, the alliance includes representatives from St. Luke's Program Ministries Team, The University of Memphis, HARC (Highland Area Renewal Corp.), The University Council of Congregations, the University Neighborhood Development Corporation and the University District Business Association. Please work and pray for this effort to bear fruit!

*P.S. - Did you know how the City of Memphis first acquired the land for this branch library? They bought it at a very low price from St. Luke's!*

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### **JUST A WORD OF CAUTION.....**

Several people have mentioned receiving phone calls from persons asking for information about bank accounts, insurance coverage and other personal items. One number used by such callers is 347-418-0487, and there are other numbers as well. Remember: your banker, insurance agent or other authentic representative will NEVER ask you for such information. They already have it. If you receive a call which you feel is not from a reputable person, simply hang up. You might consider calling your bank, insurance agent, etc. to alert them of the situation. *Take care and be safe!!*

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The **Church Health Center** invites you to "Give Up" and "Take Up" something during Lent. The season of Lent is the forty days leading up to Easter Sunday and is practiced by many Christian traditions. Traditionally it is a time when we honor sacrifice as a way of remembering Christ's sacrifice on the cross. It is a period of fasting, a time when we honor simplicity, sacrifice and spiritual growth. We invite you to "give up" unhealthy eating and "take up" the art and discipline of cooking and exercising as a part of your practice in Lent.

#### **Seasoning Lent:**

Healthy recipes during Lent

#### **Walking to the Cross:**

Healthy exercise during Lent

Visit [chreader.org](http://chreader.org) for more information. The links are embedded in the bold titles above if you receive this by e-mail.

## **HANDS MINISTRIES**

### **Sherwood News**

**Many thanks** for the wonderful response to the Mitten Tree. Over 200 pair of mittens and gloves and about 50 caps and scarves were placed on the tree. Additionally, underwear and jackets were given. The children received them just in time for cold weather. There is a need for used or new school uniforms. If you can help, please contact me. Thank you. Barbara Caldwell 323-0919

The **Food Pantry** needs help with a winter supply of food. Could you help by bringing 18 oz. jars of Peanut Butter and the small cans of tuna. Please place items in the red shopping cart in the Hospitality Hall. Also thank you for continuing to support the food pantry with your change placed in the plastic containers in each Sunday School room. Every penny helps feed someone in need.

### **St. Luke's E-Mail Directory**

I am compiling a St. Luke's member email address roster. If you wish to be included in this directory, please send your email address(s) to me at [virginia.hathorn@stlukesumc.org](mailto:virginia.hathorn@stlukesumc.org), and I will add them to the roster. Include home and work addresses if you wish. Also, if you are not currently receiving the E-pistle and would like to be added to that distribution, please make a note of that. Thanks in advance for your participation in this project. Virginia Hathorn, Membership Sec'y

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### **Scout News**

We missed it. The Eagle ceremony for Blake Acree and Hunter Fly started at 7:10 instead of the posted time of 7:07. However, the ceremony and reception was over by closing time of 9:00 p.m. All had a rewarding visit with former scouts, church members, visiting scouters, and relatives. Alex Acree made the long trip from Nevada to witness his brothers ceremony - way to go Alex.

The next big event is the coming family night where receiving earned badges will happen. Thank you for your support of St. Luke's scouting ministry. Burges

# St. Luke's Calendar: January 18 - February 1

## Wednesday January 18

6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 3:00pm – 5:45pm Stephen Ministry Supervision - MB, 106  
 6:30pm – 8:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room  
 7:45pm – 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym

## Thursday January 19

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  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Bball Practice 1st/2nd Boys - Gym  
 6:15pm – 7:15pm Yoga - Lounge

## Friday January 20

7:15pm – 10:15pm Defender Bball League - Gym

## Saturday January 21

9:00am – 10:30am Jr. Jammers BB - Gym  
 11:00am – 7:00pm ESCRA BB Games - Gym/CLC 103  
 2:00pm – 5:00pm Learn to Sew - Lounge  
 4:30pm – 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH

## Sunday January 22

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  
 12:00pm – 2:00pm Youth Advisory Committee - 311  
 1:30pm – 3:00pm Bball Practice 11/12th Boys - Gym  
 3:00pm – 4:30pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym  
 5:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner & Youth Activities - MB, 3rd Fl.  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

## Monday January 23

9:30am – 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel  
 5:30pm – 6:30pm U District Memphis - MB, 211  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Bball Practice 5/6th Boys - Gym

## Tuesday January 24

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 10:30am – 12:00pm HARC Board Meeting - Parlor  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Bball Practice 7/8th Boys - Gym  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm SPRC - MB, 211  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 310  
 6:30pm – 7:30pm Pack 40 Cub Scouts - CB, 213  
 7:00pm – 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut  
 7:15pm – 10:15pm Defender Bball League - Gym

## Wednesday January 25

6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 6:30pm – 8:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room  
 7:45pm – 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym

## Thursday January 26

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  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Bball Practice 1st/2nd Boys - Gym  
 6:15pm – 7:15pm Yoga - Lounge

## Friday January 27

7:15pm – 10:15pm Defender Bball League - Gym

## Saturday January 28

8:00am – 12:00pm UMM McKendree District Mtg - FH  
 11:00am – 7:00pm ESCRA BB Games - Gym/CLC 103  
 2:00pm – 5:00pm Learn to Sew - Lounge  
 4:30pm – 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH  
 9:00pm – 11:00pm Sunday School Clean Up - CB/MB

## Sunday January 29

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  
 4:00pm – 5:00pm Youth Parent Meeting - MB 311  
 5:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner & Youth Activities - MB 3rd Fl.  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

## Monday January 30

9:30am – 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel  
 11:30am – 1:30pm "Young at Heart" Luncheon - FH  
 5:30pm – 6:30pm U District Memphis - MB, 211  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Bball Practice 5/6th Boys - Gym

## Tuesday January 31

9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm Bball Practice 7/8th Boys - Gym  
 6:00pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 310  
 6:30pm – 7:30pm Pack 40 Cub Scouts - CB, 213  
 6:30pm – 7:30pm Finance Meeting - MB, 211  
 7:00pm – 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut  
 7:00pm – 9:00pm Troop 40 Family Night - FH  
 7:15pm – 10:15pm Defender Bball League - Gym

## Wednesday February 1

6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
 10:00am – 1:00pm American Sewing Guild - CLC 105  
 3:30pm – 5:45pm Stephen Ministry - MB, 106  
 5:45pm – 6:20pm Fellowship Dinner - FH  
 6:25pm – 7:35pm Team Grow Children's Choir & Activities  
 6:30pm – 7:30pm Together We Grow Activities  
 6:30pm – 8:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room  
 7:45pm – 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym

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

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 CLC-Christian Life Center, CB-Children's Building

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## The Lambuth Campus is officially part of the University of Memphis!



An official flag-raising ceremony took place at the Lambuth Campus of the University of Memphis on January 12. The event formalized last month's official recording of the deed, which transferred the property from the Lambuth University Board of Directors to the State of Tennessee, for the benefit of the University of Memphis.

Special guests Gov. Bill Haslam, Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris, Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist, Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor John Morgan, and U of M President Shirley Raines took part in the flag raising. The University of Memphis Lambuth Campus opened for classes in the fall with more than 300 students.

The U of M Alumni Association would like to invite Lambuth alumni and U of M alumni in the Jackson area to get involved with the Lambuth Alumni Chapter. To learn more, contact Alumni Coordinator Terez Wilson at twilson2@memphis.edu or 800/678-TRAX.

**THANK YOU to Scott Sanford,  
Mary Beth Hall, and Whitley Gurkin for helping to paint the Youth Game Room.  
It looks great!**

## Flowers beautify the sanctuary each Sunday.

We need members to dedicate them, to the glory of God, in memory or honor of someone special.

These dates are available:

February 5, 19, and 26,

March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Please call Marilyn Sadler, 452-1347, to reserve a date.

### RECORD OF LOYALTY

*Sunday School Attendance - 1/8* 196  
*Sunday School Attendance - 1/15* 181

#### **Worship Attendance - January 8, 2012**

*Sunshine Service* 41  
*8:30 a.m. - Worship* 52  
*10:50 a.m. - Worship* 232  
*Element* 21  
*Total* 346

#### **Worship Attendance - January 15, 2012**

*Sunshine Service* 52  
*8:30 a.m. - Worship* 58  
*10:50 a.m. - Worship* 250  
*Element* 45  
*Total* 405

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

January 8, 2012 \$24,342.00  
January 15, 2012 \$16,040.00

The next **Epistle** will be published on Monday January 30. **Please have any articles for publication turned in by Monday, 9:00am, Jan. 30.**