

St. Luke United Methodist Church

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS START AGAIN.

Come to dinner on Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30 at the Chalet and sign up for our Wednesday Night ministries. Due to the renovations in the Fellowship Hall and in the kitchen, we will be having a cook out at the Chalet and having dinners there on Wednesday evenings until the kitchen is complete.



- Rebecca Clark will be leading Children's Choirs at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings. We are looking for some volunteers to help her with this ministry. Please talk to Rebecca if you would like to volunteer to help. You don't have to be able to sing, just help.
- Handbell Choir will start in September and you can sign up on the 23rd. Rehearsals are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. It's a fun time and a great stress relieving activity in the middle of your week!
- Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning August 2. Fall is a great time to join the chancel choir. New music is being introduced as well as Christmas music is starting.

Also there will be a new Wednesday Night Study, *History of Christianity*, beginning on August 30th (See Details on page 3)

A nursery will be provided each Wednesday evening after the meal.

Adults: \$4

Children under 3: Free

Children under 12: \$2

Family Maximum: \$10

**RESERVATIONS FOR EACH WEDNESDAY DINNER
ARE NEEDED BY MONDAY**



And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Matthew 10:42

Most churches slow down during the month of July. But St Luke is not like most churches. July is always a busy time for us. As of this writing, we have just completed our Leap of Faith production of Annie. The ministry involved 70 people including 40 "orphans." There were countless others who worked before and after for clean-up, building the stage and scenery, providing meals, working refreshments and many other things to numerous too mention. Thank you to everyone who made it a good event.

Here are some outcomes from Annie. The offerings from the play are going to Holston Home for Children and the Youth Mission Trip. This year the amount collected through the offering and gifts came to \$4005. This is a record for offerings for Leap of Faith.

The Tuesday after the play ended, 12 youth and 4 adults left the church to travel to New Orleans to work on the nursery at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in New Orleans. The cost of their van, travel and other expenditures were covered. They also took with them supplies for the building project as well as \$2000 to purchase building and nursery supplies.

Charles Hutchins from Holston Home for Children shared some poignant stories about the children who come to Holston Home for Children. He and his wife shared how they were touched by our production of Annie and they also commented that it is really true that every child just wants a home. With the tithe from the offering proceeds and your gifts on Sunday, we will be sending over \$600 to Holston Home for Children in Greenville, TN. to help with their good work.

Our Vacation Bible School, SonTreasure Island, is scheduled to start July 31st and we anticipate it will be an even bigger success than last year.

I couldn't help but think how our activities have centered on ministry and mission to children and young people. Children from our church and community were nurtured through fun and fellowship in the play. Our youth have worked, building for children in New Orleans. St. Luke has reaffirmed its commitment to the ministry of Holston Home for Children.

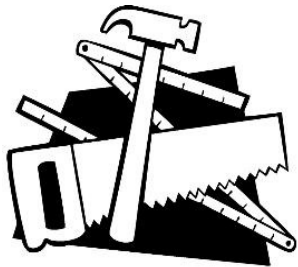
There is one more thing I hope you can do for children in the waning weeks of summer. At annual conference our conference launched a campaign to help educate church members on the situation for children in the Sudan. They are encouraging everyone in the "One Conference, One Book" campaign to read the book, They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky, (The true story of three Lost Boys From Sudan.) Holston Conference will focus its missionary efforts on the Sudan in 2008.

I read the book in May and it made a profound impact on me. There is so much to be done in the world to extend a "cup of cold water" to all of God's children. As we educate ourselves, hopefully, we will see that our efforts to help through offerings to rebuild a nursery in New Orleans; support the ministry of Holston Home For Children; or to support children in areas such as the Sudan through our conference apportionments are building blocks for the kingdom.

If you would like a copy of They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky, contact the church office. The cost for the book is \$12.00/ also, visit the Web Site : www.sudanhope.holston.org

Again thank you St. Luke for your devotion to ministry that reaches beyond our four walls.

PARDON OUR MESS



REMODELING PROJECT

The Trustees and Church Council have voted to do some much need updating and work around the church. The doors to the bottom level of the church that enter into the hall leading to the elevator are being replaced and the door leading into the adult wing is being replaced. The outside sheet rock has been removed and block has been installed to match the current block on the rest of that side of the building.

There will also be some major renovations in the kitchen and Marshall Hall. This work is being contracted and the contractors have agreed to work in conjunction with our needs for use of those facilities. However please be aware that during the month of August and perhaps September the kitchen and fellowship hall will be under renovation. Please try to adjust your need for those areas around this schedule.

Thank You,
Bob Stott
Chairperson of the Trustees

PLEASE LOCK THE DOOR!!

On July 30th, we discovered that our mixer boards in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, stand microphones, bass guitar, and cobra communication system were gone. A police report was made. There was no evidence of forced entry, so it appears that a door might not have been shut properly and someone had easy access to the building.

If you use a key to enter the church, please make sure you lock the doors after you are finished. You can help us keep the church secure.

Thank You

History of Christianity

An Eight Week Study
on Wednesday Nights

Does that phrase sound boring? Does it frighten you? Do you know anything about the history of Christianity?

Actually if you were to ask most Muslims, Buddhists or Hindus they would be able to tell you a great deal about their historical roots. So, why do we not know our own faith history?

Starting on August 30, I will be leading an eight-week series on the History of Christianity on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Here are some things you might want to consider about this study.

- Look at leaning about Christian history as coming to a great family reunion where you will find out all about your kinfolk.
- Be prepared to find out about the shortcomings as well as the strengths of our history. It will be helpful to remember to remind yourself to look for the big picture. Remember we are family and families have embarrassing stories and problems. But as you look deeper you will find that this family, in spite of its weakness and failures has marvelously survived.
- Be prepared to lighten up and realize that God must have a wonderful sense of humor. God is always choosing some of the most unlikely people to accomplish great things.

Keep in mind that we can cover only such a small part of the story. In fact we know a small part of the story. But hopefully, you will get a better idea of how the Christian faith evolved.

One of our guides via video will be on this journey through the history of Christianity will be Dr. Timothy George, who is a Historian and Dean of Samford University's Beeson Divinity School. Come at 5:30 for dinner and stay for the 6:30 Study.

PRIMETIME NEWS

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

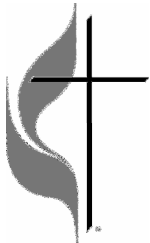
The Primetime program for August will be "Living Among the Arabs" presented by Chuck Keegan. Chuck Keegan is an American who was working as an investment banker in Kuwait when the first Gulf War occurred. He was captured by the Iraqis and held captive for eight months. He will share from his personal experiences. We will meet on Thursday, August 24th at 11:30. **Please make your reservations for lunch by August 22nd.**

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

August 6 and 20

AEROBICS

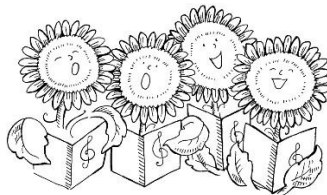
Low-impact aerobics classes with Liz Henderson meet on Mondays @ 11 am and are \$2 per session.



United Methodist Women News

- The UMW Circles will not meet in August.

Wednesday Night Activities



Choir Rehearsals

Fall season kick-off August 23

Choir Rehearsals Begin

The fall choir season begins with the first rehearsal on Wednesday, **August 2 at 6:30 p.m.** All rehearsals for August will be at 6:30 p.m. Our first anthem will be sung on August 6. Please come join the fun and sing with us!!!



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The human body is amazing!!!! We were created with an intricate system of checks, balances, and working parts by our wonderful Creator. All too often we take for granted the amazing intricacy with which our bodies work.....without any thought or action by us!!!

Here are a few "brain teasers" to help us reflect on the wonderful experience of life. HOW MANY CAN YOU ANSWER???

1. Bone growth stops at what age in the average female?
2. Each hand contains how many bones?
3. Nerve cells vary in length from a fraction of an inch to what length?
4. How many pounds does the average human brain weigh?
5. How many gallon of blood does the heart pump in one day?
6. How many liters/day do the kidneys filter?
7. In adults, what percent of body weight is made up of water?

"I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing."
Agatha Christie

Answers:

1. Eighteen years
2. Twenty seven
3. Four feet
4. Three
5. Three thousand
6. One hundred seventy
7. Fifty to sixty

Denise Gates



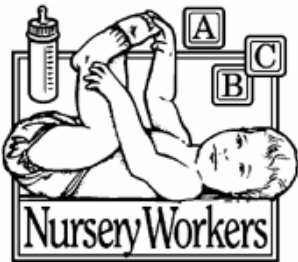
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| 2 - Irby Hartley | 19 - Stevie Thompson |
| 3 - Kathy Jones | Sarah Brown |
| Alex Miller-Long | 20 - Sandy Sanderford |
| 8 - Gavyn Paschal | Barbara Hyde |
| 9 - Charlotte Freeman | 23 - Danielle Hunter |
| 15 - Rosy Bennett | 25 - Courtney Fry |
| Lisa Ward | 26 - Sadie Mae |
| 16 - John Wilson | Brewster |
| Michael Walker | 29 - Natalie Graham |

To the people of St. Luke in Chattanooga,



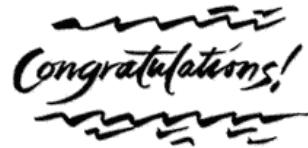
Thank you so much for the love you've shown to us, both by the work of your team that visited with us and by the donation of funds to help refurbish our nursery. Love like yours gives us hope that we will be able to restore both St. Luke's and the city. You have demonstrated Christ's love for us. We will always be grateful.

St. Luke's in New Orleans



August

- 6 - Melanie Fagan
 - 13 - Rosy Bennett
 - 20 - Colleen Price
 - 27 - Christy Charman
- If you can not serve on your assigned day, please trade days with someone else.



To the 2006 recipients of the Nancy Gregory Scholarship.

- Cameron Bradford
- Elyse Newland
- Jacob Madewell



August

- 6 - Wendy Stott
 - 13 - Ted Bennett
 - 20 - Melissa Whitaker
 - 27 - Elsa Stott
- If you can not serve on your assigned day, please trade days with someone else.

Alex and Karin Hawkins
Drew & Anna
114 Valley View Drive
37415
877-5842



In Memory of Raymond and Hazel
Fleissner

Given By:

Ward Fleissner Family

In Memory of Lillian Gywn

Given By:

Robert and Karen Rhan

In Memory of Oneta C. Trew

Given By:

Kathleen Trew



**Tuesday,
August 22**

All memorial and honorary gifts are placed in a restricted account to be used as designated by the families.

**CHILDREN'S
CHOIRS
BEGIN
AUGUST 23**



Elementary-aged children are invited to join the new children's choirs, beginning next month. Registration and kick-off will be on Wednesday, August 23rd. First rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 30th.

We are seeking to develop our children's musical skills as we have them learn to participate in meaningful ways in worship and to just have fun!!

If you cannot come to registration and are interested in participating, please let Mrs. Clark know so we can plan for you. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

**CHALET PAINTING
PARTY**



Betsy Donahue and Betty Holland are searching for volunteers to assist in painting and fixing up the upstairs of the Chalet in preparation for several planned Fall activities. Painting will occur August 15-18 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. each night. All materials will be supplied. Just show up in your painting clothes, and lend a hand! Questions or to sign up - please contact Betty or Betsy. (PS: We also need someone to sew window treatments, so if you can volunteer for that - you can be excused from painting!!)



**IT'S TIME FOR BRUSTER'S ICE
CREAM COUPON BOOKS!!!**

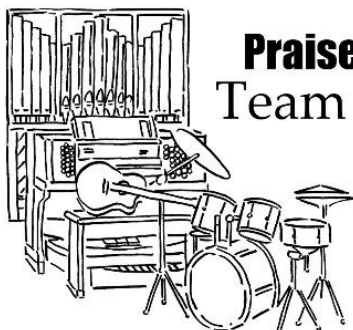
Brusters Ice Cream coupon books are once again available and can be purchased for just \$10.00. What a great way to beat those 90 degree days. Remember, Bruster's offers a variety of delicious flavors and sugar free choices as well. See Denise or Tim Gates if you are interested in purchasing. Spread the word to family, friends, and co-workers. All proceeds will go to the Apportionment Fund!!!!

There will be initial meetings on August 20th and August 27th during the Sunday School hour to determine if there is any interest in having a college age Sunday School class. Meetings will be held in the upstairs of the Chalet on those dates, with the first Sunday School class held on September 10th.



**Praise
Team**

**KICK-OFF
REHEARSAL
AUGUST 5TH**



St. Luke's Praise Team will meet on Saturday, August 5, from 9:00 to

11:00 a.m. for a Rehearsal Breakfast. Members are encouraged to bring their instruments and favorite recordings. Food will be provided.

Several items are missing from the church office:

- a Staples charge card
 - a Wal-Mart charge card
 - a large flower paper weight
- If you have borrowed any of these items please return them as soon as possible.

 We're Searching for Missing Items

Annie There are still a few ANNIE t-shirts either unclaimed or not purchased. If you have not picked yours up please do so as soon as possible or it may be sold. If you would like to purchase one for \$11 please contact the church office.

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Rev. Sherry Boles will preach at
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. unless
otherwise stated.

August 6 - Stay Together, Hold Hands and Look
Both Ways

August 13 - And That's The Way It Is

August 20 - Guest Speaker Bonnie Jacobs at 11:00

August 27 - Does God Have An Unlisted Number?

Mike Alday; Billy Allen;
Philip Boring; Avis
Browning; Mary Belle
Clift; Boyce Dillard; Kitty
Edens; Danette Godbold;

Mary Hackler; Bill Hall; Ruby Hamill; Dorothy
Hassler; Polly Jennings; Roz Lance; Elizabeth
Lyon; George Newman; Janey Eidson-Rice; Tasha
Pascal; Judy & George Sivils; Gene Sullivan;



*To our family at St.
Luke, we wish to express
our gratitude and
appreciation for all your
kindness and support
during this difficult time.*

*We love you all.
Eddie, Kitty &
Carolina Reel*

*With
Sympathy*

- *Barry, Becki and
Cameron Bradford
on the loss of
Barry's father,
Marion Bradford*
- *Eddie, Kitty and Carolina Reel on the loss of
Eddie's mother, Lillian Gywn*
- *the family of Barbara Sellers, a former PDO
teacher*