

*St. Luke United Methodist Church*

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# *The Messenger*

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## *Teacher Appreciation Breakfast*

June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:45

BRING A FINGER FOOD AND JOIN US

## *Honoring Our Graduates*

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

During the 11:00 Sanctuary Worship



Remember  
your creator  
in the days of  
your youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

PASTOR  
APPRECIATION  
SUNDAY

## *Reception*

*Celebrating the beginning of our  
Pastor's seventh year at St. Luke  
from*

*9:45 - 10:45 a.m.*

*on*

*Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>*

From  
Pastor Sherry



On May 4, 1956, in Minneapolis, the General Conference of the Methodist Church approved full clergy rights for women. Half a century later, the fruits of that action are the nearly 9,500 United Methodist clergywomen who serve the church at every level, from bishops to local pastors.

A year long celebration of the 50th anniversary includes worship services, special observances at annual conferences, books celebrating the lives of pioneering clergywomen and writings of other clergywomen. Holston Annual Conference will celebrate this landmark event on Sunday June 6, 2006 at Lake Junaluska at 8:00 p.m.

"The decision forever changed the face of ordained clergy. Because of the General Conference action, bishops were required to appoint every pastor in good standing within the conference. The effect was that any woman in full connection and in good standing would receive an appointment," said the Rev. Mary Ann Moman, associate general secretary of the Division of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

"That was the first step in a long journey of acceptance for many clergywomen. The church's celebration of this anniversary is a reminder to all of us of both the joys and heartaches clergywomen experience in the journey toward full acceptance in the church," Moman said.

Bishop Susan Morrison of the Albany (N.Y.) Area, Episcopal liaison to the task force planning the celebrations, says that while the conference action opened an official door that was embarrassing to have closed, change was slow. And the anniversary is a reminder of that, as well as a celebration of the leadership and gifts of women clergy.

"In one way it reminds us that throughout history the church has not always been open to diversity and inclusiveness," Morrison said.

The Revs. Grace Eloise Huck and Marion Kline, two of the first 27 women accepted on probationary status in 1956, plan to be at the August clergywomen's gathering. Both women were received into full connection in 1958.

Both recalled simply following God's call. "I didn't know I was a foremother. I never dreamed I'd see women like this in the ministry. I only thought I was doing what God wanted me to do with my life," said Kline, who is 94.

Kline, Huck, the Rev. Grace Weaver, and the Rev. Jane Ann Stoneburner Moore - the only surviving women of those first 27 - all faced discrimination and resistance in varying degrees. "At one of my early churches, when the district superintendent told them he was appointing a woman pastor, one of the men pounded the pew and shouted, 'There will be no skirts in this pulpit while I'm alive!'" Huck recalled. She added that the man became one of her staunchest supporters.

Huck, 89, said the first clergywomen were women ministers, instead of ministers who happened to be women. "You go in just as a person now. It's not so unusual," she said.

Weaver, 96, did not consider where the church stood when she answered her call. "I felt eventually the church will grow up. I just thought a woman had a perfect right to be there," she said.

The Rev. Patricia Thompson, author of Courageous Past - Bold Future, noted the path of clergywomen has been complex.

"Although women in the United Methodist tradition have been called to preach since the early days of Methodism in England, and both the Methodist Protestants and the United Brethren in Christ began ordaining women as elders and granting them full clergy rights at the end of the 19th century, full clergy rights for women in the Methodist Church did not come without a bitter struggle and often tremendous personal sacrifice on the part of both women and men," Thompson said.

Clergywomen today serve at all levels, from pastors of churches of all sizes to district superintendents to the episcopacy. Currently, 16 bishops are women.

"Women had to fight so hard to be accepted as clergy, and there are still places where they are not accepted," said the Rev. Susan Ruach, co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Task Force that is coordinating celebrations. "We hope to celebrate the gains of clergywomen and recognize the contribution they've made, while hopefully encouraging women to see ministry as a possibility for themselves."

St. Luke United Methodist has been served by three clergywomen: Rev. Lee Lee Castor, Associate Pastor 1981-2000; Rev. Laura Trent, Associate Pastor 1995-2000; and the Rev. Sherrell Boles, Senior Pastor 2000-Present.

For more info on this topic see [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

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### **Conversations About The Da Vinci Code** **Fact and Fiction** **Wednesdays in June** **6:00 p.m.**

A few persons have expressed interest in a study that looks at the controversies that surround the novel, The Da Vinci Code. In response to that interest, the pastor will be leading a study and conversation on what is fact and what is fiction in The Da Vinci Code on Wednesday evenings during the month of June. The group will meet in the Seeker's Classroom from 6:00 until 7:00. There will be no meal provided, but participants are welcome to bring a brown bag supper. We will meet every Wednesday in June, except for June 14. (The pastor will be at annual conference.) Please try to read the book or see the movie before you come to class. (The book is better.)

# PRIMETIME NEWS

## PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

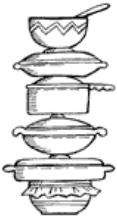
There will be no Prime Time in June or July. Please plan to join us when we resume in August.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

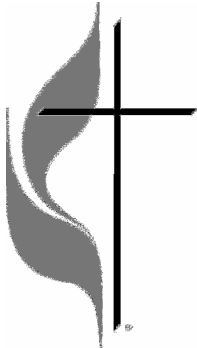
June 4th & 18th

## AEROBICS

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



**Ladies:** Several dishes that do not belong to the church have accumulated in the kitchen. Please check to see if any of these are yours.



## United Methodist Women News

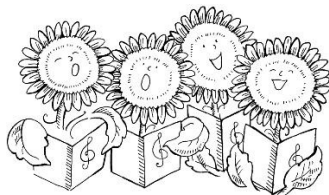
- Magnolia Circle meets Saturday the 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at the Chalet. Our book discussion will continue and a light lunch will be provided.

- Dorcas Circle will not meet in June.
- Kitty Price Circle will not meet in June.

## Wednesday Night Activities

### Every Week:

- Handbells will not meet during the summer.
- 6:00 p.m. - Da Vinci Code Study
- 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (note time change)



### Choir Rehearsals



## SUMMER FOOD SAFETY TIPS

As the time of year for picnics and outdoor gatherings begins, food safety is an issue to be aware of. Food borne illness can be avoided by following some simple suggestions from the USDA.

1. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold is the first and most important rule. Use coolers or heat sources to maintain foods at the appropriate temperature. A good suggestion for keeping cold foods at the right temperature is to use a "cold source" in the cooler, such as a frozen block of ice. This will last longer than ice cubes.
2. The second rule is to "keep everything clean". Keep raw meat drippings from dripping on other foods and causing contamination. Always wash your hands before and after handling foods and don't use the same platter/utensils for preparation and serving.
3. When camping or eating outdoors, don't be tempted to drink from streams or lakes. Always carry adequate amounts of fresh drinking water.
4. Carry antibacterial wipes or hand cleaner when planning outdoor eating activities.

Follow these simple steps and enjoy your outdoor activities this summer. Be safe!!!

*Denise Gates*

At any church event where food is prepared and served, we need to have an estimated number to prepare for. If an event is not covered dish, please call the church office at your convenience and leave a message to make your reservation.



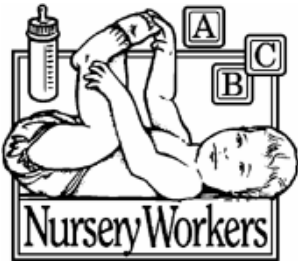
*Thank you*



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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 - Kitty Reel    | 11 - Ken Brewster |
| 2 - Janie Hall    | 13 - Bill Hall    |
| 8 - Sandi Miller  | 18 - Spencer Peck |
| 10 - John Newland | 20 - Anna Ward    |
| Emory Fry         | 26 - Sam Stover   |

**DO WE HAVE YOUR DATES?**

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the *Messenger*, we probably don't have it. If you would like your dates included, please contact the church office and provide us with this info.



**June**

- 4 - Betty Holland
  - 11 - Betty Duncan
  - 18 - Melanie Fagan
  - 25 - Rosy Bennett
- If you can not serve on your assigned day,

please trade days with someone else.



**June**

- 4 - Cindy Beale
- 11 - Ward Fleisner
- 18 - Wendy Stott
- 25 - Ted Bennett

If you can not serve on your assigned day, please trade days with someone else.



**ANNIE Rehearsals**  
**Begin Saturday June 3**  
**and Sunday June 4 at**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Children's Lock-In**



**Friday, June 2**

7:00 p.m. Friday - 9:00 a.m. Saturday

All elementary age children welcome

Bring a sleeping bag & your p.j.s

Movies, playground, baking & more

Chaperones are still needed. Contact

Jane Brown

**June 3**

10:00 - 2:00

for all

elementary age children

**CHILDREN'S CAMP**

@ Camp Lookout



Devotions, Arts, Crafts & Games

Bring: your registration & health forms, a lunch & drink, a white t-shirt and plastic bag for tie-dye and \$ for offering

For more info or registration contact Jennifer Gunner @ 877-6447 or email [anitahenderlight@holston.org](mailto:anitahenderlight@holston.org)

**Mark Your Calendar Now!!**

**VBS**

**July 31 - August 4**

If you can help with

this outreach to our children and our community either with your time or your money, please contact Jennifer Gunner.



In the last rotation, the children learned about the disciples. In cooking class, they each made their own pizza shaped like a fish. In art class, they made shields. They also learned a song about each of the disciples, which they performed in the church service. They had a great time. May 21 was the first day of our next rotation, which is 'Doubting Thomas'. The children are learning that things are not always what they seem. Our memory verse is "Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1.



# Mission News

## *2005 Hands On Mission Project and 2006 Holston Conference Mission Offering*

The Chattanooga District Hands-On Mission Project for this year is Hearth Kits. The kits will be sent to Maria Humbane in Zimbabwe. *These are not UMCOR kits.* St. Luke's goal is to contribute 15 kits. Your items should be packed in a 2 gallon zip-lock bag and include a \$5 donation for shipping. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BAG (TAPE AN ENVELOPE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BAG).** If you write a check it should be made to Holston Conference Treasurer.

Your completed kit can be placed in the box in the foyer **AND MUST BE TURNED IN BY JUNE 4.**

Each kit should contain:

- 3 travel size tubes of toothpaste (4 oz.)
- 1 bottle of dishwashing liquid (13 oz.)
- 1 small box of laundry detergent
- 1 bottle of shampoo (12 oz.)
- 6 bars of soap
- 1 box of feminine pads
- 3 toothbrushes

### Send Us Your Photos!



**WANTED:** Your pictures, CD's, videos and other items of activities at St. Luke in the last 2 years. Barbara Hyde (517-8986) is making a DVD containing children's & youth activities, circle meetings, VBS or any other church related activity. All materials will be returned. Please contact Barbara if you have items you can contribute.



*In Memory of Doris Bates*

*Given By:*

Larry and Margie Snyder

*In Memory of Rex Gibbs*

*Given By:*

Daisy Allen

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



On May 24th our Hand Bell Choir ended the season with their annual Spring Ring. It has been a full season of them sharing their talents with us. This musical contribution has been a very important part of our worship and we are grateful for all the time and effort they have put in to making it so uplifting.

We still need more ringers, and would welcome anyone interested in joining us. Our Handbell Choir is a fun group and more hands mean more fun and special music for our spiritual journey together. If you think you might be interested in joining us in the fall, please contact me.  
*Joyce Franich*

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Rev. Sherry Boles will preach unless otherwise stated.

**June 4** - I See Your Mouth Moving, But I Can't Understand A Word You Say

**June 11** - How Peter and John Got Their Groove

**June 18** - You Might Not Have Rhythm, But Do You Have Soul?

**June 25** - Women Preachers and the Men Who Love Them



Mike Alday; Billy Allen; Philip Boring; Avis Browning; Richard Burke; Mary Belle Clift; Nell Carpenter; Boyce Dillard; Kitty Edens; Danette Godbold; Mary Hackler; Bill Hall; Ruby Hamill; Dorothy Hassler; Roz Lance; Elizabeth Lyon; George Newman; Barbara Sellers; Judy & George Sivils; Gene Sullivan; Betty Wilde.



- Sharon Boring on the death of her mother, Doris Bates
- Richard Burke on the death of his father, Everett Burke
- Barry Wilde on the death of his father, Wendell Wilde

**We Appreciate**



*Thank you for the gift cards and the wonderful dinner!*

**St. Luke and PDO Staff**

**The Appreciation**

**Church Council Meeting**  
at 12:15  
on Sunday, June 4th.



**Newsletter Deadline**  
Thursday, July 20

