

St. Luke United Methodist Church

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The Messenger

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*Wednesday, May 9 at
5:30 p.m.*

Please join us as we take this opportunity to recognize those who "keep things running" at St. Luke. Donations for gifts can be

Staff Appreciation Dinner

made to any member of the Staff-Parish Committee: Jeannine Alday, Nancy Beckham, John Bridger, Donna Cunningham, Ward Fleissner, Larry Godbold, Johnnie Griffith, Bob Hightower, Nita Kilpatrick or Bob Rahn. **Reservations for dinner are due no later than Monday, May 7.**

May 20

**Brunch during the Sunday School
hour**

Honoring our teachers

Bring a food item and join us

**Sunday School Teacher
Appreciation Day**



Spring Ring May 16 at 5:30

Please join us for our annual hand bell concert.

There will be lots of music, sing-a-longs, and maybe a costume or two. Come hear our hand bell choir in their finale for the season.



Pastor's Column



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Matthew 19:14-15

Sunday, April 22, was a fantastic day. The morning started with a Commitment to Peace and Nonviolence at the 9:00 service. (You can see a copy of the pledge on this page.)

In the 11:00 service, youth and children led the service and showed as a glimpse of the kingdom as defined by Jesus. After the service, we dedicated our *Sow and Grow Garden* designed, planted and tended by the children. I am sure many of you were as emotional as I was when the children lined up in front of the garden.

They represent St. Luke's future and after the tragic events at Virginia Tech, I felt hopeful. In our little corner of the world, we can make a difference in the lives of children.

One of our charter members, Bob Evans, whose life we celebrated the following Monday night, was standing by God's side. He understood the importance of embracing children and making them our top priority. He had often expressed to me how important it was to put our energy and focus on our children.

The disciples tried to keep parents from bringing their children to Jesus. They thought that Jesus had more important things to do than bless the children. But, Jesus had a lesson to teach. "*Children show us the kingdom.*" There is nothing more important than the children. I hope we continue to pursue this lesson at St. Luke.

Peace,

Family Pledge of Nonviolence

Making peace must start within ourselves and in our family.

As a family, we commit ourselves as best we can to become

Nonviolent and peaceable people:

To Respect Self and Others

To respect myself, to affirm others and to avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, physical attacks and self-destructive behavior.

To Communicate Better

To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger and to work at solving problems peacefully.

To Listen

To listen carefully to one another, especially those who disagree with me, and to consider others' feelings and needs rather than insist on having my own way.

To Forgive

To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others and to keep from holding grudges.

To Respect Nature

To treat the environment and all living things, including our pets, with respect and care.

To Play Creatively

To select entertainment and toys that support our family's values and to avoid entertainment that makes violence look exciting, funny or acceptable.

To Be Courageous

To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, Whether at home, at school, at work, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly

Institute for Peace & Justice



STAFF PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with regret that we announce that our pastor, Sherry Boles, is projected to be appointed to another church in June. We

pray for her ministry at her new appointment.

The pastor projected to come to St. Luke is the Rev. Greg Smart.

Greg has served at First Centenary UMC as Minister of Youth. He is currently serving Sand Mountain United Methodist Church. He is married to the Rev. Natalie Smart who is projected to be the pastor of another church in the Chattanooga District. Greg and Natalie have a 2 year old son, Nathaniel.

Pastor Sherry's last Sunday with us will be June 3rd and she will be moving on June 21st. Greg's first Sunday will be June 24th.

Please be in prayer for Sherry, Greg and the churches that are in transition during these moves.



Please help us we try to identify our high school and college graduates. If you have someone graduating this year, please contact the church office with their name, school, and post-graduation plans.



Vacation Bible School
June 9 & 16th
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Our theme this year is a western ranch. If you have any appropriate decorations we could use that would be fantastic! We are also in need of adult teachers and lots of youth helpers. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer Gunner.



May 2:

Menu: Chicken, Broccoli and cheese noodle casserole

Program: DON'T MISS IT!!

Mike Edwards, a member of Burks United Methodist, will perform a special presentation. Mike is a Christian illusionist and has performed all over the country. He brings a unique message of the Word of God in an exciting show. This show will appeal to all ages!!!!

May 9:

Staff Appreciation Dinner

May 16:

Menu: Hamburgers & Hotdogs

Program: Spring Ring Hand Bell Concert

FINAL WEDNESDAY EVENING
EVENT UNTIL FALL

Adults: \$4 Children under 12: \$2
Children under 3: Free Family Maximum: \$10

RESERVATIONS FOR EACH WEDNESDAY DINNER ARE NEEDED BY MONDAY AND NO VEGGIE MEALS ARE PREPARED UNLESS WE HAVE RESERVATIONS

- 5:30 - Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsals in the Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell rehearsals
- 6:30 p.m. Program
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsals in the Sanctuary





- To the family of Bob Evans in their recent loss.
- To the family of Charlie Walden in the death of his grandfather, Eugene Walden.

PRIMETIME NEWS

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon will be at the home of M.K. Bowen (1805 Colonial Way, Hixson) on Thursday, May 24 at 11:30. The program will feature Miss Lolly Pop. Please call the church office to make reservations by Tuesday, the 22nd.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

May 13 & 27

AEROBICS

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



May

- 6 - Lisa Ward
 - 13 -
 - 20 - Betty Holland
 - 27 - Melanie Fagan
- If you can not serve on your assigned day, please trade days with someone else.



May

- 6 - Jennifer Fry
 - 13 - Cindy Beale
 - 20 - Elizabeth Bridger
 - 27 - Wendy Stott
- If you can not serve on your assigned day, please trade days with someone else.



United Methodist Women News

- Magnolia Circle - 1:30 on Saturday, May 5, at the home of Betty Holland - food provided
- Kitty Price Circle - 11:00 on Tuesday, May 29th
- Dorcas Circle - Wednesday, May 30th, at 10:30

Conference and District News

- May 19th and 20th is a one session retreat entitled Resurrection Women featuring drama, music, and reflection time.
 - June 10th thru the 13th is Holston Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
- Please see Evelyn Bannister for more details or to register for any of these events.

Chattanooga District UMW Project for 2007

Alton Park Empowerment Ministry

- 10 Webster pocket-size dictionaries
- Art supplies (markers, clay, finger paints, collage materials)
- New children's clothing of all sizes
- New or gently used dolls, toy trucks and cars
- New elementary science kits
- Scholarships for student transportation (\$9 /week or \$35 /month)

Contact Lisa Nichols

821-9424 or lisaanichols@cs.com

The St. Luke circles are collecting these items. Please place your donations in the container in the office hallway.

ST. LUKE COOKBOOKS



There are still a few Fruit of the Spirit Cookbooks available. They are \$8 each and would make a wonderful gift.



**HEALTH MINISTRY
NEWS
HEALTH TEAM
FORMATION**

As Health Ministry/Parish Nurse, I recently asked some members of the congregation with a health care background to brainstorm with me about expanding the Health Ministry here at St. Luke. As we grow in our various ministries, there is a need as well as an opportunity to reach out through our Health Ministry. After sharing some ideas, we came up with a few areas that we would like to work on. These areas include:

1. Creating a bulletin board near the Narthex that would highlight Health News.
2. Developing a First Aid Station that would be used at all our large attendance events (i.e. Summer theater presentations, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Vacation Bible School).
3. Designation of a volunteer health care representative that would be available during some of our more heavily attended services (i.e. Easter, Christmas) to serve as a first responder in case of an emergency.
4. Exploring the feasibility of installing an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) similar to the type found in other public buildings such as malls and churches.

Currently, members of the group include Rosy Bennett, Joni Evans, and myself. If you have an interest in working on any of these projects or have suggestions for others, please contact me. We'd love to have a variety of backgrounds to help expand our Health Ministry!!!

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Congratulations to Pastor Sherry who has lost 35 lbs. toward her Healthy Living Goal. Thank you for all the pledges and Pastor Sherry keep up the good work!  
*Denise Gates*



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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Wilma Fussell     | 18 - Joe Lynch      |
| Laura Walden          | Emily Burke         |
| 6 - Jeff Brown        | Rachel Donahue      |
| 7 - Hugh Cunningham   | 21 - Kirk Eidson    |
| Wilma Nance           | Steve Derthick      |
| Gary Kerr             | Treva Beale         |
| 10 - Ted Bennett      | 23 - Ross Whitaker  |
| 11 - Rit Ritter       | 24 - Casy Walden    |
| Scott Stover          | 25 - Suzanne Lemons |
| 12 - Joy Boring       | Holden Fagan        |
| 13 - Pat Howard       | 26 - Cathy Burke    |
| Su Hendrickson        | 30 - Tillie Daniels |
| 15 - Evelyn Bannister | Bill Ivey           |
| Barbara Derthick      | Sharon Boring       |



**Thursday,  
May 24**

|                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                 | <p><u><i>In Memory of Boyce Dillard</i></u><br/><i>Given By:</i><br/>Stuart Heights Garden Club</p>                                                              |
|                                                                                                                     | <p><u><i>In Memory of Bob Evans</i></u><br/><i>Given By:</i><br/>Barry and Becki Bradford<br/>Sadie Mae Brewster<br/>Irby and Sara Hartley<br/>Kathleen Trew</p> |
|                                                                                                                     | <p><u><i>In Memory of Shirley Ritter</i></u><br/><i>Given By:</i><br/>Rit Ritter</p>                                                                             |
| <p>All memorial and honorary gifts are placed in a restricted account to be used as designated by the families.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                  |

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Worship Schedule

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

**May 6** - Rev. Bonnie Jacobs  
**May 13** - Mother Knows Best  
**May 20** - Christians Behind Bars  
**May 27** - Drunk On The Job



Lorraine Aiken;  
Mike Alday; Billy  
Allen; Luther  
Carpenter; Kitty  
Edens; Mary Jo  
Eidson; Pat Evans;

Danette Godbold; Bill Hall; Ruby Hamill;  
Dorothy Hassler; Ken Jonakin; Roz Lance;  
Elizabeth Lyon; George Newman; Janey  
Eidson-Rice; Devonian Bannister Siever; Judy &  
George Sivils; Betty Wilde; Jean Wilkenson;  
Petey Wilkerson; Finch Yelliot.

## Conference Mission Project

### SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS FOR LIBERIA

- 3 - 70 page spiral notebooks
- 2 - 12 pack of pens (blue or black)
- 1 small dictionary
- 1 geometry set
- 1 package of erasers
- 1 small calculator
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 large poncho
- 2 - 12 pack of pencils
- 1 small Bible

Pack all your items in 2 gallon Zip-Loc bags or a secure plastic bag. A \$5 donation for packing and shipping needs to accompany each kit. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE MONEY IN THE BAG.** Please bring your kit to the church by June 3rd.