



**TODAY**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.- Praise Team rehearsal  
10:30 a.m.- Choir rehearsal  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:15 p.m.- Handbells meet in the Miller Room

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. - Parent's Day Out  
6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts @ Chalet  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-  
Financial Peace University

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. - Parent's Day Out  
5:00 p.m.- Finance Committee  
6:30 p.m.- Praise Team rehearsal  
6:30-8:30 P.M.—"Jesus in the Gospels" Bible study  
7:00 p.m.- Choir rehearsal

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.-Food Voucher Service

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

5:00 p.m.- Worship Committee in Library

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

Elizabeth Lyon 2/5  
Cindy Beale 2/9  
Bob Beale 2/10  
Josh Bennett 2/11

**Happy Anniversary!**

Larry & Betty Duncan 2/9



**Weekly Prayer Requests**

M.K. Bowen, Betty Duncan, Suzanne Lemons, Avis Browning, Anne Browning, Phil Wehman, Cynthia Thompson, Daisy Allen, Bud & Betty Bailey, Jane Hall's daughter-Amy McGauley, Jerry & Judy Dale's grandson-Jason.

*Prayer requests can be left in the Prayer Box located in the entry hallway for the Prayer Team.*

**Ash Wednesday Service, Feb 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**

We will be using a traditional service of the imposition of ashes to begin the Lenten season.

**Lay Minister Training**

The training for the Chattanooga District will be offered again this year at Christ UMC on four Saturday mornings. We have it scheduled for May 12 and 26, June 9, and July 7. The time between the June 9 and July 7 sessions will be an opportunity for the candidate to do their area of ministry in your church, getting hands-on experience with guidance from you. There is no cost for the training other than the cost of the textbook, which is \$10 to \$20, depending on the area of ministry chosen.

For more information, please contact the church office.

The Wednesdays of Lent will include Wednesday night meals followed by an adult study series, "A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church" by author James A Harnish.

*"The [study] combines a uniquely Wesleyan understanding of growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the vows of membership in the United Methodist Church."* Whether you have been United Methodist all your life, or are new to the faith practices of United Methodism, whether you have practiced the disciplines of faith religiously or are in need of renewal in the spiritual practices, this study offers something for anyone seeking to serve as a disciple of Christ. This study requires both a workbook with five daily readings to be completed prior to each weekly session, and a Companion Reader which offers Biblical and theological insights on week's theme from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective.

Participants must order the materials no later than February 16, 2012. Cost for participant materials is \$15.00 and may be paid by check or online. Please make sure to register for the class by February 16 in order to have materials available for pick-up following the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 22. Classes will begin on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. ending on April 4, 2012.

**2011 Contribution Statements**

The 2011 Contribution Statements are ready and are in the box in the narthex. Please help us in reducing postage costs by picking yours up today.

**OUR STAFF**

**PASTOR** Dr. Cynthia Thompson  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR** Tim Gates  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** Sarah Strickland  
**KEYBOARDIST** Bill Hackler  
**PARENTS' DAY OUT DIRECTOR** Debbie Kietzman  
**HEALTH MINISTRIES NURSE** Denise Gates  
**CUSTODIAN** Lori Cox



The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw - and knew I saw - all things in God and God in all things.

*Mechtild of Magdeburg*

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**FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

**10:55 a.m.**

*OUR MISSION: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Mendelssohn

"If With All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Him"

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God who alone can heal us and make us whole.

**All: Open our hearts that you may transform our lives with your healing touch.**

One: We gather to worship God who alone speaks the word that calls forth life.

**All: Open our minds that you may transform us with your authoritative Word.**

One: We gather to worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Open our spirits that you may transform us by your powerful Spirit.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #127  
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 18:15-20

SERMON "When God Speaks, Listen"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH #463  
"Lord, Speak to Me"

## THE OFFERING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY "Jesus Calls Us" arr. Smith

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE ANTHEM "Open My Eyes"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH PG.15

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

\*THE CLOSING HYMN UMH #395  
Vs 1, 2 & 3

"Take Time to Be Holy"

### \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Festive March" Denton

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**Pastor:** Rev. Cynthia Thompson

**Lay Reader:** Denise Gates

**Music Director:** Sarah Strickland

**Keyboardist:** Bill Hackler

On Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Chattanooga District entered into a covenant agreement with the Ligitolo UMC in the Sudan, Africa. Part of our response, as a member of the Covenant District, is to offer our prayer support for the Republic of South Sudan and our missionaries currently located there, The Rev. Dr. Fred Dearing and his wife, Libby, as well as Steve and Diantha Hodges and Drs. Lyn and Sharon Fogleman. We will add them to our on-going prayer concerns as reminders of our commitment to them.

In addition, we have the opportunity to support the work they are doing in empowering new ministries, supporting the many orphans in the area and renewing resources creatively through environment and agriculture. We have already received some designated funds for the work in the Sudan and encourage members of the church to consider making a donation to this designated fund. The special projects are listed below if you would wish to designate a specific fund. Any funds received with no special designation in support of the Sudan work and ministry will be divided among the four special offerings. In addition to special donations, today's Communion offering will be used to support this special work.

### **The four special advance offerings are:**

Sudan CAN build: Church and Nursery School Building Project

Sudan COME: Churches Organized for Microfinance Empowerment.

Sudan HEAL: Health Empowering All Lives

Sudan REAP: Renewing Environment and Agriculture for People

For more information, please check [steaveanddianthahodges.blogspot.com](http://steaveanddianthahodges.blogspot.com) or you may wish to communicate directly with the Hodges at through email. Check the St. Luke Mission Bulletin Board, located outside the church office, for details.



**Commitment Sunday – February 19, 2012**

The Stewardship Committee has designated February 19 as Commitment Sunday. On this Sunday, persons will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to the on-going ministries of the church. These missions and ministries included the building and administrative expenses, the worship and program ministry expenses and outreach and mission giving. The Congregational Care Committee will also be asking for those who would commit to helping those in need within our congregation in areas such as food, transportation, phone calls, etc. Those interested will have an opportunity to fill out a sheet with their interest areas and return it to the committee.

These ministries and mission are a part of the work of this body of Christ, transforming its ability to make disciples through the daily and on-going work of St. Luke UMC. More information on that transformational work will be provided Sunday, February 12. For now, we ask you to make your 2012 commitment a matter of faith, your relationship with God, by prayerfully considering how you wish to make disciples through the work and ministry of St. Luke UMC.

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as of the ministers of Christ,  
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