

God Still Calls

As a pastor, one of my favorite conversations I have with people is when they come to see me and say, "I think God may be calling me to do something...." The calling may feel like a nudge, need, or desire. It is not unusual for people to second guess their abilities and doubt their calling, but God sees beyond what we can see, and we never know who else God is calling to join us.

Betty heard the announcement that there was a need for a Sunday School teacher of young children. A family was visiting the church with two preschoolers. Betty had taught adults, and was puzzled by this nudging from God to lead this class. She prayed and discussed it with her husband, Bob, who was tall and formidable, having retired after spending a career in the U.S. Air Force. He agreed to help, and they began a class with two students. Each week Bob and Betty offered love, snacks, lessons, and activities, and soon the class had grown to five. The children were eager to receive love from this older couple and to learn about God. They begged their parents to bring them to church, and the parents attended more frequently. The parents joined the church and became significant leaders. After a few years, the older couple felt it was time for someone else to teach. They had been surprised by the call and had received many blessings because they had said yes.

Have you felt a nudge? Is God calling you to follow and serve?

—Dale Clem

Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

— John 1:43b





St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Brian Preveaux

Ron Pozsonyi, Lay Leader Joann Sandruck, Organist, Music Director

Second Sunday After Epiphany Sunday JANUARY 14, 2018

Greeters & Ushers: 8:30 Fran and Gene Dolan
 10:00 Carolyn and Skip Blymiller

WELCOME

Our Hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Please fill out the blue registration pad located on the pew and pass it to the end of the row. Visitors please take our informative brochure, located on the table in the back of the church, which provides some of St. Luke's history.

Please Silence Cell Phones

The Prelude provides the congregation a transition space. The beautiful music is intended as a gift to God and to help bring us closer to Him. Please be mindful that some use this time to pray or meditate.

PRELUDE: "To God All Praise and Glory" (R. Wilson)

THREE BELLS: Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING of the PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" No. 540
 Verses 1 and 2

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 139: 1-18 No. 854

***GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 8: 18 - 22
 8:30 read by Terri Reutter 10:00 read by Joan Ruffino

***OPENING HYMN:** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" No. 101

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI:** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 70

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "The Gift of Love"

***DOXOLOGY:** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** "Amazing Grace" No. 378
 Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

Matthew 2: 1 - 12
"Threatened by Jesus"

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545

The Congregation is welcome to come to the altar for prayer and meditation during the last hymn. **All worshipers are invited.**

***BENEDICTION**

***"God Be with You till We Meet Again"** (see insert on inside back cover of hymnal)

***POSTLUDE:**

***Please stand as able.**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all January birthdays by Shirley and Norm Stark.

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01-08 Helen & Richard Van Veen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!

01-03 Shirley Wissman
01-09 Doug Corkern
01-14 Mary Goldfinch
01-17 Bob Heck
01-18 Ottice Adkins, Al Gibson, Rick Rosenfeld
01-21 Joann Sandruck
01-29 Richard Van Veen
01-05 Marge Kirwan
01-11 Jack Hills
01-15 Norm Stark
01-26 Robert Antoine

Please check your calendar and see if you are free to greet/usher and/or read the gospel. See sign-up sheet on the sanctuary board or contact **Angie Harting at 843.705.0917**

Please notify Jane Disney by **noon** on **THURSDAY**, any prayer requests, announcements, anniversaries or birthdays to be placed in the bulletin. jabdisney@gmail.com **843.707.1764**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH MEMBERS

Nancy Adkins	George Batten	Jean/Doug Corkern
Verna Crosby	Marcia/Ron Garner	Adeline/Al Gibson
Eddie Goldfinch	Todd Hicks	John Hubbard
Marge Kirwan	Kathie Leonard	Carolyn Ransier
Gail Rogers	Emily Simmons	Jane Slayton
Carol Vineyard	Shirley Wissman	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Richard, brother of Skip Blymiller
Susan, daughter of Ethel Lollis
Diane Manning, wife of Jim Manning's nephew
Cindy Phinney, sister of Richard Smith
Vonnie and Ellis Stearns, parents of Angie Harting
Rosemary DeLucca, sister of John Suberati
Duane & Celesta Warner, brother/sister-in-law of Mildred Schildkamp
Robert Stout, son-in-law of Jane Tiffany
Victoria Thompson, a friend's daughter of Angie Harting
Howard Wick, son of Jane and Jerry Wick
Lynn Boate, friend of Marcia Garner
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin
Karen Roehl, friend of Bill Trainer
Mongin Smyly, father of Joy Preveaux
Nancy, sister of Dottie Apgar
Mary and Bob Burns, friends of Dottie Apgar
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie and John Baldauf
Carl, brother of Joann Sandruck
Jim McCarthy friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith
Pete Ender friend of Ginny and Dennis Smith

Gail Rogers (rehab location) Broad Creek Care Center, 801 Lemon Grass Lane, HHI, SC 29928

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7:30 PM **AA Meeting**
Wednesday – 10:30 AM **Al-Anon Meeting**
Thursday – 7-8 PM **Women's Candlelight AA Group**

I will be in the office Tuesday, January 16th from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon.

Rev. Brian

TRAFFIC SAFETY...we are always concerned about safety at the church. Some people insist on using the entrance to exit onto Okatie Highway. This creates a very dangerous situation. The sight line for oncoming traffic is very short and many of those vehicles are going in excess of the 45 MPH speed limit. You are endangering the life or wellbeing of yourself and others by using the entrance as an exit. This also creates a bottleneck for people entering the church property. Please exit onto Okatie Highway by the drive on the south side of the property.

Jim Seymore, Trustees and Church Council

BIBLE STUDY . . .LADIES, please join me, Jane Smith, for a seven week Priscilla Shirer Bible Study, Discerning the Voice of God, starting **January 15 through February 26**. We will meet on Monday morning from 10:00AM to 12:00Noon in our Fellowship Hall. Books are **\$13**. Please call **843.705.5408** to reserve a book. See you then.....Jane

We will be rekeying the locks to both the sanctuary and fellowship hall in the near future. Let me know if you need keys. I can be contacted at jim_seymore@usa.com or 843.368.9722.

Jim Seymore

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, January 16th at 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

ATTENTION! During our Advent season there were many compliments given on our Chrismon tree which has led to discussions of making more chrismons for our tree. Many of you have mentioned you enjoy crafting and have materials that may be used. If you are interested in being a part of this Chrismon Group this year, let's join together for a planning meeting on **Saturday, January 27th, 10:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall to plan our designs. Please contact Joy Preveaux at [843.563.1886](tel:843.563.1886) or jpreveaux40@gmail.com to let her know you will be there.

DONATION to The Endowment Fund was given by the Constance S. Jeffers Trust.

THANK YOU, thank you, everyone for joining me in praising God through music during the past 5 ½ years. I also thank you for your generous gifts and kind thoughts given to both Ed and myself at the January 7th potluck. We were blessed by being a part of the St. Luke's family. We will now join you "in the pews" until we move.

Judy Colwell

I will be holding a Lenten Study during the season of Lent on "24 Hours That Changed the World."

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in attending, as I will need to know the number of books to order. The cost of each book is **\$10.00** and will be ordered **January 24**.

The study is six weeks in length and will begin on **Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 and end on March 20th.**

Rev. Brian