

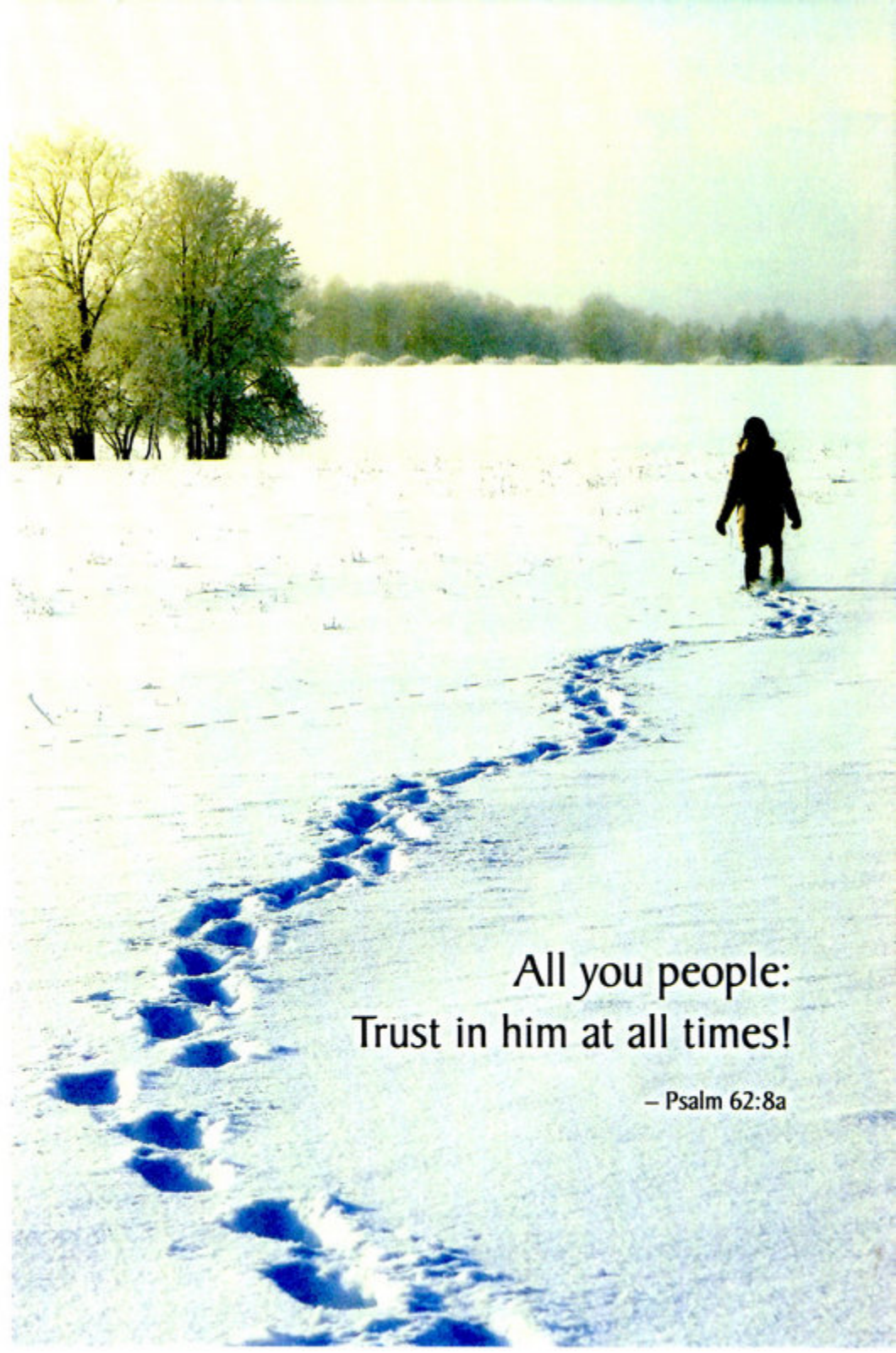
# Listening in Silence

**O**n a spiritual day apart, the leader gave participants clay and textured paper to express a prayer or a stirring in their heart. In a time of silence, they were surprised by what they created, molding the clay or working with the colorful pieces of paper. One woman used tissue paper to form a colorful lady coming out of a small box. "Where did this come from?" the woman pondered. She thought about her own life and how she had been pushed into expected roles and behaviors. She wondered if God was calling her to something more.

In Psalm 62, the writer is waiting in silence to hear direction. The psalmist experiences God as salvation, as his deliverer, as his honor, and as a rock, fortress, and refuge. The psalmist was facing some obstacles and asked whether God could be trusted in this particular difficult time. The answer was a resounding, "YES!"

Sometimes in the silence we hear the rustling of a call which, like Jonah, we may meet with resistance. Our calling may be like the call to the disciples to drop our "fishing nets" of what we are doing now in order to do something new. God appreciates the prayers we speak aloud, in our mind, or even through our art or actions. When we turn our attention to God in quiet spaces and listening, we can see what bubbles up from deep within our souls. In that silence, we may not hear anything, but, as the psalmist says, we can be assured that when we place our trust in the Creator, we will be sustained.

—Dale Clem



All you people:  
Trust in him at all times!

— Psalm 62:8a



**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

*Where Friends and Faith Meet*

**Rev. Brian Preveaux**

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

**Third Sunday After Epiphany Sunday      JANUARY 21, 2018**

**Greeters & Ushers:**    8:30 Linda and Bill Metcalf  
   10:00 Loretta and Paul LoMonaco

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:**      **"O Worship the King"**      (R. Lau)

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

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*PASSING of the PEACE

**CALL TO WORSHIP: "Lord, You Have Come to the lakeshore"**  
   Verse 1      No. 344

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:**      Psalm 62: 5 – 12      No. 787

\***GOSPEL READING:**    Matthew 4: 12 - 17  
   8:30 read by Ron Pozsonyi      10:00 read by Angie Harting

\*OPENING HYMN:      "Trust and Obey"      No. 467

\*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:**      "How Great Thou Art"

\*DOXOLOGY:      No. 95

\*GRADUAL HYMN:      "Spirit Song"      No. 347

**John 1: 43 - 51**  
**"Come and see"**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION:    Softly and Tenderly      No. 348

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.

Church Office: 843.705.3022  
Mailing Address: PO Box 2779  
Location: 3080 Okatie Highway  
Bluffton, SC 29910  
Website: [www.stlukesumc-okatie.org](http://www.stlukesumc-okatie.org)

Pastor's Mailing Address: **Brian Preveaux**  
66 Thomas Bee Drive  
Bluffton, SC 29909  
Cell number: 803.686.0794  
Email address: [bpreveaux@umcsc.org](mailto:bpreveaux@umcsc.org)



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](mailto: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

Verna Crosby is now at cardiac rehab at NHC. We are happy to have her close by so we can visit to cheer her on as she recovers.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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](mailto:jim_seymore@usa.com) or 843.368.9722.**

**Jim Seymore**

**CAKE.....**Please stop by between services for a slice of delicious JANUARY birthday cake.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jpreveaux40@gmail.com) to let her know you will be there.

**DONATION** to The PPI Fund was given in memory of Jerry Ruble by Mr. and Mrs. Stanislavsky.

**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**

**The Dine Out Groups** are being re-shuffled for the months of February thru May 2018. If you signed up last September, you will receive an email. If you were not a member in the September assignment, but would like to join now, please see forms in the fellowship hall. All church members are welcomed to join a group for either Brunch (Weekday), Brunch (After Church), Lunch, Dinner or Just Dessert. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bernhard, Carolyn Blymiller or Jane Disney.