



# Sharing Our Faith

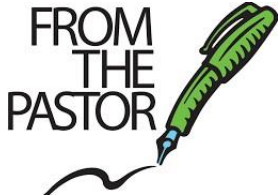
## St. Luke's United Methodist Church

3080 Okatie Highway, between the back gates of Sun City on Hwy 170

**"Praising and Serving God Thru the Ages"**

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I had an interesting conversation with a young lady the other day. She told me she is a breast cancer survivor and she was telling me of the struggles she had during the diagnosis, chemo, radiation and other treatments she received. She told me of her frustration with the medical field in taking her seriously about her condition. Finally, she found a doctor that listened and the treatments began. She lost all of her hair during treatment (which is grown back now), but found more on this journey than she expected. She said she found in the midst of this life shattering event was the very presence of God.

She shared with me a few of her stories of the presence of God coming into her life at key moments when she needed the comfort, peace and grace of God to be revealed in her life. She mentioned that she grew up churched and knew these things before, but during her treatment, revelations became real. At this point in our conversation, she said something very interesting. She said that God is all around us if we quit focusing on ourselves, quit focusing on our problems and begin looking for God. God will be seen and revelations will be numerous. This last statement I have found to be true!

As life throws curves and earth shattering events our way, or even as we go through the mundane struggles of life, keep the radar sweeping for the presence of God in the midst of these things, for you can never be sure just how or when the revelation from God will appear in your life. I found it in the most unlikely place that day. I found a revelation from God in the midst of a conversation with a young cancer survivor while sitting in a dentist chair. You just never know!

Grace and Peace,  
—Brian

### NOTICE

Due to the SC United Methodist Church Annual Conference in Greenville, SC, We will only have worship at our 8:30 AM service on Sunday, June 2, 2019.

Dave Disney, St. Luke's UMC Lay Delegate and Pastor Brian have meetings to attend on that afternoon.

**There will be NO 10:00 AM service on June 2, 2019.**

Normal worship services will resume on June 9, 2019 with Communion at both services.



Walker Hamilton & Bill Husson having bikes blessed by Brian.



Two Sun City residents came to have their bikes blessed. Dina, on the left, just bought her bike the day before!



Paul Tomasi came to have his motorcycle blessed. As of last week, the Tomasi's moved to the parsonage in Smoaks, SC where Pastor Paul and Debbie are serving three churches. Their new address is:

27964 Lowcountry Highway, Smoaks SC 29481

Paul's cell: (843) 540-4236 – Debbie's cell (843) 227-9427.

Paul's email: [pntomasi@umcsc.org](mailto:pntomasi@umcsc.org). Debbie: [dtomasi@aol.com](mailto:dtomasi@aol.com).



George Batten (Linda) in Background



Roger Weaver with his Shadow motorcycle



Bob Sandruck's



Joann Sandruck's



Charlie, a Haven resident came with his newly purchased CARTRIKE which he will ride from Canada to California in June 2020.

All who came were given "I Was Blessed" stickers for their bikes & motorcycles. We had treats & bottled water for everyone. Thanks to all who supported, participated & served to make this ministry successful and special. Thank you to Pastor Brian for the blessings!

May all who received these blessings feel Jesus each time they are on their bikes and share the blessing they received.

~Bob and Joann Sandruck~



In 1824 the present sanctuary at St. Luke's was constructed. Congregants invested 125 years ago in building the Christian and spiritual life center of this community. Now, that was long term planning! They gave generously and invested well. It is now our turn to continue with the trusteeship of this property. Five years ago some cemetery reserves were committed to initiate the Endowment Fund (Officially the "Cemetery Endowment fund", due to the initial funding source). All monies are invested with the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc., which invests conservatively to assure a constant income flow. Income is to be used to "provide for the perpetual maintenance, repair, upkeep, and improvement of the real property" of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The intent is that the capital investments in the fund will not be touched and only the income will be used. This helps assure that in another 125 years, St. Luke's will still be a vibrant part of this community. We are still building this fund by reinvesting the earnings. Your generous contributions to this Endowment fund will continue the spirit of our forefathers and truly meet "long term" goals.

Thank you for your support. Contact Robert Clark at 843.705.5376 to discuss how you can build this goal into your long term planning.

Thank You!  
—Robert Clark  
Finance Chairperson



**MISSIONS**

For the month of May, St. Luke's is sending a check to **Staying Connected** for \$1,000.00 to assist them in providing essential services to Sun City residents. Services provided include:

1. Transportation for medical appointments and grocery shopping
2. Home companion visits for those who are homebound
3. Care giver relief visits
4. Minor home maintenance and home safety checks

—Bill Trainer  
Mission Committee Chair



### THE SUNSHINE LADIES

Our May birthday cake to also honor Mother's Day was not only delicious, but beautifully decorated. Thank you once again to Marcia at Hardeeville Walmart bakery for her cake decorating skills, and to the Sunshine Ladies for providing the cake.



The Sunshine Ladies were thrilled to honor all the ladies at St. Luke's with a rose on Mother's Day!

Thanks to your continued generosity, our First Sunday Food Mission provides healthy food for families in need. Please consider helping us out with delivering our donations. We will load your vehicle and you can deliver everything to Bluffton Self Help at your convenience. There's a Sign-up sheet on the board in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!!

The Thank You letter below lets us know just how important our Food Mission is to our neighbors!



May 7, 2019  
Dear Friends of St. Luke's,

Thank you for understanding the importance of the work we do here at Bluffton Self Help. With the help of community members like you, we have been able to serve our community for 31 years, starting on the foundation to help our neighbors, supported by our neighbors. Because of you, families in need received over 300,000 lbs. of food, attended 50 workshops, over 650 families received clothing, and 201 households were able to make it through a difficult time with emergency assistance, just last year. All helping to relieve stress, keep their dignity and find personal success.

We rely on our community to keep our Wellness Food Pantry shelves stocked all year long. Your donation of non-perishable food helps to ensure we are there for our neighbors when they need it most. Your gift does so much more than just provide food and give families enough to eat, it allows people to ensure that they don't have to make impossible choices. The dilemmas faced by our families are heartbreaking; many have to choose between paying for food and utilities, between food and medical care or medicine, or choose between food and their rent or mortgage. No one should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. Thank you for doing your part in supporting our neighbors in need. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

With more than 6,000 lbs. of food being distributed every week from our pantry, a gift like yours is incredibly important and for that, we are grateful. On behalf of the board, staff and neighbors in need, thank you.

With gratitude,  
*Tonya Taylor-Moyd*  
Tonya Taylor-Moyd  
Operations Manager | Bluffton Self Help



### Time for Breakfast!!

On the first Friday of every month the men of St. Luke's get together for breakfast at the Okatie Creek clubhouse. It's a great time for the guys to share stories and experiences of just about anything. All men have a "standing" invitation!

**Next men's breakfast is Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please mark your calendars now so you don't forget! Come and join us. Contact Dave Disney, [disneydw1@gmail.com](mailto:disneydw1@gmail.com) for more information.



### MUSIC

We are blessed to have these talented individuals come sing for us.



Special music by "Easy Hours" guest musicians on **Mother's Day**. Thank you to George Batten, Al Beynon, MJ Wisniewski, Dave Hoffman, Nancy Horkay, Wayne Zernal, and Pat Rahilly.

**On May 26**, Memorial Day weekend, we started our service with a rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", then we had Special Music, "America, My Home" and the offertory was "Eternal Father, Strong to Save". These were performed by Anita (on the piano) & David Leming (Trumpet & Flugelhorn) and Joann Sandruck (organ). It was very moving!



Memorial Day Wreath in memory of the fallen soldiers whose service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



### June Birthdays

- 02 Dave Jacoby
- 04 Jane Cook
- 07 Rick Hoel
- 13 Andy Makarick
- 13 Shirley Stark
- 13 June Dorsey
- 17 Jon Watkins
- 22 Ruth Dolan
- 23 Marie Baldauf
- 24 Joan Ruffino
- 25 Jane Wick
- 27 Verna Crosby



### June Anniversaries

- 02 Doug & Jean Corkern
- 04 George & Linda Batten
- 12 Jane & Dave Disney
- 14 Andy & Sharon Makarick
- 15 Loretta & Paul LoMonaco
- 23 Mike & Marge Kirwan
- 24 Leslie & Greg Richards
- 25 Tom & Ruth Dolan



### **Let us remember with visits, cards, and prayers...**

- Nancy Adkins**, 49 Heron's Bill Drive, Bluffton 29909.
- Doris Boskey**, Sonata Viera, Rm; 208 - 3325 Breslay Dr, Melbourne FL 32940
- Doug & Jean Corkern**, 40 Lawrence St., Bluffton 29910
- June Dorsey**, 28 Raindrop Lane, Bluffton 29909
- Elnora Ekholm**, 173 May River Rd., Bluffton 29910
- Marcia & Ron Garner**, Ron is at Veteran's Victory House, 2461 Sidneys Road, Walterboro SC 29488
- Carolyn Ransier**, The Palmettos, 3035 Okatie Hwy, Memory Care, Rm. 102, Okatie, SC 29909
- Jane Slayton**, NHC 3039 Okatie Hwy, Rm 122, Okatie 29909
- Shirley Wissman**, Bloom at Belfair, 60 Oak Forest Rd, Apt 129, Bluffton, SC 29910

To add someone to our Prayer List in the bulletin, please contact Jane Disney, 843.707.1764 or email: jabdisney@gmail.com

### Looking Ahead...

#### July Birthdays

- 04 Jane Smith
- 06 Diana Hamilton
- 06 Mike Kirwan
- 07 John Baldauf
- 07 Russell Smith
- 11 Carol Conway
- 12 Elizabeth Vance
- 12 Reece Woods
- 18 Don Leonard
- 19 Will Ross
- 21 Andy Beall
- 21 Gail Rogers
- 22 Bill Harting
- 23 Paul LoMonaco
- 23 Jim Seymore
- 26 Lois Finch
- 26 Eric Woods
- 30 Sally Suberati

#### July Anniversaries

- 01 Chuck & Judy Watts
- 06 Sheryll Ingram & Bill Halstead
- 19 Steve & Kathy Klapp
- 20 Doris & Bob Heck
- 24 Bob & Joann Sandruck
- 25 Beth & Bob Peters
- 25 Pam & Rick Hoel
- 27 Elizabeth & Archie Vance
- 30 Ottice & Nancy Adkins

### Greeters, Readers, Acolytes & Communion Servers

There are various opportunities to greet and/or be a gospel reader or acolyte, and participate in serving communion at our services. Please see the sign-up sheet on the back board, or contact Julie Bascom, 317.403.1577. Acolytes contact Jane Disney, 843.707.1764.



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. LUKE'S** There are "Invitation to Membership" forms in holders on the back of the last pews. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate. If you're a member of another church, we will write for a transfer of membership. You will be contacted to schedule a date for joining.

**Visit Our Website!!** <http://stlukesumc-okatie.org/>  
Listen to sermons... Read newsletters & bulletins  
Check out "Events" ...

**HAPPY**   
**Father's Day**

