



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 read a story the other day about a man that lived in Asheville, NC. His name was Uncle Barney and he had a

kind of religion which was attractive. He seemed to have a good time being good and everybody who knew him liked him and wanted some of his kind of religion. One day he told the secret of his religion.

Uncle Barney happened to be a local Methodist preacher and the District Superintendent was in town. He called his preachers together wanting to know how they conducted family worship at home. When Uncle Barney's turn came, he rose and said he couldn't have family worship at his house for he was a bachelor. But he said, "Every morning when I get up and wash my face, I say, 'O Lord Jesus, wash me clean from sin today.' And when I put on my clothes, I say, 'O Lord Jesus, clothe me in the garments of righteousness today.' And when I put on my shoes, I say, 'O Lord Jesus, get in these shoes with me and make me walk in your steps this day.'"

After that everybody knew why Uncle Barney had a religion which was so contagiously attractive. He had his mind renewed in his daily rendezvous with the Master and so he was changed in his nature.

May we all say these words each day this month being renewed and changed in our nature, seeing the Master in the presence of our lives that others will also see, having a contagious relationship with God.

Grace and Peace,
—Brian



Being retired includes going out to eat quite frequently for most of us. It relieves the home chef from the daily chore of menu planning and food shopping. And we all know that we have had days when we sit in a chair and contemplate... 'h-mm, what am I going to cook for dinner??'

Once a month we have a special treat when we get together with our church family and spend a beautiful time after second service munching on brunch cuisine or lunch fare at a restaurant that you may not have had the opportunity to visit before. Last Sunday a few of us ate at 'Backwater Bill's Grill' located in Hampton Lakes. It was simply superb! The best part was spending catch up time with our church buddies. Some of us had a breakfast buffet complete with an omelet station...really good! Others opted for a lunch selection from the main menu. Either choice proved a winner. No complaints from anyone in the bunch. Thank you, Sarah Smith for putting this month's restaurant choice together. Great success!

If you think this is something you would like to pursue, please see Jim Manning or Beth King. As part of the group you will have the opportunity to pick an eating place of your choice when your turn comes up. So if you're looking for some new kind of excitement, check out the dining out group. I'm sure you'll be glad you did.

Good appetite!
Ron Pozsonyi, Lay Leader



Whose Wealth?

As the Council enters the annual budget process, we all need to consider where this money is coming from.

Most is from you! Individual donors make up most of the assets we have to distribute in the budget.

Ask yourself: Whose wealth is it? Many believe that all things come from God. If this is within your system of belief, then consider how much you are giving back to St. Luke's to carry on God's work. Each Christian must decide how much to hold for pleasure, hold for your children, hold 'just in case', or to give back to God the wealth given freely to you. Your church strives to "do God's work" both through ministry and supporting local mission needs. Each of us must consider how much of God's bounty that we have been granted should we return to do God's work.

—Robert Clark
Finance Chairperson



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Mid-Year Operating Budget Report

July, 2019

Following is a recap of how we are doing at managing God's money in the Church:

Operating Income: \$84,600 YTD budget.

We are 11% (about \$9,400) below expected income.

Program Expenses: \$17,400 YTD budget: 21% of total expenses.

We are 10% (about \$1,600) below expected spending.

Minister Expenses: \$51,200 YTD budget: 61% of total expenses.

We are about on track for expected spending.

Giving to Missions: \$5,300 YTD budget: 6% of total expenses.

We are 9% or about \$500 over on expected spending.

Facilities Expenses: \$7,000 YTD budget: 13% of total expenses

We are 10% or about \$1,100 over expected spending.

Total Operating Expenses: \$85,100 YTD budget

SUMMARY:

We are on track for spending, but significantly short on income.

MISSIONS

For the month of July, St. Luke's has sent a \$500.00 donation to the Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) to assist them in offering abuse awareness, pregnancy prevention and positive parenting in Beaufort County. CAPA has a 4,600 sq.ft, 16-bed facility staffed 24 hours a day for residents from birth to 21 years old who were abused and/or neglected.

Their Mission: The Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) exists to break the destructive cycle of child abuse and neglect by equipping parents, children and their caregivers with necessary skills, knowledge and values.

Their Vision: All children deserve to be loved, nurtured and kept safe from intentional and unintentional harm.

—Bill Trainer
Mission Committee Chair



Here's a Thank You for last month's donation:

HOPEFUL



HORIZONS

June 24, 2019

Dear Pastor Brian and Church Mission Committee,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 to Hopeful Horizons. We are grateful for your investment in our mission to Protect, Treat and Prevent child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. With your gift, we can continue transforming the lives of children and adults who desperately need our services. Last year we assisted more than 1,100 people from Beaufort, Allendale, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties.

As the area's only children's advocacy, domestic violence and rape crisis center, Hopeful Horizons works to create safer communities by changing the culture of violence and offering a path to healing. Your support helps us provide safety, hope and healing to survivors through evidence-based practices, outreach, prevention and education – all provided free of charge.

In the words of one woman after Hopeful Horizons was able to help her: "I was left with scars, but I found my voice."

Your support helps create a community that paves the way to hope and healing. Thank you again for your commitment to helping survivors. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions about any of the services we provide.

Sincerely,

Kristin Dubrowski, MNM
Chief Executive Officer



THE SUNSHINE LADIES

Happy
July/August Birthday cake.



First Sunday Food Mission

Bluffton Self Help works to provide basic needs to neighbors in the Lowcountry, and right now, they need your assistance to do it.

Some of the most needed items include canned meats, rice, jelly, canned potatoes and pasta sauce. Personal care items are also in low supply. You can help by donating things like shampoo, soap and toothbrushes.

We will be collecting these items **Sunday, Aug 4th** in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantry.

Thank You letter from Bluffton Self Help

July 10, 2019

Dear Friends,



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
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, Sept 6th**. Please mark your calendars now so you don't forget! Come and join us. Contact: information@stlukesumc-okatie.org or call 843.705.3022 for more information

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Kirk Gay joined St. Luke's at the 10:00 service on July 14, 2019. She is coming to us from the Holy Trinity Church in Ridgeland.



David & Anita Leming joined St. Luke's at the 10:00 service on July 28, 2019. They are transferring from the First Baptist Church of Rincon.

Please extend a warm welcome to these new members!



July 14th, Judi Landin shared her testimony with the congregation. At the end, she sang a Bill Gaither song "Sinner Saved by Grace". It was beautiful!

(If you were absent that day, please listen on line at:

www.stlukesumc-okatie.org

Highlight "Worship" then choose "On-line Sermons"



MUSIC

We are so fortunate to have talented individuals in our congregation!



July 7th, Anita Leming served as our pianist in Joann's absence. What a wonderful talent!!



July 21st, we were blessed with George Batten's group, Easy Hours. They played & sang "Pass Me Not" for Special Music. They also accompanied the congregation for the first hymn, "Light from the Lighthouse". For the offertory, they performed "Just as I Am". It was amazing.



What a surprise!!

July 28th, Pastor Brian sang a beautiful song. You'll need to ask him what it was... in the bulletin it said: **Special Music ????** and I can't remember the title!

Do you have a special talent??
If so, please let Joann Sandruck know.

Just for Fun!

MY JOB SEARCH

- My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
- Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
- After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
- Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
- Then, tried being a Chef – figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
- Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but anyway I sliced it.... I couldn't cut the mustard.
- My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
- I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
- Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
- I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
- Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
- So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
- After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian – until I realized there was no future in it.
- My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
- **SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!**





August Birthdays

- 02 Larry Kellogg
- 02 Dennis Smith
- 03 Ron Pozsonyi
- 04 Archie Vance
- 06 Harry Skinker
- 20 Sherry Lee
- 21 Letty Husson
- 23 Leslie Richards
- 24 Pat Schwartz
- 27 Bob Lee
- 28 David Leming



August Anniversaries

- 09 Bill & Angie Harting
- 11 Fred & Marlene Moore
- 15 Ron & Marcia Garner
- 15 Norm & Shirley Stark
- 19 Jim & Jane Seymore
- 19 Wally & Lois Willig
- 20 Laura & Andy Beall
- 24 Rob & Sherry Clark
- 26 Kathy & C.J. Strife
- 27 Karen & Phil Mitchell



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**, 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

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.



Looking Ahead...

September Birthdays

- 01 Sherry Clark
- 07 Joy Preveaux
- 07 Pat Simmons
- 09 Brian Preveaux
- 11 Myree Flanagan
- 13 Dave Fisher
- 13 Sheryl Ingram
- 13 Marilyn Schum
- 14 Angie Harting
- 17 Marcia Garner
- 17 Mildred Schildkamp
- 21 Pam Hoel
- 24 Karen Mitchell
- 26 Bill Usher

September Anniversaries

- 06 Jean & Jim Shaffer
- 07 Dottie & Lew Apgar
- 11 Carol & Vern Conway
- 16 Jane & Terry Tiffany
- 30 Diana & Walker Hamilton



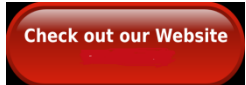
It's time to update our Church Directory. **We include visitors as well as members!**

If you haven't been approached to have your photo taken, please see Pat Simmons. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services. It only takes a minute of your time! The directory will be emailed to everyone and then you will be able to put a name to a face!

If you have changed any of your information since the last directory, please let pat know.

Email: patsimmons@hargray.com

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.



"Contact Us" using email. Our church website, www.stlukesumc-okatie.org is a valuable tool to attract people, share information and create interest in St. Luke's. To enhance capabilities and provide a foundation for the future, a collaborative effort is underway that changes some website organization, layout, content and navigation. For example "Weekly Bulletins" are now under the Worship link and Newsletters are available through the "About Us" area. For more information or assistance using the website, please contact Dave Disney, disneydw1@gmail.com or call 706.372.2178.

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's !!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because... WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have PlayStation, Nintendo, X-box, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms...WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever! The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL! And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good. And while you are at it, send it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!