



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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If we look at John 3:16-17 we will find these words: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (NIV)

According to Elizabeth Rider there are 7 types of love and she writes about them in: "7 Types of Love (And What They Mean)"

- Eros – Romantic, Passionate Love (Of the Body).
- Philia – Affectionate, Friendly Love.
- Storge – Unconditional, Familial Love.
- Agape – Selfless, Universal Love.
- Ludus – Playful, Flirtatious Love.
- Pragma – Committed, Long-Lasting Love.
- Philautia – Self Love.



According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Love has several meanings, but for me these two holds dear to what John is trying to say in the text above. (1) strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties (noun) or (2) to hold dear: **CHERISH** (verb)

I ask you to look deep within yourself and ask what does the word love mean to me? How do I show love? Paulo Coelho states: "Love is just a word until someone gives it meaning."

From the text above we find that God showed this sinful world Love through giving it HIS only son, as a sacrifice, to save us from eternal death. God showed the world that Agape love.

February is usually the time that we really try to show each other love but, generally the love that is shown has nothing to do with the love that God shows us. This year we are planning to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our sanctuary. This building has been in the same place for 200 years and if we do our part, the maintenance and the restoration, it will surely last another 200. However, we cannot neglect the body. Each day is a blessing and each day we must show our body some love. And we most definitely cannot get away without showing the church body some love. Jesus tells us to Love our neighbors as we love ourselves, and it is high time that we really begin to show each other the love.

If love is just a word until somebody gives meaning or should I say puts it into action, let us begin to love in accordance with Merriam-Webster and in line with John 3:16.

Remember, God loves you and so do I and no one or nothing can stop it.

Rev. Christopher L. Thompson, D.Min

Interesting Facts About Saint Valentine



Officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, St. Valentine is known to be a real person who died around A.D. 270. However, his true identity was questioned as early as A.D. 496 by Pope Gelasius I, who referred to the martyr and his acts as “being known only to God.” One account from the 1400s describes Valentine as a temple priest who was beheaded near Rome by the emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. Claudis fore bided young men from marrying because he felt they should become soldiers. And a soldier should not be distracted from his duties by a wife. He decreed that a man could only marry after he was too old to be a soldier. A different account claims Valentine was the Bishop of Terni, also martyred by Claudius II on the outskirts of Rome. Because of the similarities of these accounts, it’s thought they may refer to the same person. Enough confusion surrounds the true identity of St. Valentine that the Catholic Church discontinued liturgical veneration of him in 1969, though his name remains on its list of officially recognized saints.

The saint we celebrate on Valentine’s Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because “Valentinus”—from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful—was a popular moniker between the second and eighth centuries A.D., several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof. The most recently beatified Valentine is St. Valentine Berrio-Ochoa, a Spaniard of the Dominican order who traveled to Vietnam, where he served as bishop until his beheading in 1861. Pope John Paul II canonized Berrio-Ochoa in 1988. There was even a Pope Valentine, though little is known about him except that he served a mere 40 days around A.D. 827.

The medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine’s Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work “Parliament of Fowles,” he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine’s feast day—an association that didn’t exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, “For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne’s day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate,” he may have invented the holiday we know today.

Because of the abundance of St. Valentines on the Roman Catholic roster, you can choose to celebrate the saint multiple times each year. Besides February 14, you might decide to celebrate St. Valentine of Viterbo on November 3. Or maybe you want to get a jump on the traditional Valentine celebration by feting St. Valentine of Raetia on January 7. Women might choose to honor the only female St. Valentine (Valentina), a virgin martyred in Palestine on July 25, A.D. 308. The Eastern Orthodox Church officially celebrates St. Valentine twice, once as an elder of the church on July 6 and once as a martyr on July 30.

Although most of this is very interesting, Valentine’s Day is about Love. We celebrate our love for that special person in our life. But it did start as a Love for God. Valentine died because he would not renounce his faith. As great as our love is for our mate, or that special person in our life, the love from our Father in heaven is greater. So on Valentine’s day, kiss that special person and say a thankful prayer to our loving Father.

Will Ross, Lay Leader

WORSHIP

Hello Church Family. I would like to start by thanking everyone who helps make our Worship Service so special. Our Greeters/Ushers, Readers, Candle Lighters and Communion Stewards. I would also like to thank the Worship Team who prepares our bulletins, sets up the Altar, prepares the elements for Communion and many other things that some don't even realize is happening. Also, thanks to everyone who donates the flowers. It really beautifies the church and honors our loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Without your help it would be very difficult to have such a wonderful service each week.

On February 11th we will have one Service at 9:15 AM followed by our 1st Souper Bowl Lunch. It will be a Football Theme Event since the Super Bowl is later that day. We will be serving 8 delicious soups made by members of our congregation, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages. You are welcome to wear your favorite team shirt or team colors if you like. It will be fun!!!

The next couple of months are special times in the life of the church. February 14th is Ash Wednesday. We will participate in a service with Bluffton United Methodist Church at 6:00 PM. March 24th is Palm Sunday. One Service at 9:15 AM. We will be handing out Palms. The Choir will be performing their Spring Cantata. The program was beautiful last year and I am sure it will be just as special this year. March 28th we are going to have a Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We had this last year for the first time. It is a candle light service where we do hand washing as people enter the hall. It's a very quiet, reflective service. We sit around the table similar to how the disciples did at the Last Supper. We have a light snack of cheese, grapes, nuts, dates etc. while readings are done. We will sing a few hymns and Pastor will serve Communion. It is one of the most meaningful services that we had at our Church back in Pittsburgh during Lent and I hope that it is something that you find meaningful as well. March 29th at 3:00 PM there will be a Good Friday Service. March 31st is Easter Sunday – one service at 9:15 AM.

Lois Willig will be taking orders for Easter Lillies to be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. More information to follow.

If anyone has comments, questions or suggestions please feel free to call or email me.

In God's Love and Service

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There was an article in a previous newsletter about the "Sunshine Ladies". On a bookshelf in our Fellowship Hall, there are cookbooks that were sold by the Sunshine Ladies in the past. The recipes are from former & present members of St. Luke's. These cookbooks are still for sale at \$8.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please let me know. ~Pat Simmons





Communications and Advertisements



Today I would like to introduce to you the newest committee at St Luke's UMC, tell you about its mission, explain some of its tasks and ask for your help.

The committee is called Communications and Advertisements. It is really all about advertising. Here at St. Luke's we have been doing some pretty wonderful things. It's time we take the bushel off the lamp and show the world, that is our community, all the great activities and events that take place at our wonderful church.

These activities include all the events from our Outreach Committee, our Music Ministry, our Missions Committee and our Worship committee. For those activities, we want to print placards for storefront windows. We also want to flood Facebook with those advertisements. We also want to advertise those events in newspapers and magazines.

We have started, and want to continue, sending introductory letters to new residents of Sun City, and other communities.

Here is what we need. People to address and stuff envelopes. That will take about one hour at a monthly meeting. For events, we want people to distribute placards. Here is where it gets easier. I want all members of our congregation to keep their eyes open for any store fronts that has someone else's placards in their store window. Maybe it's your beauty salon, nail salon, doctor or dentist. It may be your vacuum repair or sporting goods store. Anywhere you see anyone else's advertisement e-mail, text or call me. You can also just jot down a note and give it to me at church. We will start building a directory so that we can print out that list and have members of the committee visit those stores and place the placards. I want everyone always to be on the search for newer additional locations for us to advertise events.

Also, we want everyone to go on St. Luke's Facebook page, like and share every event you see. Share it on your feed, your friends list, and any group you are a member of. Finally, from the congregation we want ideas on how to spread the word of our wonderful events. Those are pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, movie nights, concerts, craft fairs, food drives, karaoke nights, coffee chats, special music services and cantatas plus more.

We would like your help with mailings and placard distributions, but if you can't, we still need everyone to be on the lookout for placard locations and advertising ideas. Once we get rolling along, the time commitment should be very light. Probably only a couple of hours a month. Please come join us in spreading the news about St, Luke's UMC.

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The Cemetery Endowment Fund

The oldest know gravestone in our cemetery is that of Mary Bull, who died in 1793. Since then families and military from all eras have been interred in St. Luke's Cemetery. These graves and grounds are a priceless legacy that have been entrusted to us. Ten years ago, St. Luke's established an endowment fund to meet that trust. All funds are invested with the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation, Inc. The investments are conservative to assure ongoing availability and are professionally managed.

Started with cemetery funds and supported by generous contributions, this fund now has a value of about \$228,000. It is anticipated that an endowment of over \$300,000 is necessary to fully assure "perpetual care" for the residents of our cemetery. We must assure that these grounds entrusted to us can never lay abandoned like so many in the lowcountry. As you consider your giving opportunities as a steward of God's gifts, please put the Endowment fund on your list. Including the Church and this fund in your will is an excellent way to leave a legacy.

Robert Clark: Stewardship Chair: rclark55@sc.rr.com



Mark your calendars for these Upcoming events!! (Subject to change)

- February 11 – Super Bowl Sunday – **One service at 9:15 AM**, come in to the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and soup.
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday, Joint worship service with Bluffton UMC at 6:00 PM–101 Calhoun St., Old Town Bluffton
- February 17 – Women's Afternoon Tea Party, 1:00 PM
- March 2 – Build-a-Sundae and Bingo
- March 18 – Corned beef and cabbage in celebration of St. Patrick's Day (17th)
- March 24 – Palm Sunday – Spring Cantata – **One service at 9:15 AM**
- March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service with communion at 7:00 PM–light snack of fruit & nuts
- March 29–Good Friday Service at 3:00 PM
- March 31 – Easter Sunday – 5th Sunday Potluck – **One service at 9:15 AM**
- April 13 – Taco Bar
- April 20 – Pancake Breakfast
- May 4 – Derby Day – English Afternoon Tea. Prize for best hat.
- May 18 – Fun Dog Show
- June 22 – Spaghetti Supper
- June 30 – 5th Sunday Potluck (One service at 9:15 AM)
- July (TBD) – Music with the Carolina Girls
- Aug 17 – Build-a-Sundae and Bingo
- Sept (all month) – Bi-Centennial Celebration
- Sept 29 – 5th Sunday Potluck (One service at 9:15 AM)
- Oct (TBD) – Music on the Ground
- Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 3 – Cookie Exchange
- Dec 7 – Craft Show and Bake Sale
- Dec (TBD) – Christmas Social Gathering
- Dec 29 – 5th Sunday Potluck (One service at 9:15 AM)



Beginning later in February, we will be presenting information about St. Luke's re-involvement with Family Promise. This organization puts Jasper and Beaufort County homeless children and their parents into temporary housing, and then supports them as they transition into permanent housing and independence. Parents in this program work and attend classes on parenting and budgeting. You will be hearing more about our church's involvement later this month.

Lent begins on February 14th this year, and we have ordered Lenten devotional booklets entitled "Hope Springs Eternal". These devotionals feature Scripture readings, reflections, and prayers that encourage renewal and re-commitment to faithful living. Please look for these devotional booklets in the sanctuary in mid-February. As you read about the opportunities for giving and serving in February, we hope you think about what you have to give rather than "give up" during Lent.

We invite anyone interested in helping plan and implement St. Luke's mission's program to join us at our next Missions Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Elizabeth Vance & Linda Fisher, Missions Co-Chairs

Here are the details on ways to help and serve this month:

Bluffton Self Help – First Sunday Mission/Food Drive – February 4

Lois Willig delivered a carload of food collected on our first Sunday food drive in January. Bluffton Self Help is incredibly grateful for your donations. Lois was told that our church is one of their most consistent and giving churches, especially given our size.

Sometimes their stock of a particular item becomes very low. In January, they let Lois know they had only one jar of pasta sauce on their shelf. You helped meet that need! Last week, Lois received a call with another urgent need – diapers and wipes. Please drop off your donations with Lois in our parking lot following each worship service on February 4. If you have items to donate later in the month, you can place them in the designated basket in the Fellowship Hall. Here is a list of the most needed items:



Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

Baby Wipes

Whole grain cereals, instant grits/oatmeal

Peanut butter, jelly

Dried pasta, pasta sauce

Boxed or bagged dinner mixes (like Hamburger Helper)

Dried beans and rice

Toilet paper



Unfortunately, no expired, damaged, or opened items can be accepted. Reusable shopping bags are also helpful.

Questions? Contact Lois Willig at willigwp@hotmail.com



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Agape Family Life Center, 5855 Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville – Every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00-noon Volunteers are needed not only on Saturdays, but also Wednesdays. You would be helping to hand out fresh food donated by local grocery stores to families and seniors in need. No heavy lifting is required, and no advance sign-up needed. This is a wonderful way to meet the people we are helping as well as the other dedicated volunteers at Agape. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Richards at lesliearichards@gmail.com.

Prayer Blanket Ministry, February 26 (Monday), 10:00-12:00



Please come out and join this group that has enjoyed getting together once a month to make no-sew fleece blankets for our members and others who are ill or shut in. If you can tie a knot, you can help make a blanket. No sewing required. Bring sharp scissors and a ruler if you have them. We will also have some available to use. We have been enjoying getting to know each other better and catching up with friends over lunch after our blanket-making session. So, bring lunch and join us! Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Smith at kishhi1947@gmail.com.

Pritchardville Elementary School Support – We are continuing to collect snacks for children in need at Pritchardville Elementary School. Hungry children have difficulty focusing and learning, so the school provides snacks for these children. When the supply is available at Bluffton Self Help, they help provide snacks. But unfortunately, they have not been able to keep up with the need.

Please help us fill Pritchardville's snack closet with healthy snacks such as Belvita, Goldfish, snack bars, cheese-filled crackers, pretzels, etc. Please NO snacks with NUTS or peanut butter. Drink pouches are also needed. You can place your donations in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Lois Willig at willigwp@hotmail.com.

Coffee & Chat is back!! February 21 (Wednesday) 2:00-4:00 – Drop in and meet some new folks or catch up with some old friends. No formal program – just a chance to get together while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea and a snack. **Everyone is welcome – invite your neighbors to join us!** If you have any questions, please contact Judi Landin at judisells4u@aol.com



If you are going through an illness or another crisis and could use some support, please let us know. Marie Baldauf leads this ministry that can help by providing meals and caring phone calls. Please contact Marie at baldaufmarie@gmail.com or 843.705.2210 if you need support or would like to help in this ministry.



HISTORY HAPPENINGS 1824

Happy Bicentennial Year! What was happening in the U.S. in 1824? Here are some major events that took place in the U.S. during that year:

1. **Presidential Election of 1824:** The presidential election of 1824 was a significant event in American politics. It marked the end of the Era of Good Feelings and the beginning of competitive party politics. Four candidates—Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, William H. Crawford, and Henry Clay—contended for the presidency. Although Jackson won the popular vote and electoral college plurality, he did not secure the majority required, leading to the election being decided by the House of Representatives. Ultimately, John Quincy Adams emerged as the winner.
2. **Gibbons v. Ogden:** In 1824, the Supreme Court heard the landmark case of Gibbons v. Ogden. This case dealt with the regulation of interstate commerce and has since been recognized as a cornerstone in interpreting the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution. The Court's ruling expanded the federal government's authority over interstate commerce and limited state powers in this area.
3. **The Bureau of Indian Affairs is Established:** On March 11, 1824, the United States Congress created the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) within the Department of War. The BIA's purpose was to oversee the administration and management of Indian affairs, including negotiating treaties, handling Native American relations, and managing reservations.
4. **Marquis de Lafayette's U.S. Visit:** In 1824-1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French aristocrat and military officer who played a crucial role in the American Revolution, returned to the United States for a year-long nationwide tour. His visit was met with immense enthusiasm, and he was hailed as a hero and a symbol of the American-French alliance during the revolution.
5. **Construction of the Erie Canal Begins:** In 1824, construction began on the Erie Canal, a groundbreaking transportation project that connected the Great Lakes to the Hudson River. The canal significantly improved transportation and trade between the eastern United States and the rapidly developing western territories, boosting economic growth and making New York City a major commercial hub.
6. **The Tariff of 1824:** The U.S. Congress passed the Tariff Act of 1824, increasing protective tariffs on imported goods. The act aimed to protect American industries from foreign competition by making imported goods more expensive. However, it also led to increased tensions between different regions of the country, particularly between northern manufacturers and southern agricultural interests.

These events played a crucial role in shaping the political, legal, and economic landscape of the United States in 1824 and beyond and continue to hold significance in American history.

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The background of the page is a collage of coffee-related items. In the top left, there is a cluster of dark brown coffee beans. In the top right, a white bowl is filled with golden-brown pastries. In the center right, a white cup filled with dark coffee sits on a matching saucer. In the bottom right, there are more pastries and coffee beans. The entire page is framed by a blue border with decorative corner elements.

Coffee Hour Monthly Crew

Thanks to all who have signed up to help with "Coffee Hour". The Lead for each Sunday is listed below. If you would like to help or donate, please contact the lead for that Sunday

1st Sunday - Cynthia Thompson & her Crew

2nd Sunday - Nancy Sariscak & her Crew

3rd Sunday - Carla Carte & her Crew

4th Sunday - Ouida Dell & her Crew

5th Sunday - Pot Luck Fellowship -
EVERYONE



Souper Bowl lunch



Sunday February 11th following morning
worship service. We will only have one
service @ 9:15am.

**ST. LUKE'S UMC - FELLOWSHIP HALL
3080 OKATIE HWY**

**WE WILL BE SERVING 8 DIFFERENT SOUPS,
SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT & BEVERAGES.
YOU MAY WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM
JERSEY OR COLORS.**



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**JOIN US FOR JOINT SERVICE
WITH BLUFFTON UMC
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH
6:00PM
BLUFFTON UMC
101 CALHOUN STREET**

Lent Begins



WOMEN TEA PARTY


*Bring your pretty Tea Cup, wear your
pretty Hat & Gloves*

*Our high tea
includes a selection of*

*Delicately filled sandwiches
Savoury desserts
Wide choice of specialist teas
and coffee*



ST. LUKE'S UMC - FELLOWSHIP
HALL
3080 Okatie HWY - 170
Bluffton SC



Saturday
February 17th
1:00pm

A BACK AT JANUARY

There wasn't much happening in January!!
Things will pick up in February!!

Although, we did go to Canterfield on the 4th Sunday and sang songs with the residents and gave them communion. They really seem to appreciate when we visit with them.



Cynthia gave the message



The lady standing sang *Amazing Grace*



Cynthia and Joe Iacova



Pastor Chris with Fran Iacova

UPDATE ON CHURCH MAINTENANCE TO SHUTTERS & PORCH

We had a contractor working on caulking around the windows and removing the shutters to see if there was water damage around the windows that needed to be repaired. While performing this maintenance, the contractor informed us that the portico on the front of the church was pulling away, and letting in water.

You may remember an email sent to our church family the middle of January regarding the portico which was becoming detached. This happened because the two front support columns were sinking. The trustees had a special meeting and decided it was a dangerous situation and needed to be repaired immediately. It was discovered that when the porch deck was replaced, supports for the columns were not reinstalled. The columns were "hollow" and damaged by water infiltration. The weight of the roof pressing mainly on only one of the columns caused the flooring to begin sagging.

The contractor agreed to stay on and repair the portico and columns. The portico has been reconnected to the building and the columns now have 6 x 6 pressure treated lumber inside with supports under the porch. Because of wood rot, the columns had to be rebuilt. By Sunday, when you come to church, this project should be finished and it will be safe to once again go in through the double doors.



PANCAKE DAY—An English (UK) Tradition



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 57 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9. In 2024 Shrove Tuesday will fall on February 13th.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional English pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and caster (superfine) sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes.

The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old. “And every man and maide doe take their turne. And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.” (Pasquil’s Palin, 1619).

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolize four points of significance at this time of year.

Eggs ~ Creation Flour ~ The staff of life Salt ~ Wholesomeness Milk ~ Purity

To make 8 or so pancakes you will need 8 oz plain flour, 2 large eggs, 1 pint milk, salt.

Mix all together and whisk well. Let stand for 30 minutes. Heat a little oil in a frying pan, pour in enough batter to cover the base of the pan and let it cook until the base of the pancake has browned. Then shake the pan to loosen the pancake and flip the pancake over to brown the other side.

In the UK, pancake races form an important part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress, to race down streets tossing pancakes. The object of the race is to get to the finish line first, carrying a frying pan with a cooked pancake in it and flipping the pancake as you run.

As for Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the previous day’s feasting is forgotten, devotees are reminded of their Christian duties by having the ash of the previous year’s Easter palm trees marked on their foreheads in the shape of the cross. On the surface, this is to remind the bearer that ‘you are dust, and to dust, you shall return’, which is reinforced by another 39 days of self-denial. However, the origins of the pancake are pagan and, originally, had nothing to do with Lent.

Prayer Requests

You will notice that the list no longer includes the reason for prayer, due to HIPPA regulations. Please email Amy Erickson, amyhousererickson@gmail.com with any prayer requests you may have. If you have loved ones who have been blessed by recovery, peace or grace and may be removed from the list, please provide that information to Amy as well.

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan Myree Flanagan Jack Reed Judi Landin
Sherry & Rob Clark Joe & Fran Iacovo Andy Makarick
Chuck Watts Leslie Richards Ellie Antoine
Linda Jackson Rebecca Biethman

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Brian Johnson, nephew of Lois Finch
Andrea June, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Mark Gowizer, colleague of Pastor Chris
Steve Carlson, friend of Sherri Prosser
Karen Williamson, friend of Linda Fisher
Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Jamie, daughter of Pam Hoel
Allison Carpenter daughter of Bernie Oreka's cousin
Bruce, friend of congregant
Kathy Visconte, friend of Jane Tiffany
Becky Owen, friend of Jane Tiffany
John Harper, son of J. W. Harper
Jack and Barbara, friends of Janet Jacoby
Bonnie Fogerty, friend of Will Ross
Ron Kramer, friend of Nancy and John Sariscak
Bill Kirkley, friend of Ouida Dell
Barb O'Connor, friend of Lois Willig
Child of Joe Bremmer (who worked on Fellowship Hall renovations)
Jane Smith, wife of former Pastor Richard Smith
The families of Ann Mallard and Karen Malphrus, friends of Ouida Dell
Nicki, daughter of Judi Landin
The family of Bill Irwin
Joe, husband of Lynn Cutshall
Karen Wilson, sister of Bill Halstead
Diane Perdue
Beverly Bird
Peter Foster
Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
Brad, friend of Laurie Oreka's daughter
Travel mercies for Mariah Fair

THANKS AND PRAISES

Janet Jacoby's friend Barbara is cancer free
Annie Price is cancer free
Praise for Agnes Scarlett's wonderful trip back to Jamaica to visit her family and also for her church family here
Lois Finch's nephew Bryan is now living on his own
J. W. Harper's son John is doing much better
Andy Makarick is coming home from the hospital
Sherry Lee has a new great grandson
Allison Carpenter, daughter of Bernie Oreka's cousin, is doing better, but is still in need of prayers

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Mariah Fair and her family on the passing of Mariah's sister on January 27.



Let us remember with cards, and prayers...

CHURCH MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND

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Ruth Dolan,
Summer Breeze
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Elnora Ekholm, 173 May River Rd.,
Bluffton 29910

June Hamilton, 4 Concession Oak Dr.,
Bluffton 29909

Joe Iacovo, Canterfield of Bluffton
567 Okatie Highway, Rm 113
Ridgeland SC 29936

Jane and Jerry Wick, 740 Middletrail Court,
Mt. Airy MD 21771

Happy Birthday!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

04—Rikita Thompson
 09—Linda Metcalf
 10—Walker Hamilton
 11—Jack Reed
 13—Bill Trainer
 18—Joseph Iacovo
 18—Shelley Valentine
 19—Linda Fisher
 21—Ron Marangio
 21—Marge Skinker
 23—Bill Husson
 26—Linda Batten

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02—Amy Erickson
 06—John Sariscak
 07—Linda Jackson
 08—Ellie Antoine
 15—George Batten
 16—Rich Schaltegger
 23—Sandy Lowry
 31—Janet Jacoby

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01—Arlene & Rich Schaltegger
 02—Letty & Bill Husson
 26—Nancy & John Sariscak
 27—Ellie & Robert Antoine

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

22—Mikki & Jeff Rolain



OR WATCH "ON-LINE" AT
ST. LUKE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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