



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"

Worship times: 8:30 & 10:15 AM (5th Sundays 9:15 AM)

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A Call to Action: A New Season of Growth and Leadership

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow...For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." — 1 Corinthians 3:6, 9 (NIV)

As we enter this vital season of electing and re-electing leaders within our church, we are reminded of the beautiful cycle God has established: **planting, watering, and growing**. Each act—each role—is sacred, and all of us have a place in this divine process.

The seeds of faith, vision, and ministry have already been planted by those who have gone before us. They've been faithfully watered by current leaders who have served with dedication. And now, **God is calling a new wave of leaders**—not to start from scratch, but to build upon the strong foundation already laid.

To those who are being asked to step forward: **receive the call with a willing and accepting heart**. Know that this is not about having all the answers—this is about saying "yes" to God's plan and trusting that He equips those He calls. Your availability matters just as much as your ability. God will give the increase.

This is not a season for fear—it is a season for **faith**. The path has already been prepared. To those who are stepping into leadership, know this: **you are not starting from scratch—you are building upon holy ground**. God is calling you to continue the work He has already begun.

To the church body, this is our rallying cry. Let us rise together—not as bystanders, but as **co-workers in God's service**. Let us uplift our leaders, support the mission, and move forward in unity and strength. Whether you are planting seeds, watering what has been sown, or helping bring in the harvest, your work matters.

So let us walk boldly into this new chapter, hand in hand, heart to heart, and fully surrendered to what God is doing next. **The field is ready. The foundation is sure. The time to grow is now.**

Rev. Christopher L. Thompson, D. Min

Words of Wisdom, you should never forget



1. **You create your own opportunities.** Success doesn't just come and find you—you have to go out and get it.
2. **Never break your promises.** Keep every promise; it makes you credible.
3. **You are never as stuck as you think you are.** Success is not final, and failure isn't fatal.
4. **Happiness is a choice.** For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of your own happiness.
5. **Habits develop into character.** Character is the result of our mental attitude and the way we spend our time.
6. **Be happy with who you are.** Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect but that you have decided to look beyond the imperfections.
7. **Don't seek happiness—create it.** You don't need life to go your way to be happy.
8. **If you want to be happy, stop complaining.** If you want happiness, stop complaining about how your life isn't what you want and make it into what you do want.
9. **Asking for help is a sign of strength.** Don't let your fear of being judged stop you from asking for help when you need it. Sometimes asking for help is the bravest move you can make. You don't have to go it alone.
10. **Replace every negative thought with a positive one.** A positive mind is stronger than a negative thought.
11. **Accept what is, let go of what was, have faith in what will be.** Sometimes you have to let go to let new things come in.
12. **A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to what it was.** Experience is what causes a person to make new mistakes instead of old ones.
13. **If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you.** If you are determined to learn no one can stop you.
14. **Be confident enough to encourage confidence in others.** Show those around you that you have confidence in them.
15. **Allow others to figure things out for themselves.** The fixer ends up becoming the enabler. Let people figure it out for themselves; give them a chance to learn.
16. **Confidence is essential for a successful life.** Don't compare yourself to others; compare yourself to the person you were yesterday and give yourself the confidence to be better tomorrow.
17. **Admit your mistakes and don't repeat them.** If you can't admit your mistakes, you are destined to repeat them.
18. **Be kind to yourself and forgive yourself.** You can't know what you haven't yet learned, you can't become proficient without first being a beginner and you can't be perfect. Welcome to the human race.
19. **Failures are lessons in progress.** Failure is always forgivable if you have the courage to learn its lessons and move forward in a new way.
20. **Make amends with those who have wronged you.** Apologizing doesn't always mean that you're wrong and the other person is right. It just means that you value your relationships more than your ego.
21. **Live your life on your terms.** Define what your life is on your own terms and achieve it by your own rules. Build a life you're proud to live.
22. **When you don't know, don't speak as if you do.** If you don't know, simply don't speak.
23. **Treat others the way you want to be treated.** Live by the Golden Rule. Always.
24. **Think before you speak.** Never say anything that doesn't improve on silence.
25. **Cultivate an attitude of gratitude.** Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.
26. **Life isn't as serious as our minds make it out to be.** Life is too short to always be taken so seriously.
27. **Take risks and be bold.** At the end, we regret only the chances we didn't take.
28. **Remember that “no” is a complete sentence.** Learn to say no without having to explain yourself.
29. **Don't feed yourself only on leftovers.** When you say yes to others, make sure you are not saying no to yourself.
30. **Build on your strengths.** The struggle you are in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow.
31. **Never doubt your instincts.** Trust your hunches; they are usually based on facts filed away in your unconscious mind.
32. **FEAR doesn't have to stand for Forget Everything and Run.** Sometimes it can be Future Expectations Appearing Real.
33. **Your attitude will influence your experience.** How you respond is at least as important as what happens to you.
34. **View your life with gentle hindsight.** Stop beating yourself up about things from your past. Instead of asking yourself, “What was I thinking?” ask yourself “What was I learning?”
35. **This too shall pass.** Just because today is terrible doesn't mean tomorrow won't be the best day of your life. You just have to get there.

From: Sister Mary Valentine
To all in my 5th grade class
St. Leonard Catholic School, Warren, Michigan 1961

Feel free to hang this from the refrigerator.
Will Ross, former Lay Leader

In addition to the Residential Care Program, Epworth also provides a Center for Independent Living, an Early Intervention Program, a Family Care Program, Foster Care, a Homebuilders Program and Centers for Counseling (6 centers) throughout the State. **You will have a chance to support Epworth again September 14th, Work Day.** Giving envelopes will be available in late August.

Jesus and children: *Let the little children come to me...* Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16.

Please keep Epworth in your prayers,
Phyllis Sippel, Epworth Representative.



Ministry Opportunity

On October 20th the history committee will be hosting an Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) class from USCB. We will give tours of the church and the cemetery. Light refreshments will be served after the tour and we will display various historical items and documents.

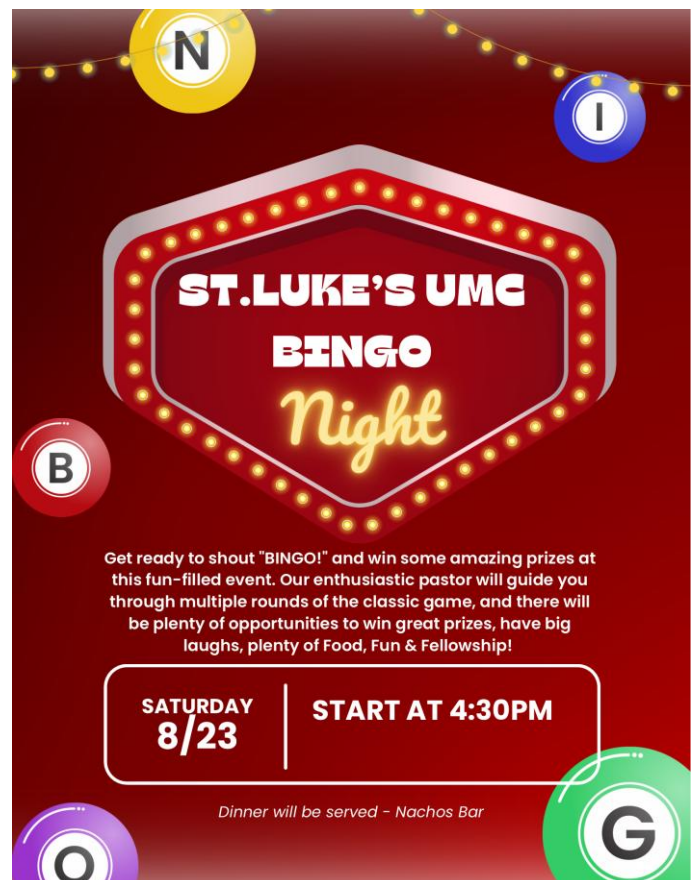
If you would like to give tours (we will provide you all the information you will need and we walk you through how we do it) or help with the refreshments and display, please contact me: professorpamela1@gmail.com or phone, 843.290.6552. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance.

Pam Hoel,
Church Historian



MEETINGS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Every Monday—Men's Bible Study, 8:00 AM
Tuesday, 8/5—Trustees, 9:00 AM
Wednesday, 8/6—Missions, 1:00 PM
Thursday, 8/14—Church Council, 3:30 PM
Every Thursday—Women's Bible Study, (5:30 Meet & Greet, 6:00-7:00 PM Study)
Saturday, 8/23—BINGO Night, 4:30 PM
(Nachos Bar) – Come and join in on the FUN!





Student Activities:

Dash – baseball tournaments
Sept 6-7 Walterboro
Oct 4-5 Springfield

Hudson - baseball tournament
Sept 27-28 Springfield

Flag Football schedule coming soon

Kennedy – Soccer schedule coming soon

Matthew – Soccer begins in September

Aaron – still finalizing his fall sport; no plays or musicals scheduled at this time



Spotlight on our Youth:

Children and Youth Ministry happenings:

Name: **Dash Pryor**

Age: 9

School/Grade: River Ridge Academy / 3rd grade

Interests: Football and Baseball

Favorite food: Salmon

Fun fact or thoughts: Dash is the only member of this family born in Georgia.

Change for Change Update:

This last quarter we raised **\$1034.61** for the Red Cross. We are currently collecting money to help some of our local families as well as “Walk for Water.”



Our Missions committee and Youth are teaming up to support Water Mission.

Water Mission is a Christian engineering nonprofit that builds sustainable safe water solutions for people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas, including the Ukraine. Since 2001, Water Mission has served more than 8 million people in 60 countries, sharing safe water and the message of God’s love. Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top four-star rating for 15 years.

We invite you to register with us to walk on Saturday, September 20th, at 9:00 AM at Wright Family Park. Below is the link to register. Our team’s name is “Walkin’ on Water.” I will be happy to help anyone register. We still have a few free registrations. Contact me directly for the code. Early registration is \$20 and is due by August 13th. This will also guarantee you a shirt in your size. After August 13th the cost is \$25. <https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2025-beaufort-walk-for-water>. We hope you can join us in our efforts to raise funds and awareness to fight the global water crisis!

If you can’t join the walk, you can contribute to the Water Mission on their website or write a check to the Water Mission. I have included links directly to Aaron and Matthew’s pages.

<https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2025-beaufort-walk-for-water/matthewmetropolis>

<https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2025-beaufort-walk-for-water/aaronmetropolis>

Michelle Cramer,
Youth and Children’s Ministry

MISSIONS MATTERS



Our July 29 New Testament reading, Romans 12:6-13, says that God has given each of us a gift for doing certain things well. We believe our little church continues to make a significant impact on meeting the needs of our community because we each use our varied gifts to help God's people in need.

In August, other than the giving opportunities to Bluffton Self Help and Family Promise, you can serve at the Agape food pantry or help make blankets with our Blanket Ministry. If you enjoy encouraging people during difficult times, contact Marie Baldauf to help with our Congregational Care ministry.

Looking ahead, please support or join St. Luke's Walk for Water team on Saturday, September 20th. St. Luke's Missions Committee is sponsoring the team, in collaboration with our youth. Early registration will give you either a free or reduced-price registration fee and t-shirt in your desired size. This offer will end August 10th. For more information, contact our Team Captain, Michelle Cramer, at mviolin2003@yahoo.com.

We have one more giving opportunity. Join us at our August 6th Missions Committee meeting at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you are curious about what goes on or want to take part in the planning process for St. Luke's missions' outreach, everyone is welcome!

"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality." Romans 12:13

Thank you for using your gifts to be a blessing to our community!

Elizabeth Vance & Linda Fisher, Missions Co-Chairs

Bluffton Self Help First Sunday Food Drive, August 3rd

Bluffton Self Help has put out an urgent request to help stock their shelves. More families than ever before are walking through their doors. Right now, they are serving **over 600 families each month**, more than **double** the number of families they were serving just a few years ago. Who are their clients? Single mothers doing their best to provide for their families; elderly on fixed incomes that don't quite cover groceries in the face of inflation; families with two underemployed parents juggling multiple jobs; adults trying to stay afloat while searching for jobs following unexpected layoffs.

When we donate food, we extend hope, dignity, stability, and health to our neighbors. Jane Tiffany will be collecting our donations in the parking lot before each worship service on August 3rd. If you miss Jane, or have food to donate later in the month, please leave it in the basket in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Bluffton Self Help."

Jane Tiffany had help from the west coast when her grandson, Landon, assisted with our July BSH food pantry collection.





All donations are appreciated; however, here is the current list of most needed nonperishable food and hygiene items. Unfortunately, they cannot accept out-of-date, open, or damaged items.



**** priority items based on current inventory**

Canned Beans -- (Black, Red, Pinto, Kidney, Cannellini, Navy, Garbanzo)**
Condiments & Shelf Stable Dressing**
Whole Grain Cereal & Oatmeal**
Whole Grain Flour & Baking Mixes**
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup**
Shampoo & Conditioner (adult & child) **
Shaving Cream**
Toothpaste**
Large Diapers (size 4, 5, 6, & 7) **
Training Pants (2T – 5T) **
Baby Wipes**

Always needed items

Canned Tuna & Canned Chicken
Low Sodium Hearty Soups
Rice, Whole Grain Pasta, Barley or Farro
No Salt Added Canned Tomatoes & Sauces
Canned or Dried Fruits
Unsweetened Applesauce
Nuts & Seeds
Peanut, Almond or Cashew Butter
Low Sugar Jelly & Honey
Shelf Stable Milk & Almond Milk
Granola Bars, Cane Sugar, Coconut Oil
Gluten Free Food Options?



Agape Family Life Center Food Pantry

5855 S. Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville

Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10:00-noon

Located about 10 minutes from our church, this food pantry distributes fresh food donated by local grocery stores. Agape welcomes volunteers who can help with food distribution to seniors and families in need in our community. No lifting is required; no need to sign up in advance. Several people from St. Luke's enjoy volunteering regularly. Questions? Please contact Leslie Richards at lesliearichards717@gmail.com.

Blanket Ministry – Monday, August 25, 10:00 AM

Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall to help make no-sew blankets for our members and friends of St. Luke's who are ill or shut-in. **To date, we have delivered fifty-four blankets!** We enjoy conversation and getting to know each other better as we tie knots to make the blankets. Bring sharp scissors if you have them. If not, we usually have extras. Many of us bring a bag lunch and continue the fellowship over lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Smith at kishhi1947@gmail.com.





Family Promise operates the only shelter in Beaufort and Jasper County for homeless children and their parents. This month St. Luke's will be providing dinner for the residents of the shelter on Thursday, August 21st, and Friday, August 22nd. Please stop by the bulletin board in the sanctuary, beginning August 3rd, and sign up to help provide food for these meals. Since the shelter always has more children than adults, we try to have kid-friendly menus.

All donated food should be delivered to the church between 9:00 and 9:30 on Thursday, August 21st. Before this date, if you are donating nonperishable food, it can be placed in the basket labeled "Family Promise" in the Fellowship Hall. Fresh food with a "use by date" after August 22nd can be placed in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall clearly marked for Family Promise. If you need to make other arrangements, or have any questions, please contact Linda Fisher or send an email to dlfisher4@hotmail.com.



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

We are continuing to collect pull tabs! This container can be found in the Fellowship Hall. It doesn't matter if you have 6 or 60, they add up quickly! Thank you!!





HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Oven Tombs

St. Luke's graveyard is historic for many reasons, but when I give tours the slave galley and the oven tombs are favorites. Last month I wrote about the slave gallery, so this month it's oven tombs.

"Oven tombs" are so named because they resemble a traditional brick or clay oven in an arched domed shape. This "oven" shape—arched, domed, and sealed—evoked ideas of containment, transformation and resurrection. Our oven tombs are made of historic Savannah bricks. These bricks are unique and were made with Savannah clay which has a red to brownish color thanks to the iron content in the dense clay and the firing process. They were highly valued for their durability, distinctive appearance, and historic significance.

They were hand-molded by enslaved laborers, air dried for several days and then fired at a relatively low temperature (-900 to 1100 degrees centigrade). The uneven coloration of the bricks—pale pinks to deep red or even purples depended on where in the kiln the bricks were placed. The firing also produced bricks with slightly uneven texture and size. These bricks are no longer made but can still be seen in the historic buildings in downtown Savannah, the Savannah River Embankment (Factors Walk), and Colonial Park Cemetery and Churches.

In low-lying, marshy areas of coastal areas like Savannah, New Orleans, Charleston and other hot, humid areas in the southern U.S. the water table is sometimes too high for traditional underground burials. Above ground burial prevented the hazards of underground burial such as seepage which could accelerate decomposition and health hazards.

Oven tombs could be reused. After decomposition the bones were collected and stored, and the tomb used again—a practice called "secondary burial." In oven tombs bones were sometimes moved to the back of the tomb, making way for the next interment. Bones from oven-style or family tombs were typically collected and reinterred in ossuaries, collective pits or niches, or designated charnel/ossuary rooms with tombs. This allowed continued use of the burial space while retaining ancestral remains in a dignified way.

In 2001 Archeologist Dr. Michael Trinklev of the Chicora Foundation indicated in a letter to the Board of Trustees, "Your church has a fairly unusual resource in the bricked vaults and they are well worth the effort it will take to ensure their preservation. The bricked arches of three of the tombs are still distinctly visible, but the fourth one has deteriorated badly. Still, each is unique insofar as one has arches at both ends, one has an arch on only one end and the third seems to have no arches. Two have gabled roofs, one is domed. I haven't seen the double arch before".*

A few years ago, I gave a tour to Cub Scouts as a part of earning their God and Country badge. When asked who was buried in the three tombs by the church, a boy raised his hand and I called on him. He replied, "The big one has the father, the middle one has the mom and the little one has their baby." Hmmm. I suppose that is as good a guess as any.



*The tombs were restored in the early 2000's.

Blessings,
Pam Hoel, Church Historian

A BACK AT JULY 2025

In case you missed it...St. Luke's looked very festive for the 4th of July this year!
Our former landscaper, Miguel Monzon placed flags all around the church and graveyard. It was very thoughtful.



We had a "Full House" for our Mexican Train night on Saturday, June 28th. It was great fun!



More from July...



Sunday, July 27th we went to visit the residents at Canterfield of Bluffton. We sang hymns, Will gave a short message, and they were served communion.



Several of the residents let us know how much they enjoyed and appreciated our time with them.



MEMBERS & CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan Marsha Gerber Linda Jackson Andy & Sharon Makarick Pam Hoel Phyllis Sippel
Thomas Cook Candace Payne John Hubbard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Edward, brother of Debra Burr
Kelly Mayer, daughter of Donna Stephen
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen
David Howell, relative of Donna Stephen
Jill Demsack, friend of Jane Tiffany
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin
Donna Ludwig, friend of Marie Baldauf
Sharon Johnson, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Eva Bergren, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Tina McIlroy, friend of Ann Webster
Gary Bethel, brother of Alan Bethel
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel
Joan Wagner, sister of Constance Ulrich
The Scott family
Margo, daughter of Suzie Wiles, friend of Constance Ulrich
Tilly, daughter of Sandy Lowry
Paul Black, friend of Chick Mazon
Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Gina Tuttle, friend of Jerry Vagnier
Beverly Smith, Peggy Firtion's next-door neighbor's sister
Makayla, granddaughter of Pastor and Cynthia
Ellen, wife of Richard Rohde
The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Barbara O'Connor, friend of Lois Willig
Karen Metz, friend of Ouida Dell
Joseph, husband of Lynn Cutshall
Zha Zha, dog of Will and Pat Schwartz
Bethany Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Santino Ferrucci, friend of J.P. Moery
Leon Smith, friend of Ouida Dell
Gaven Smith, friend of Ouida Dell
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell



Our condolences and sympathy to Jerry Wick and family on the passing of his wife, Jane, July 24, 2025.

Let us remember with cards, and prayers...

CHURCH MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND

Ruth Dolan,
Summer Breeze
351 Wilmington Island Rd.
Memory Care, Room 107
Savannah GA 31410
Elnora Ekholm, 173 May River Rd.,
Bluffton SC 29910
June Hamilton, 4 Concession Oak Dr.,
Bluffton SC 29909
Jerry Wick, 740 Middletrail Court,
Mt. Airy MD 21771



Happy Birthday!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01–Donna Stephen
02–Jim Jackson
02–Carol Jackson
04–Archie Vance
06–Harry Skinker
08–Gwen Cassidy
10–Jeananne Cranston
17–Hudson Pryor
19–Francine Iacovo
21–Letty Husson
22–Mim Mazon
22–Tom Symonds
23–Leslie Richards
24–Pat Schwartz-Ross
25–Joe Cservek
29–Sharon Symonds
30–Lee van Rensburg

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02–J.W. Harper
02–Harriet McCauley
04–Bonnie van Rensburg
06–Karen Madsen
07–Pat Simmons
09–Curtis Genga
10–Karen Jordan
13–Dave Fisher
13–Sheryll Ingram
16–Mary Cale
20–Jim Smith
21–Pam Hoel
26–Barb Silcox
28–Chick Mazon
28–Ann Webster

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

04–Tatyana Topoleski & Darrel Fitzgerald
15–Shirley & Norm Stark (60th)
17–Diane & JP Moery
17–Constance & George Ulrich
27–Karen & Phil Mitchell
31–Mim & Chick Mazon



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

16–Sharon & Matthew Melancon
16–Jane & Terry Tiffany
16–Lynne & Scott Wheeler
30–Diana & Walker Hamilton



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ST. LUKE’S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.lukesunitedmethodistchu8920/videos>



Please “like” our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082060615677&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

LET ME TAKE YOUR PHOTO! If you are attending St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, we would like to have you in our Photo Directory. We include visitors as well as members! Please see Pat Simmons to arrange a time to have your photo taken. It only takes a minute of your time!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF

ST. LUKE’S – you may pick up an “Invitation to Membership” form (located behind the last pew) also on the bulletin board and in the Fellowship Hall. Or email patsimmonsperdue@gmail.com for a copy. Fill it out, bring it back and Pastor Chris will get in touch with you.

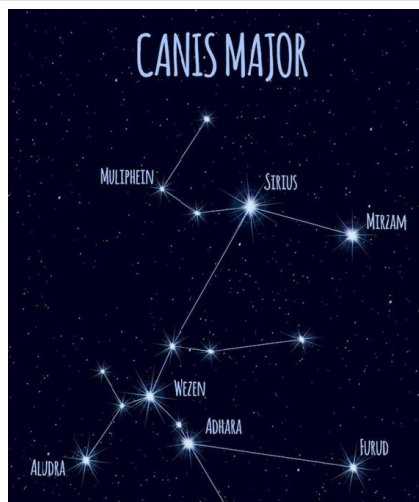
If you cannot come to church, we Thank You for “mailing” your donations to:

**St. Luke’s UMC
PO Box 2779
Bluffton SC 29910**



THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER — Source – Farmer's Almanac

The “Dog Days” of summer are from July 3 to August 11 each year. They’re usually the hottest and most unbearable days of the season. We often hear about the “Dog Days” of summer, but few know where the expression originated. Some think it’s a reference to the hot, sultry days that are “not fit for a dog.” Others suggest it’s the time of year when the extreme heat drives dogs mad. But where does the term come from? And what does it have to do with dogs? You may be surprised to see it has to do with the stars!



The phrase is a reference to Sirius, the **Dog Star**. During the “Dog Days” period, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth. Sirius is a part of the constellation *Canis Major*, the *Greater Dog*.

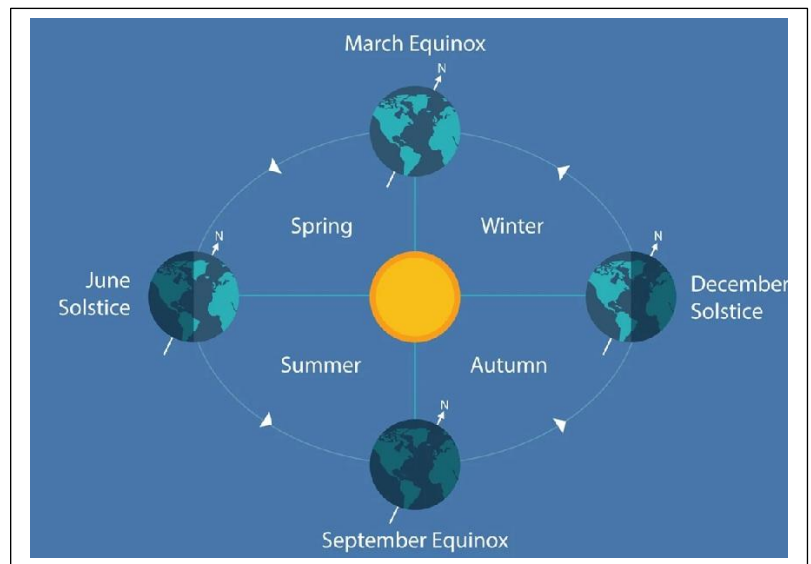
In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as *diēs caniculārēs*, or “dog days.”

Thus, the term Dog Days of Summer came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun—July 3 to August 11 each year.

Summer heat is due to the Earth’s tilt

While this period usually *is* the hottest stretch of summer, the heat is not due to any added radiation from Sirius, regardless of its brightness. The heat of summer is simply a direct result of the Earth’s tilt.

During summer in the Northern Hemisphere, the tilt of the Earth causes the Sun’s rays to hit at a more direct angle, and for a longer period throughout the day. This means longer, hotter days.



INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

UNITED METHODIST MEMBERSHIP VOWS

The Meaning of Membership

When persons unite with a local United Methodist Church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, and in the Holy Spirit.

They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church.

WILL YOU AFFIRM THESE VOWS?

I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and pledge allegiance to His Kingdom.

I receive and profess the Christian Faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

I promise, according to the grace given, to live a Christian life and always remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church.

I promise to be loyal to The United Methodist Church and uphold it by my prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

[If you will so affirm, please sign and date]

Date: _____, ____

SECONDARY RESIDENCE

911 Address _____

P O Box _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

I will be present for the worship service on Sunday

Date: _____, ____

at which time my uniting with St. Luke's United Methodist Church may be acknowledged.

Information Needed by Church Office

PLEASE PRINT

Title _____ Male _____ Female _____

First Name _____

Preferred First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Last Name _____

PRIMARY RESIDENCE

Street Address _____

P O Box _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Birth Date _____

MM/DD/YEAR

Marital Status _____

Marriage Date _____

MM/DD/YEAR

Occupation/Profession _____

Employer _____

Talents, Hobbies, Interests

Please list in the space below any special talents, hobbies, and interests you would be willing to share with us. Also, share any offices held or volunteer work you may have done in another church.

Please Check What Applies To You

___ I am not now a member of any church. I want to join St. Luke's United Methodist Church by profession of faith.

___ I have never been baptized and need to arrange a time for my baptism.

___ I have been baptized.

___ I am a member of another church. Please write for my transfer of membership to St. Luke's United Methodist Church from:

[NAME OF CHURCH]

[ADDRESS OF CHURCH]

[CITY]

STATE]

[ZIP]

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON AND GIVE IT TO THE PASTOR OR PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.