



# 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 (5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 9:15 AM)**

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### Our Work Is Not Over — It Has Only Begun

"When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished.' Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."  
— *John 19:30 (NRSV)*

St. Luke's Family,

As we reflect on the final words of Jesus on the cross, "It is finished," we are reminded of the powerful truth that Christ completed His earthly mission—but His heavenly work continues. His sacrifice was the fulfillment of God's promise of redemption, but His love and intercession on our behalf did not end there. Even now, Christ is working, praying, and advocating for us at the right hand of the Father.

And so, our calling remains clear. Jesus gave us our mission in Matthew 28:18–20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always." This is our work. This is our witness. This is the reason we gather, serve, and grow together as the Body of Christ.

God has given each of us light, gifts, and purpose—not to be hidden, but to shine. "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." (Matthew 5:15). The church needs your light, your talents, and your commitment now more than ever.



### A Call to Lead — A Call to Serve

We are building the future of St. Luke's UMC, and we need every one of us to do our part. We are inviting YOU to step up—not just to work in the church, but to help LEAD the church forward. We are seeking committed members to serve a three-year term by chairing or serving on one or more of the following committees:

- Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (PPRC)
- Nominations & Leadership
- Board of Trustees
- Member at Large of Church Council
- Committee on Finance (Members at Large)
- Church Council Chair
- Lay Leader
- Church Treasurer
- Hospitality/Social Committee
- Church Historian
- Recording Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Communications
- Vision & Planning
- Or a position you feel called to that we have not yet created

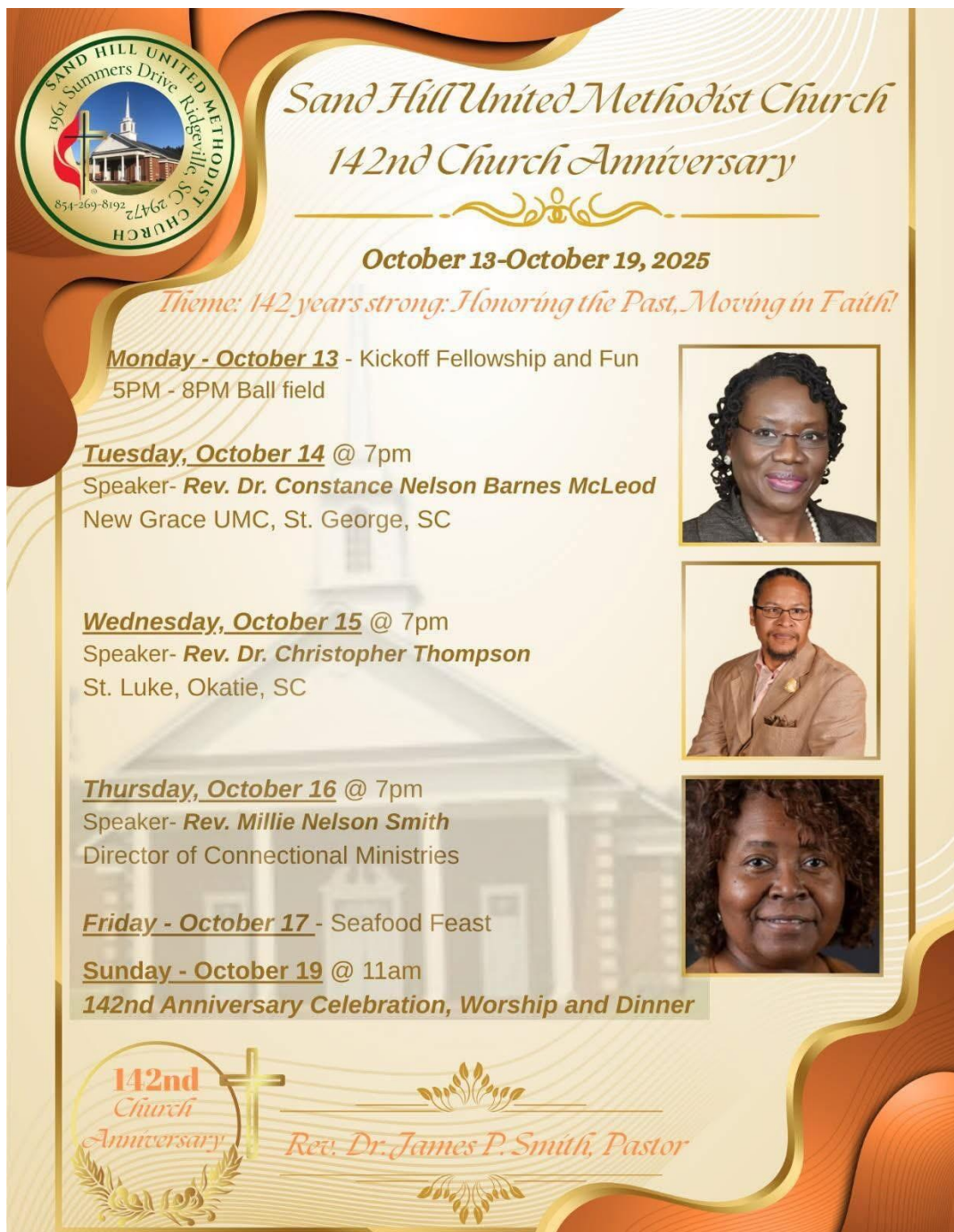
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This is our time to stand and be counted. God is calling. Will you answer? We must be willing and available to be used by God for the building of His kingdom—not someday, but today. The vision God has for St. Luke’s UMC is unfolding, and your leadership plays a vital role in that journey.

Let’s not hide. Let’s not wait. Let’s walk boldly into our purpose and lead this church into the future God is preparing.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to step forward, to serve, and to lead. Together, we are doing a mighty work—and the best is yet to come.

In Christ’s Service,  
Rev. Christopher L. Thompson, D. Min



The poster features a circular logo in the top left corner with the text "SAND HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH", "1961 Summers Drive, Ridgely, SC 29127", and the phone number "854-269-8192". The main title "Sand Hill United Methodist Church" is in a large, elegant script, followed by "142nd Church Anniversary" in a similar font. Below this, the dates "October 13-October 19, 2025" are printed in a bold, sans-serif font. The theme "Theme: 142 years strong: Honoring the Past, Moving in Faith!" is written in a cursive font. The schedule of events is listed on the left, with corresponding speaker portraits on the right. The background is a warm, orange-toned graphic with a faint image of a church building. At the bottom, a cross is integrated into the "142nd Church Anniversary" text, and the pastor's name, "Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, Pastor", is written in a script font.

**Sand Hill United Methodist Church**  
**142nd Church Anniversary**  
**October 13-October 19, 2025**  
*Theme: 142 years strong: Honoring the Past, Moving in Faith!*

**Monday - October 13** - Kickoff Fellowship and Fun  
5PM - 8PM Ball field

**Tuesday, October 14 @ 7pm**  
Speaker- **Rev. Dr. Constance Nelson Barnes McLeod**  
New Grace UMC, St. George, SC

**Wednesday, October 15 @ 7pm**  
Speaker- **Rev. Dr. Christopher Thompson**  
St. Luke, Okatie, SC

**Thursday, October 16 @ 7pm**  
Speaker- **Rev. Millie Nelson Smith**  
Director of Connectional Ministries

**Friday - October 17** - Seafood Feast

**Sunday - October 19 @ 11am**  
**142nd Anniversary Celebration, Worship and Dinner**

**142nd Church Anniversary**  
**Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, Pastor**



A very short time ago, as I was cleaning out a storage closet, at our house, I came across a box of old photos. Some were from my Grandparents, on my mother's side. My mother was one of nine children. Mom was right in the middle, number five. The whole family spent a great many holidays and celebrations together. Grandpa Pietrangelo always took a family picture. Every year there were changes. Some got married and we added a spouse. Some had children, so our numbers grew. Mom's youngest sisters were still in high school while I was in grade school. Each year the changes were small, nearly significant. But when I arranged them in chronological order, over time the changes were great.

I saw that from 1950 to 1957 my mom was always pregnant and so were many of her sisters and sisters in laws. There were new faces added every year. All the changes were not happy ones. Over the span of years, many put on weight. Some a lot! I saw a lot of hair changes. Not only styles, but some grayer and some a lot less. We lost some uncles, aunts and cousins along the way. Some due to diseases, accidents, divorces and also a suicide.

Throughout our lives there are many changes. Some good and some bad. Many of the changes are our fault. I wish I could say all of my life's decisions were good ones. But that isn't so. I was never in really bad trouble, but I wish I could relive some of the things that I had said and done. I would have, on many occasions acted much differently. I didn't keep all my promises.

Conversely, I am proud of many parts of my past. Some changes are good.

God's world is full of changes. Yet, the God who created this world does not change. The Bible teaches that God is an eternal, timeless, changeless being. Consider the following passages: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19); "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6); "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail." (Lamentations 3:22). Psalm 102:26-27 states that "They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like clothing, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end". (Psalm 102: 26-27).

From these passages, we learn the following about God's nature: 1) God is not a man and, therefore, does not change as people often do; 2) God will always keep His promises; 3) God does not lie. Therefore, what God has said will always be true.

In view of these thoughts, there are two important points to consider:

**First, since God does not change, then sinners who have not obeyed the Gospel should think about God's unchanging hatred of sin.** God loves sinners so much that he sent his son to die on the cross that sinners might have forgiveness. On the other hand, God hates sin! God's hatred of sin will not change, and God's requirements for salvation will not change. God requires that sinners believe in Christ (John 8:24); repent of sins (Acts 17:30); confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:10); and, be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16). God's requirements for salvation will remain unchanged. On the Day of Judgment, those who have never obeyed the gospel will face God's unchanging hatred of sin. Since God's nature will not change, sinners should change and obey Christ.

**Second, for those who are faithful Christians, God's unchanging nature is comforting.** Since God does not change, then every promise he has made will be kept. God promises to be with his children in times of trial and temptation (Hebrews 13:5-6); forgive his people when we confess our sins (1 John 1:9); and give eternal life to those who are faithful (1 John 2:25).

On one hand, God's unchanging requirements for forgiveness should prompt all to obey the gospel. On the other hand, God's unchanging promises offer security, hope, and assurance to all those who obey the gospel, live for Christ, and can anticipate a heavenly home for eternity.

*Will Ross, former Lay Leader*

The following "thank you" letter was received by the Missions Committee



## **SOUTH CAROLINA LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**

**Becky Green and David Salter, Co-Directors**

**Pamela Goodwine-Glover, Secretary**

August 7, 2025

St. Luke United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher Thompson, Pastor

3080 Okatie Hwy

Bluffton, SC 29909

Dear Rev. Dr. Thompson,

This letter is to extend our sincere thanks to you, and the congregation of St. Luke United Methodist Church, for the bountiful breakfast provided at the 2025 South Carolina Lay Servant Ministries Academy (Train the Trainer) on August 2, 2025 at Washington Street United Methodist Church in Columbia. Your generous donation of \$300 allowed us to provide breakfast for the 80+ attendees. Cynthia Green-Thompson outdid herself in her coordination of this breakfast. Everyone was commenting on how this breakfast was so nourishing, and helped them to begin the Academy after some very long drives to reach Columbia.

Again, thank you for this generous donation which helped Lay Servant Ministries begin the 2025 Academy so well.

We wish for you, Mrs Thompson, and all of the congregation of St. Luke the very best as we all work together in moving forward in the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

Sincerely,

David W. Salter, Co-Director, SC Conference Lay Servant Ministries



# COLOR of the MONTH



**Casual Friends & Family Sunday**

**OCTOBER 26, 2025**  
**8:30 & 10:15AM**

A new way for our congregation to fellowship and involve our community  
Invite a friend and or family to a church service

**THIS MONTH COLOR IS ORANGE...  
REPRESENTING FALL.**

Beginning this quarter...we will be doing a "Congregation Color of the Month." We are asking ALL congregants to wear the color "**ORANGE**" or a shade of orange on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in October. All 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays will be considered "Casual Sundays" from now on.

## Friends & Family Day – Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to worship with you. Each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be a casual/dress-down service with a special color or theme. Let's come together and enjoy fellowship, fun and worship as one big family in Christ!

## MEETINGS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Every Monday—Men's Bible Study, 8:00 AM

Tuesday, 10/7—Trustees, 9:00 AM

Wednesday, 10/8—Missions, 1:00 PM

Thursday, 10/9 at 3:30 PM – Church Council

Every Thursday—Women's Bible Study, Meet & Greet, 5:30; Study 6:00-7:00 PM

## OTHER EVENTS FOR ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

Saturday, 10/18 – Mexican Train game night, 5:00 PM




**MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINO NIGHT**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH**  
**ST. LUKE'S UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**5:00 PM**

Are you ready to test your skills and show everyone who's the real domino master? come join us!

Dinner will be served

St. Luke's UMC - Fellowship Hall  
3080 Okatie HWY



### Student Activities:

*Dash* – baseball tournaments —Oct 4-5 Springfield

*Hudson* — baseball tournaments and Flag Football (schedule coming soon)

*Kennedy* – Soccer schedule coming soon

*Matthew* – Soccer: all games held at Chaplin Park on Hilton Head;

### Spotlight on our Youth:

Our students are keeping busy this fall with lots of activities. Please support our youth through prayer and attending some of their activities.

Matthew is on the Gray Team

October 4 (Matthew's Birthday) 1 pm

October 18 10:40 am

October 25 11:50 am

November 1 1 pm

November 8 10:40 am

*Aaron* – has joined Crew, but cannot participate in Regattas yet

Next performance: Low Country Holiday Spectacular: Back in Time for the Holidays on December 6 and 7.

December 6 –Matinee and Evening

December 7 –Matinee only at HHHS Seahawk Cultural Center Tickets are \$25 and go on sale November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Change for Change:** This quarter we collected money for Walk for Water. The final total will be in next month's newsletter.

### Walk for Water – Thank You, St. Luke's!

Our Missions Committee and Youth teamed up to support Water Mission, and we're excited to share that our team of 16 raised \$975 for this important cause!

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, we joined with other Bluffton-area churches to raise awareness for the global water crisis. Together, we walked 2 miles through downtown Bluffton—carrying empty buckets for the first mile and filling them at the halfway point to finish the final mile with a tangible reminder of the daily burden many face around the world.

It was a powerful experience and a meaningful way to serve others. Thank you, church family, for your support and generosity. We're already looking forward to next year's Walk for Water!



*Michelle Cramer,*  
Youth and Children's Ministry

## MISSIONS MATTERS



We have a lot of reasons to be excited about our mission's outreach at St. Luke's. We are a small church, compared to other churches in our area, but your generosity and involvement are huge! In September, we again filled a minivan with food for our neighbors; provided meals for homeless families; had volunteers to help at a food pantry; gave generously to Epworth Children's Home; provided support to our local elementary school; and sponsored 14 people from our church who participated in a walk that raised over \$85,000 to bring safe water to people in developing countries and disaster areas.

That's amazing for our small church! As God is blessing us, we are using those blessings to make a difference in the lives of people in our community and beyond.

Please join us at our next Missions Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 8, at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are always open to new ideas or support for our current missions. If you have any questions about our missions, please feel free to contact either of us.

Thank you for being a blessing!

Linda Fisher & Elizabeth Vance

St. Luke's Missions & Outreach Co-Chairs

### Bluffton Self Help First Sunday Food Drive, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Imagine not knowing where your next meal is coming from. You know you need to feed your family, but there's simply not enough food. That is the reality for about 25,000 families in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. As needs continue to grow, Bluffton Self Help is designating October as Hunger Action Month. Thank you for your generous donations, month after month, which bring both food and hope to our neighbors in need.

Lois Willig will be collecting your donations in our parking lot before each worship service on Sunday, October 5. If you miss her, or have food to donate later in the month, please leave it in the "Bluffton Self Help" basket in the Fellowship Hall. Here is a current list of the most needed items:



Cereal & Oatmeal	Taco Kits
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup	Refried Beans, Salsa
Black, Red & White Beans	Cream Soups, Hearty Soups
Shelf Stable Salad Dressing	Canned Corn, Canned Peas
Chef Boyardee & SpaghettiOs	Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Beef Stew, Chilli
Rice & Rice Sides	Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Broth or Stock (low sodium)	Shelf Stable Almond Milk
Canned Tomatoes	Sugar, Flour, Cooking Oil
Hamburger Helper, Meal Kits	Shelf Stable Cheese (Velveeta)
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken	Bread, Muffin, Cookie Mixes
Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard	Macaroni & Cheese
Shampoo & Conditioner	Toothpaste
Shaving Cream	Baby Wipes
Training Pants (2T-5T)	Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)
Feminine Products	Soap & Body Wash

**Unfortunately, they cannot accept opened, expired, or damaged items.**





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Our September First Sunday Food Mission for **Bluffton Self Help** filled the van to capacity!

Forgot that Sunday after church when I stopped for a few groceries. As I approached the van, I realized that there just was not room for even one more bag!

The volunteers that were unloading questioned if there were hidden compartments as the donations just kept on coming out like clowns in a car!

Your unbelievable generosity has given St. Luke's quite a reputation and set the standard quite high.



We will be providing meals for the residents of the Family Promise shelter on **Thursday, October 30, and Friday, October 31**. Since Friday is Halloween, we will be having a cook-out for the residents and a "Hallelujah" party with crafts for the children. Sign-up sheets for some of the items needed for the meals and party will be posted on the sanctuary bulletin board on **October 12**.

Under the direction of their new Director, Family Promise is expanding to reach more homeless families in our area. New opportunities to help are emerging. Are you available to drive families to appointments or spend a few hours with them at the Freedom House in the evening or on the weekend? Volunteer applications for these and other opportunities are now available on the Family Promise website. Training for volunteers will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November & December) from 10:00-12:00 in their Bluffton office. They also need volunteers in their Bluffton office to help with filing, answering phones, and inventory. A background check is not required to work in the office, and training will be provided.

You can read more information on their website: [familypromisebeaufortcounty.org](http://familypromisebeaufortcounty.org).

Family Promise recently presented our church with a Certificate of Appreciation for our support. You can view a copy of the certificate below, in the Sanctuary, or in the Fellowship Hall.







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## PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### MLL — Multi Language Learner Family Game Night

Absolutely Amazing!  
Again, you are such an extraordinary congregation to respond so quickly and generously.



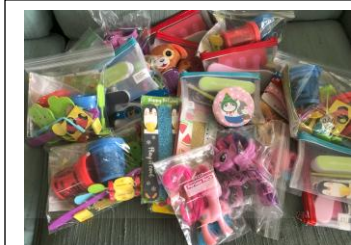
Ms Ashley Owlett, Pritchardville Elementary's new Social Worker was thrilled to be able to start off the school year with shelves full of uniforms!!!



We have a meeting set up to discuss our Christmas "Adopt a Child" mission with her. We have all your suggestions to help make shopping easier and very personal.

In a little over a week, you managed to donate 24 gift cards, 34 hard and soft covered books, 31 sticker/activity books with crayons, and 33 small party favors (Play Dough, My Pony, bracelets, manicure sets, etc.)

The next MLL Game night is scheduled for January. If you feel so inclined, you could start looking for really good bargains on their prize items.

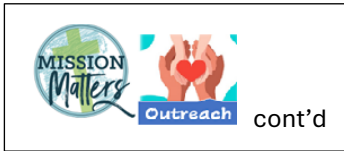


## AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOOD PANTRY

5855 S. Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville

Every Wednesday and Saturday morning, a Second Helpings truck delivers surplus fresh food from local grocery stores to the Agape Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. until noon to help hand out this food to seniors and families in need. If you can help, you do not need to sign up in advance. You will not be asked to do any heavy lifting. Your help is always appreciated!

The Agape Food Pantry is located at 5855 Okatie Highway, Hardeeville, which is three miles from the New River round-about and about a 10-minute drive from St. Luke's. If you would like more information, please contact Leslie Richards at [lesliarichards717@gmail.com](mailto:lesliarichards717@gmail.com).



**Thank you for your very generous donations to Epworth Children's Home!**

We will be sending a check in the amount of **\$1,815.00** for the annual Work Day offering.

**Prayer Blanket Ministry, Monday, October 27, 10:00 AM**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to help tie knots to make prayer blankets for our members and friends who are experiencing health issues. No sewing is required. Bring sharp scissors if you have them. We have heard from recipients of these blankets expressing what it means to them to have a tangible reminder of the prayers and well-wishes from St. Luke's.

Many of us bring a bag lunch and continue the fellowship after the blanket-making. This month, an additional reason to bring your lunch, is to share in the dessert and beverage reception to kick off the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox ministry.

This will be the last meeting of the blanket ministry in 2025. Kathy Smith, who leads the blanket ministry, will be on vacation for a few weeks. Please contact Linda Fisher with any questions in her absence.



**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Come join in the fun! On **Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30** (after Blanket Ministry), we will kick off the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. You can pick up a shoebox to fill with small gifts for a child living in a distressed part of the world. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship. We will have drinks and desserts to share. Specific information about packing a shoebox will also be shared at this time and later announced in church. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Your collection containers for **Pull Tabs** are interesting. The separate bag is the result of a friend's RV trip this Summer to NY state.

Wonder if our foreign travelers will bring any back?

Witnessed this firsthand in Berlin, Germany with the streets littered with pull tabs. Despite Germany's highly effective deposit return on cans, the streets are strewn with pull tabs because the tabs themselves are NOT valuable. Quite a difference than here.

Your efforts help families to be able to afford to stay at the Ronald McDonald house right next to the hospital to be close to their children receiving treatment.

We will immediately be starting to fill up box #3. Thank you so much.





## HISTORY HAPPENINGS



It's October! Time for Jack-o-Lanterns, witches, black cats, trick or treating and all sorts of scary things. So, in the spirit of the season, I want to share with you a St. Luke's story that happened in 1902 and one from a more recent time.

In 1902 a group of young boys were out after dark walking along what is now Highway 170. As they passed St. Luke's they heard strange moaning sounds from the church. A ghost from the church's graveyard? crept a bit closer, the moaning sound stopped. So, they left and again started on their journey home. They were only a few steps on their way when they heard the sound again. A few boys ran as fast as they could away from the church. But others stayed to explore who or what the moaning was coming from. As they rounded the side of the church, the moan got louder. But it didn't really sound like a moan anymore. It sounded like...something like...well, they were not sure what it sounded like. So, they quietly crept toward the noise behind the church. And there was the source of the moan that wasn't really a moan. A cow stood eating grass and mooing softly and happily.

The boys looked at one another and swore not to tell the boys who left that the moaning was really mooing from a cow.

Mary Pickney wrote to me with this story: My dad loved to tell the story of Uncle Joe taking shelter at St. Luke's walking home from a storm late at night and being frightened by a goat he thought was a ghost in the graveyard,

Several years ago, Sadie Graves was alone in the church at night. Suddenly the organ started to play. No one was seated at the organ! No one believed her when she told others about it. But one night the new preacher was alone in the church and the same thing happened to him! I bet people believed when he started telling the story!

Do you know any ghost stories involving St. Luke's?

Happy October to you all!



Blessings,  
*Pam Hoel*, Church Historian



# A BACK AT SEPTEMBER 2025



It was a great day to “Walk for Water”



On the same day, Sept. 20, 2025, two of our church members were married.  
Congratulations to Megan and David Sytsma!!



J.W. Harper & John Hubbard, our longest attending patriarchs.

Not since 1824...but they have quite a history between them!!!  
They usually sit together during our coffee time between services!



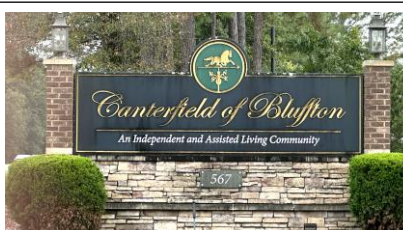


**More from SEPTEMBER...**

We had a Celebration of Life Memorial Service honoring Rick Hoel on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> with a reception following the ceremony.



We ended the month with our visit to the Canterfield Assisted Living Facility.



# Prayer Requests

## MEMBERS & CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan    Beverly Cook    Judi & Gary Landin    Bill Trainer    Scott Wheeler    Mim Mazon`  
 Andy & Sharon Makarick    Pam Hoel    John Hubbard    Lois Finch

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
 Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer  
 Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance  
 David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook  
 Norman Neus  
 Ellen, wife of Richard Rohde  
 Karen Metz, friend of Ouida Dell  
 Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell  
 The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf  
 Carl Wheeler, brother of Joann Sandruck  
 Eula Payton, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
 Richard Bibi, husband of friend of Marie Baldauf  
 Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich  
 Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
 Lisa, friend of Pat Simmons' daughter  
 Daughter of Don McKay  
 Bethany, granddaughter of Ouida Dell  
 Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant  
 Micky Yew, relative of Linda Fisher  
 John Busby, nephew of J.W. Harper  
 Karen, friend of Judi Landin  
 Connor Hughes, nephew of Margo Cservek  
 Lynn Hickle, friend of Phyllis Sippel  
 Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki  
 Jenny, granddaughter of Tina Blount  
 Todd, son of Rich Rohde  
 Kevin and his wife, friends of Stanley O'Rear



**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!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Susie Brown	16 Terry Tiffany
01 Allen Webster	17 Carole Bethel
04 Matthew Metropolis	18 Bill Halstead
09 John Hubbard – 95 yrs	18 Rose Kooper
09 Sharon Makarick	20 Peggy Firtion
10 Phyllis Sippel	22 Haigler Butler
14 Chris Hauck	24 Emma Jo Busby
16 Doris Heck	29 Jerry Wick

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Bud Silcox  
05 Jane Tiffany  
10 George Ulrich  
13 Margo Cservek  
16 Phil Mitchell  
18 Ouida Dell  
19 June Hamilton (100)  
20 Cynthia Thompson

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 Pat Schwartz & Will Ross  
19 Karen & Alan Jordan  
28 Beverly & Tom Cook



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

07 Judi & Gary Landin



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**OR WATCH “ON-LINE” AT**

**ST. LUKE’S YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

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



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**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](mailto: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 Gospel Alphabet

*Take off on a Bible Adventure*  
An easy and fun way to memorize Scripture!

**A**ll have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
—Romans 3:23

**B**ehold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
—John 1:29b

**C**ome to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
—Matthew 11:28

**D**raw near to God and He will draw near to you.  
—James 4:8a

**E**ven so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.  
—Matthew 18:14

**F**or by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.  
—Ephesians 2:8

**G**od so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
—John 3:16

**H**im that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.  
—John 6:37b, KJV

**I** am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.  
—John 14:6b

**J**esus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."  
—John 6:29

**K**nock, and it will be opened to you.  
—Matthew 7:7c

**L**ook to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!  
—Isaiah 45:22a

**M**y grace is sufficient for you.  
—2 Corinthians 12:9b

**N**ow is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.  
—2 Corinthians 6:2b

**O**pen my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.  
—Psalm 119:18

**P**eace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  
—John 14:27

**Q**uicken me according to Thy Word.

—Psalm 119:154b, KJV

**R**est in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

—Psalm 37:7a

**S**eek, and you will find.

—Matthew 7:7b

**T**he blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

—1 John 1:7b

**U**nto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

—Luke 2:11, KJV

**V**erily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.

—John 6:47, KJV

**W**hat will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

—Mark 8:36

**E**Xcept a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

—John 3:3b, KJV

**Y**ou are not your own...For you were bought at a price.

—1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a

**Z**ealous for good works.

—Titus 2:14c

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