



# 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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## Marching Toward the Promise: What March Means in the Life of the Church

### A Word to the Family of St. Luke's United Methodist Church – Bluffton, South Carolina

At **St. Luke's United Methodist Church**, a congregation rooted in history and alive in faith, the month of March is never just another month. It is movement. It is meaning. It is mission.

March in the life of the Church is overwhelmingly defined as a sacred season of **preparation, penance, and anticipation**—a spiritual bridge stretching from the purple shadows of Lent to the radiant, white-clad victory of Easter morning.

### The Season of Lent: Penance and Renewal

Throughout March, we journey through the holy season of Lent—the forty-day path that echoes Jesus' time in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11.) Lent is not about ritual for ritual's sake. It is about **returning to the heart of God**.

Joel 2:12 calls us tenderly:

"Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

The liturgical color is **purple**—a color of repentance, humility, and holy reflection. It symbolizes mortification of the flesh and the sorrow of a contrite heart. (Psalm 51:17) But let us be clear: Lent is not gloomy. It is purposeful.

It invites us to:

- Fast from distractions that dull our spiritual sensitivity.
- Pray with intentionality and expectancy.
- Give generously as an act of gratitude and compassion (Matthew 6:1–18).

For us at St. Luke's—a church "where souls are healed, mended, and saved in love"—March becomes a sacred reset. It is a time to evaluate not only our personal discipleship, but also how we, as a historic congregation, are preparing for the future God has before us.

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## Saint Patrick's Day: Mission in Motion (March 17)

While the world may see March 17<sup>th</sup> as a day for green attire and festive celebration, the Church remembers **Saint Patrick**, the “Apostle of Ireland.”

Patrick was not merely a symbol—he was a missionary. Once enslaved in Ireland, he later returned to the very land of his captivity to share the Gospel. His life embodies Matthew 28:19—“Go therefore and make disciples...”

Legend tells us he used the shamrock to teach about the Trinity—three in one. Whether folklore or fact, the message is powerful: **Faith is meant to be shared in ways people can understand.**

At St. Luke's, this reminds us that even in a seasoned congregation of 135 faithful members, our mission continues. We are called to proclaim Christ clearly, creatively, and courageously in Bluffton and beyond.

### A Spiritual “March” Toward Liberation

March is more than a month—it is a movement.

Just as the Israelites marched from bondage in Egypt toward the Promised Land (Exodus 14), Lent calls us to march from spiritual captivity toward resurrection freedom. Romans 6:4 reminds us that we walk in “newness of life.”

So let us ask ourselves:

- What are we leaving behind this season?
- What habits, thoughts, or burdens need surrender?
- Where is God leading us as individuals and as a church family?

March teaches us that liberation does not happen accidentally—it happens intentionally.

### Looking Ahead to Easter Joy

Though Lent carries a reflective tone, it always points forward. The purple gives way to white. The cross gives way to the empty tomb. Sorrow gives way to joy (John 16:20).

March prepares us so that when Easter dawns, we do not merely celebrate a date on the calendar—we celebrate transformation.

Family of St. Luke's, let us march faithfully.

Let us repent sincerely.

Let us serve boldly.

And let us anticipate joyfully.

Because Easter is coming—and we are not standing still.

Rev. Christopher L. Thompson, D. Min



As Lay servants we are called to be leaders in our church. There are many ways we can do this both during our church service and outside of it. In fact, I learned during our lay school training once we become a certified lay speaker we can do everything but consecrate the communion and baptize! Some churches have their lay leaders and servants lead the entire worship service, minus the pastor giving the sermon. This frees up their pastor to prepare his sermon, reach out to his congregation, and do all his other duties. At first, I was taken aback. Shouldn't the pastor do more on Sunday? What I did not think about was the amount of time it takes to prepare a sermon. Just like it takes teachers time to prepare lessons, the pastor must do the same. I hope to see our members continue to step up because the church is not just about the pastor, it's about being one body in Christ.

My goal as a Lay Leader is to help others become more comfortable in praying.

In February I had the chance to take an advanced course on Prayer. Prayer has always been a big part of my life, I love to talk to God, I love praying for others, but I've never been comfortable about praying in or for large groups (minus the occasional dinner prayer). The class I took focused on corporate prayer. For example, praying in church, in and for meetings, and in large groups. Going into the class I thought I knew a lot about how to pray. However, when I finished the class, I realized there was so much that I did not know! I was filled with so much knowledge, and I felt the need to share it with you. Below are 2 of my favorite ways to pray.

1. In Matthew 6:9-12 we find the Lord's prayer. I believe many of us have known this prayer for quite some time, but ask yourself, have you ever stopped to really think about what we are saying? Matthew lays out the perfect pattern for us to use in our own personal prayers. We should: address God, give him praise, ask for his will to be done, forgive our own personal sins, guide us, and finish the prayer.
2. Or you could use the 5-finger prayer:
  - Thumb – pray for those closest to you
  - Pointer finger – pray for those who guide us
  - Middle finger (tallest finger) – pray for those who lead us
  - Ring finger (weakest finger) – pray for those who are weak
  - Pinky finger (smallest finger) – pray for ourselves

The other day while scrolling through Facebook I saw this:

You can pray in a pew or pajamas, in traffic, in tears or in total silence. God doesn't need a location; He just needs an invitation.

So, no matter how we choose to pray we should do it continually. It's just a simple conversation with God to have anytime, anywhere. I hope that reading this will help you start to pray more intentionally.

*Michelle Cramer,*  
Lay Leader

**Is GOD pleased with what you did today?**



Only God and you, no one else, can answer that question. It's a beautiful question, when asked it can help guide your life. It's a question that we should ask ourselves every evening. What is your purpose? God has a plan for you.

We learned from Jesus Christ that we are all children of God. As His children we are taught that He expects us to live a certain way. Our first set of rules were given to us through Moses. We know them as the Ten Commandments. These first rules tell us of God's expectations. We also know that we are not perfect and sometimes fail.

Jesus simplified God's rules and also gave us a better understanding of our Father's expectations. Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. "

What good did you do today? Whose life have you improved? Have you made someone closer to Christ today? Are you closer to Christ. The help of a kind word can change someone's life. We all have needs that are not being met. Some of these needs are physical and others are spiritual. Are you in a position to help others? Have you?

God is pleased when you live by faith, trust in Jesus, and sincerely try to obey Him, even if your efforts are imperfect. Rather than focusing solely on a checklist of actions, the Bible highlights that God is pleased by faith (Hebrews 11:6) and by walking in love.

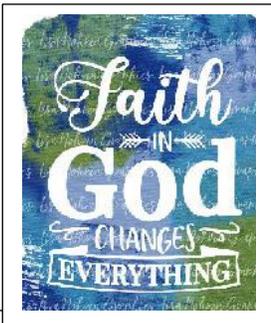
God is pleased with your progress, not perfection, and takes pleasure in your sincere, daily obedience, even when flawed. Because of your position in Christ, God's favor is secure; He delights in you as His child. If you have accepted Christ, God rejoices to do you good, even in challenging moments.

**Key Takeaways on Whether God is Pleased with Today's Actions:**

Progress Over Perfection: God celebrates your growth and small acts of obedience, not flawless performance.

Position vs. Practice: God is always pleased with your position as His child (secured by Christ), even if He is displeased with specific, sinful practices.

The Role of the Holy Spirit: If you are unsure, the Holy Spirit guides and gives you understanding regarding your actions, bringing correction when necessary for your growth.



What Pleases God: He is pleased when you walk in faith, meditate on His word, practice discernment, give generously, and provide for your household.

Unconditional Love: God is not fixated on daily mistakes (like waking up late) but rather on your heart's desire to follow Him.

*Will Ross,  
Lay Servant*

# WORSHIP

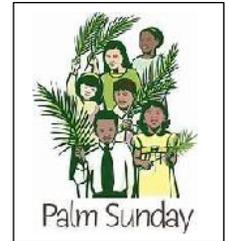
Hello Church Family! Below is a list of all of the Special Services being offered during Lent.

There will be 4 afternoon Lenten Services followed by a light lunch. Each service will start at Noon.



- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Bluffton UMC
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Luke's UMC
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew by-the-Sea, HHI
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Church of the Palms

On Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> the Choir will be performing a Cantata to Celebrate Palm Sunday – we will have 1 service at 9:15 AM.



Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Maundy Thursday – Joann Sandruck has put together "The Last Supper Play" – it will begin with handwashing as you enter the Sanctuary and end with Communion. It's a special service that you won't want to miss. Service starts at 6:30 PM.

St. Luke's will not be having a Good Friday Service, but Church of the Palms will be having a Good Friday Service at 6:30 PM.



Easter Sunday – there has been some discussion about having a Sunrise Service followed by a breakfast in the Pavillion or having a traditional service in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM. Pastor Chris will be asking for a show of hands on Sunday to get an idea of which way to go.

Watch your emails and bulletins for details once the Easter Sunday service has been confirmed.

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

In God's Love and Service,  
Nancy Sariscak  
Worship Committee Chair  
412-770-8092  
nlsack72@gmail.com



**MEETINGS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

- Every Monday—Men’s Bible Study, 8:00 AM
- Every Tuesday—Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- Every Thursday—Women’s Bible Study, Meet & Greet 5:30;  
Study 6:00-7:00 PM
- Tuesday, 03/03—Trustees, Cancelled
- Tuesday, 03/10—Project 150, 11:00 AM
- Tuesday, 03/10—PPRC Committee, 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, 03/10—Audit Committee, 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, 03/11—Missions, 2:00 PM

**OTHER EVENTS FOR ST. LUKE’S FAMILY**

**Lenten Service—Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM at St. Luke’s UMC  
followed by a light lunch.  
Graveyard Tour—Thurs. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**



Please wear **GREEN** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Movie night beginning at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 2:00 AM. Remember to move your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday.



## Spotlight on our Youth:

Congratulations to Aaron and Matthew Metropolis on completing their Youth Basic Lay Servant Training!

Here are a few highlights from their experience:

Matthew shared that his favorite part of the weekend was revising his sermon. He also learned that the founders of Methodism were John Wesley and Charles Wesley.

Aaron especially enjoyed watching the final presentations and seeing what everyone had learned over the weekend. One takeaway for him was learning about the Nicene Creed, which was based on the Creed of Nicaea and written to address early debates within the church about the equality of Jesus and God.

As part of their course, both boys will be speaking during our upcoming Student Sunday—more information coming soon!



## Student Activities:

**Aaron** – Mark your calendars for March 5–8 or March 12–15! Aaron will be performing in *Newsies* with Main Stage Community Theater at the Seahawk Cultural Center. Sunday performances (March 8 and 15) begin at 2:00 PM. All other performances begin at 7 pm.

We would love to see our church family come out and support him! Tickets may be purchased at [msctheatre.org/newsies](https://msctheatre.org/newsies).

Use discount code CAST20 and enter Aaron Metropolis as the actor. The cast member who sells the most tickets will receive a prize!



Our other students are also hard at work conditioning and preparing for their various sports seasons. We are so proud of their dedication and commitment

## Change for Change



This quarter, we are once again collecting donations for St. Jude Children's Hospital. This is the final month for this quarter's collection.

Next quarter, we will shift our focus to collecting funds for Agape to help purchase additional food items.

Please note that a separate basket will be passed specifically for our "Change for Change" offering. When our students are present, they will assist in passing the baskets.

Thank you for your continued generosity, encouragement, and support of our youth!

*Michelle Cramer,  
Youth and Children's  
Ministry*

## Student Activities:

Dash and Hudson are participating in Bluffton Youth Sports recreation baseball, but game schedules have not been released yet.

Both are also playing travel baseball for Lowcountry Baseball. Dash is with Lowcountry Crushers and Hudson is with Lowcountry Honor. Our only local(ish) tournaments are March 28/29 in Walterboro, SC and April 4 in Rincon, GA.

Kennedy made the JV team at May River soccer with all her friends. Her schedule is below.



The poster features the May River Girls Soccer logo (a shark) in the top left corner. The title "MAY RIVER GIRLS SOCCER SEASON SCHEDULE" is prominently displayed in white text on a blue background. Below the title, the schedule is organized by month: MARCH and APRIL. Each month lists dates and opponents. A photograph of two players in blue and white uniforms is on the right side of the poster.

Month	Date	Opponent
MARCH	13	COLLETON
	17	@ BISHOP ENGLAND
	20	@ HILTON HEAD
	24	BEAUFORT
	27	@ COLLETON
	31	@ BLUFFTON
APRIL	10	HILTON HEAD
	21	BISHOP ENGLAND
	24	@ BEAUFORT
	28	BLUFFTON

Outside of all our busyness, the kids are doing great in school!!!

All the best.  
-Randy Pryor



We enjoy reading the devotionals that members of our congregation are sharing during Lent. As we read and reflect on these daily devotionals, we realize that we are called to emulate Jesus' love and grace. We can find opportunities to serve those who are less fortunate and show kindness to our neighbors. At St. Luke's, we put our faith into action through both our resources and our service. The Lenten season reminds us to love one another as Christ loves us.

Our March 11<sup>th</sup> Missions Committee meeting time will be at 2:00 p.m. so that we can attend the Lenten service at St. Luke's beforehand. Please consider joining us after the luncheon and be a part of planning and putting into action St. Luke's missions' outreach. Thank you for your continued support!

With gratitude and prayers for our shared mission,

Linda Fisher & Elizabeth Vance  
St. Luke's Missions & Outreach Co-Chairs

**Bluffton Self Help First Sunday Food Drive, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Compassionate, consistent, and with love! This perfectly describes your generous donations and Lois Willig's selfless determination. Even though it was snowy and cold last month, she collected food on two Sundays at church (and at her home) and then delivered two vans full of food to Bluffton Self Help. The excerpt below is from a recent newsletter from Bluffton Self Help.

*"Love doesn't arrive here by accident. It's an intentional showing of generous hands and open hearts, from neighbors who choose—again and again—to care for one another. Because of you, shelves are filled and hope keeps finding its way forward. Thank you for standing with us in support of the kind of love that feeds, uplifts, and strengthens the Lowcountry—one neighbor, one family, one table at a time."*

Lois Willig will be in the parking lot between our worship services on Sunday, March 1, to collect our donations for Bluffton Self Help. Although all donations are greatly appreciated, here is a list of the most-needed items at this time:



- | <b>Non-Perishables</b>   |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken  | Canned Fruit                        |
| Unsweetened Applesauce   | Hearty Soups                        |
| Canned Beef Stew   | Canned Chili, SpaghettiOs           |
| Pasta & Pasta Sauce  | Skill Meal Kits (Helpers)           |
| Rice & Rice Sides  | Shelf Stable Cheese (Velveeta)      |
| Taco Kits, Salsa, Refried Beans  | Shelf Stable Dressing               |
| Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup  | Jelly                               |
| Cooking Oil  | Flour, Sugar                        |
| Shelf Stable Almond Milk   | Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo) |
| <b>Hygiene Items</b>   |                                     |
| Shampoo, Conditioner   | Deodorant, Toothpaste               |
| Shaving Cream  | Feminine Products                   |
| Baby Wipes   | Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7)          |
| <b>Unfortunately, they cannot accept open, expired, or damaged packages.</b> |                                     |

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Thank you to everyone who donated food last month, which enabled us to provide two dinners for the five families (21 people!) living at the Freedom House. This month we will be providing dinners on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you can help with any of the items needed for these dinners, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the sanctuary bulletin board on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Other volunteer opportunities are available at Family Promise. If you would like to interact with the families, you can help with transportation to appointments, work, or school, or spend time with them at the shelter on the weekends. If you would prefer to help at the Family Promise office in Bluffton, you can assist with filing, inventory, or answering the phone. No experience is required; they will train you! If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact Linda Fisher at [dlfisher4@hotmail.com](mailto:dlfisher4@hotmail.com).

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – We will not be having Prayer Blanket Ministry in March.**



**Agape Family Life Center Food Pantry, 5855 Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville**

Volunteers are needed every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 – 12:00 to help distribute fresh food, donated by local grocery stores and delivered by Second Helpings, to families and seniors in need. You do not need to sign up in advance. Just show up, sign in, and they will give you an assignment. You will not do any heaving lifting. This is a wonderful way to meet the clients they are serving, as well as other volunteers. If you can, please wear your church name tag. Please contact Leslie Richards at [lesliarichards717@gmail.com](mailto:lesliarichards717@gmail.com) for more information.



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, a visit, or 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.



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## **UMCOR Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

On UMCOR Sunday, we join other United Methodists in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of the church. UMCOR supports individuals, families and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters—famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope.

Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the operating costs of this nonprofit UMC organization ensuring that 100% of gifts given in response to disasters go to assist with the disaster. When you give to support UMCOR Sunday, you embody God’s love in action. Our generosity fuels hope, relief, and ongoing recovery for communities in need – a powerful reminder that we are never alone in times of crisis.

**HOW TO GIVE:** Please make your check payable to St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and write “UMCOR Sunday” in the memo line. We will have an envelope in the bulletin on March 15<sup>th</sup> for your check or cash donation.



**PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Our liaison to the school, Ms. Ashley Owlett, let’s us know of any upcoming needs. The last ML Family Night of the year is scheduled for April.

A list of the needed prize items will be in an upcoming bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support.



## HISTORY HAPPENINGS

### St. Luke's---in the Beginning

St. Luke's has a long history in the Low Country. Prior to the Revolutionary War, the Church of England was the official church of the British Colony of Carolina. The people who lived in the Beaufort County area had to travel to St. Helena's for church services. It was a difficult trip for the people in this area. As the population increased, the residents requested a new parish be created. The St. Luke's parish was established on May 23, 1779. The parish was located in the mainline region between the New and Broad Rivers. It included Bluffton, Hardeeville, Hilton Head Island, Coosawhatchie and Ridgeland.

No church was constructed at this time because of the Revolutionary War. In 1772, the British Board of Trade nullified the act that created St. Luke's parish. In 1788 a petition was made to the South Carolina General Assembly formally requesting the establishment of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Forty planters and other early settlers signed the petition. John Bull donated the land for the construction of the church "halfway between Fording Island Road and New River Bridge."

By the early 1820's the church fell into disrepair and was possibly destroyed by fire. Planter John Guerard donated land and a new church was constructed in 1824 in the current location. It was known as St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

In that year services were held in four places in St. Luke's parish: the parish church (St. Luke's), in the Coosawhatchie courthouse, on the island of Hilton Head and at a chapel called "Union" in Grantville. A few years later services were held in a chapel on the May River, the predecessor to Bluffton's Church of the Cross.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church held services until the Church of the Cross was consecrated, around 1875. The members who remained at St. Luke's purchased the building and property (2 acres) for \$200. The name was changed to Methodist Episcopal Church South. Eventually, with a series of mergers, the church became part of the United Methodist Church. St. Luke's United Methodist Church is part of the Bluffton charge of the Walterboro District.



### Graveyard Tour...

The Tour Committee is busy preparing for our Tour Debut. We will present a tour for our congregation on March 19 as a preview for our tours for the public. Please join us at St. Luke's at 10:00 for guided tours of the church and the graveyard. If you can't join us that day, check your calendar for the third Thursday of any month and come on over. We'll be glad to see you!

*Kathy Smith,  
Church Historian*

# A **LOOK** BACK AT FEBRUARY 2026

Our "Souperbowl" Sunday was a great success. We had 10 delicious soups plus salads, bread & beverages!

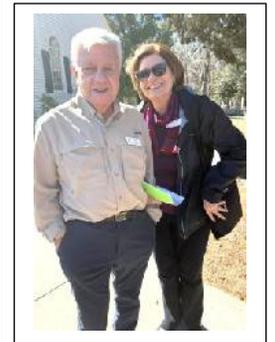
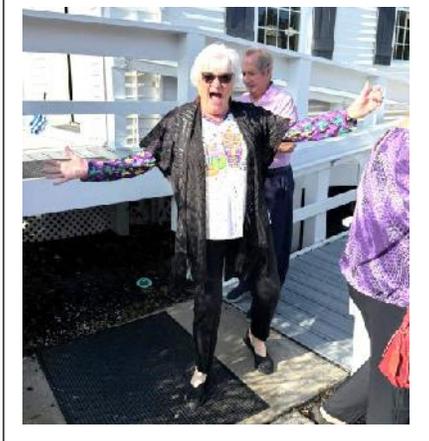


A good time was had by all!  
**Many THANKS to our "soup makers!"**

Once again, we had an "all-church" workday. Old flowers were removed from the graveyard, plus pruning & weeding. Many thanks to those who participated in this necessary event!



AND THEN, THERE WAS PURPLE!!



**MORE FROM FEBRUARY...**



Our Lay Servants attended a “training” class at Church of the Palms in the beginning of February. (Pictured to the left is Michelle Cramer. On the right is Joann Sandruck. Below is Charlene King.)



Will Ross is somewhere in the photo to the right. See if you can find him!



Above: Dist. Superintendent, Terry Fleming, Pastor Chris, Matthew & Aaron Metropolis.

Below are a few photos of Game night held on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.





**MEMBERS & CONGREGANTS**

Ruth Dolan	Judi & Gary Landin	Jack Reed	Harold Prosser	Amy Dauplaise
Mim Mazon	Andy & Sharon Makarick	Dave Fisher	Lois Finch	Fran Iacovo

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS**

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
 Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
 Daughter of Don McKay  
 Persephone, sister of Penelope Power  
 Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton  
 Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier  
 Diane Gorden, mother of Megan Sytsma  
 Diana Oder, friend of Diana Hamilton  
 Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne  
 Pete Burger, friend of Jane Tiffany  
 John, grandnephew of Meg Carmody  
 Todd Rohde, son of Rich Rohde  
 Angie, Karl and Zahg, son and family of Bill Husson  
 Buffy Hopkins, friend of Dawn Hall  
 Pat Lawn, brother of Carol Jackson  
 Donna Lewis, sister of Tina Topoleski  
 Pat, neighbor of Janet Jacoby  
 Barbara Kuhlman, friend of Tina Blount  
 Tina, friend of Donna Hauck  
 Dottie Apgar, former member  
 Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton  
 Carol Hubbard, friend of J.W. Harper  
 Elaine, friend of Michele Elek  
 Maury and Larry Leedy, brother and sister-in-law of Carole Bethel  
 Diane Losk, friend of several church members  
 Karen, friend of Tina Blount  
 Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel  
 Bobbi Kramer, friend of Nancy & John Sariscak  
 Jack Reed and his family  
 Joe, husband of Lynn Cutshall  
 Ed Molchan, friend of Diana Hamilton

Kiwana James, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
 Brian, Wanda and Ken Wooden, friends of Dawn Hall  
 Jessica Smoltz, friend of Shirley Hamilton  
 Rebecca, friend of Leslie Van  
 Jennifer, friend of Sherri Prosser



*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Bob, brother of Carol Jackson, on Bob's passing.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Nancy, mother-in law of Michelle Cramer, on Nancy's passing on January 26.*

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Brian, brother of Kevin Coupland, on Brian's recent passing.*

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the Reed family who lost family members in a recent fire.*

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Bill Trainer, who passed away on February 19.*

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Doris Doyle, friend of Peggy Firtion, on Doris's passing on February 19.*

**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 107A  
 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!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 02 Amy Erickson     | 19 Sharon Melancon  |
| 02 Elnora Ekholm    | 21 Joyce Haskins    |
| 06 John Sariscak    | 24 Linda O'Connor   |
| 09 Randy Pryor      | 25 Sandy Lowry      |
| 11 Armen Hagopian   | 25 Diane Morey      |
| 12 JP Moery         | 30 Aaron Metropolis |
| 15 George Batten    | 31 Janet Jacoby     |
| 16 Rich Schaltegger |                     |

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 05 Kennedy Pryor             |
| 11 Bryan Metzger             |
| 12 Charlene King             |
| 18 Lynne Wheeler             |
| 22 Beverly Cook              |
| 24 Allyn Perdue              |
| 26 Christopher Thompson, Jr. |
| 29 Denise Pryor              |

# Happy Anniversary

## MARCH ANNIVERSARY

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| 26 Carole & Alan Bethel |
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## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|
| 23 Janet & Dave Baumeister |
| 26 Kathy & Jim Smith       |



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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!



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