



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"

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

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April: Resurrection, Renewal, and Loving Boldly

As the earth awakens with the colors of spring, the church also awakens to one of the most powerful seasons of the Christian year. For the church—especially within the United Methodist tradition—the month of April stands as a profound reminder of **resurrection, renewal, and the call to love boldly as disciples of Jesus Christ**. For the family of **St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Bluffton, South Carolina**, this season invites us to reflect deeply on what it means to live as people of the risen Christ.

In many years, April holds the sacred journey of **Holy Week**, the spiritual pathway that leads us through the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry. It begins with **Palm Sunday**, when crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem waving palm branches and shouting, *"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"* (Matthew 21:9). Yet within days, the same city would witness betrayal, suffering, and sacrifice.

During **Maundy Thursday**, we remember the Upper Room where Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples. It was there that Christ gave what John's Gospel calls the **"new commandment"**: *"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"* (John 13:34). This moment continues to shape the heart of the church. As United Methodists often say, we are called to **"Love Boldly"**—to carry Christ's compassion beyond the sanctuary and into our community and world.

Holy Week then leads us through the sorrow of Good Friday to the unmatched joy of **Easter Sunday**, when the empty tomb proclaims the greatest news the world has ever heard: *"He is not here; for He has been raised"* (Matthew 28:6). Easter reminds us that **death does not have the final word—God does**. Through Christ's resurrection we are offered new life, hope, and the promise that light will always overcome darkness.

April also invites the church to consider our responsibility toward the world God created. On **Earth Day (April 22)**, we remember that humanity was entrusted with the care of creation (Genesis 2:15). Caring for the earth is not simply environmental awareness; it is an act of faithful stewardship. Likewise, **World Malaria Day (April 25)** reminds the church of our global mission to care for the sick and vulnerable, echoing Christ's call in Matthew 25:40 to serve "the least of these."

Within the life of the United Methodist Church, April also carries historical meaning. On **April 23, 1968**, The United Methodist Church was formally established, uniting believers around a shared mission: **"to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**

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Just as spring brings new blossoms to the earth, April reminds us that God is always bringing new life to our hearts. It is a season to release what weighs us down, to step forward in faith, and to live fully in the resurrection power of Christ.

And so, church family, may this April inspire each of us to walk in the light of the empty tomb, to care for God's creation, and to **love boldly**—just as Christ first loved us.

For indeed, *“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Rev. Christopher L. Thompson, D. Min

Abiding Dependence

During my formative years, my parents constantly talked to me about “reputation” and being “dependable!” They constantly talked to me about doing my best to have a positive reputation of “not” causing other people problems and simply being counted on at school, society, and in the workplace. Simply put, strive to be dependable. We totally understand the importance of “being there” for someone when needed. Additionally, we appreciate and seek someone who we can “count on” and be dependable for us! Typically, we start out with our parents, move to other family members, maybe teachers (counselors, coaches, administrators) school-age peers, eventually a spouse, and adult friends (inner circle, co-workers). Hopefully, in the aforementioned group, we can find some or several who can be dependable for us. Conversely, we are that for them. But, we know, as we carry on in the journey of life, we have “let downs.” Those who we have counted on have the potential to disappoint us for one reason or another. What's the good news? Well, the *Good News* is Jesus Christ. Jesus is always there for us providing we are seeking Him!

Philip Sanders, faithful gospel preacher and speaker for the *In Search of the Lord's Way* program, said this about Jesus recently: “I am captive to the story of an ancient One, born of a virgin, laid in a manger, who loved all, worked miracles, lifted the fallen, healed the sick, raised the dead, and suffered on the cross for my sins. I only wish to tell that story till I can no longer speak. No story is so high, so noble, so touching, so persuasive, or so glorious. No story draws the soul to search the heart and change the life. No story makes one feel the urgency to deny oneself, to take up a cross, and to follow the One who loves. Yes, this story is above human ingenuity; it must be from God Himself. Only the word gospel could fully describe life in Christ. It is life indeed, newness of life, abundant life, and eternal life. It can come from no other than the Father through the Spirit. I am captive to a story greater than all.”

Jesus is not only “there” for us, He has been from the beginning. Jesus is dependable and we should be seeking Him and have confidence He will never let us down. Jesus is:

Savior of the world – Luke 19:10. **The Son of God** – John 9:35-37. **A King** – John 18:37.
Author and finisher of our faith – Hebrews 12:2. **Lord** – 1 Thessalonians 1:1.

May we seek to be dependable, but may we never depend on anyone more than we do Jesus.

Will Ross, Lay Servant



My Favorite Holiday

Palm Sunday may be my favorite church holiday. I love the joy of picturing Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while the people are waving their palms and shouting, "Hosanna to the King." He rode into the city triumphantly on the back of a humble donkey, not a majestic steed. He came, not as a conqueror, but with an unassuming heart. Today in church as the choir was singing, I looked out at the congregation waving their palms and I felt tears in my eyes. It helped to make the picture in my mind come alive.

As Christians, we get to experience the joy of this celebration as we prepare ourselves for the suffering that will come at the end of the week. Holy Week is one of contrasts, from the beautiful reception on Palm Sunday to Thursday's Last Supper to people demanding his execution on Friday. We then prepare spiritually for the hope and redemption that Easter Sunday gives us.

Prepare yourselves for this week of ups and downs. Read your Bible. Spend time in prayer. We need to celebrate Jesus and the salvation we have because of Him.

Matthew 21: 1-11, Mark 11: 1-11, Luke 19: 28-44, John 12: 12-19

*by Kathy Smith,
Lay Leader*



April 5th is Easter Sunday! We will have only ONE worship service at 9:15 AM. Communion will be served.

If you requested to take your lily home, please do so after the service. If you know of a shut-in who would enjoy a lily, please let Lois Willig know.





Communications: What we do and what we need.

Promoting St Luke's United Methodist Church is the task of the Communication team. We wish to attract members of our community to our church for Worship and Fellowship. It is the Mission work, History and Fellowship of St Luke's that attracts members. Our job is to spread the word.

Here is what we have been doing to date. We do mailings to new members of the community. We have concentrated on Sun City, because it is easy to find the newcomers. If you live in a community, other than Sun City, we would like to find a way in. If you have any ideas, we want to hear them.

We also distribute placards for events that we wish to invite people from outside our congregation. We do that by asking members to visit storefronts in various strip malls. You have made that job easy. We will continue to need your help in that area. We do not distribute placards or invitations for those fellowship events that we don't have the room to invite the community. Examples are Mexican Train, Karaoke and potluck dinners, but you are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor. Some day we hope to have a fellowship hall that will be large enough to invite the community to all events.

We advertise events that we invite the community to, on Facebook. All our communities and neighborhoods have social media pages. We would like all members to "Share" the postings we make on all their pages. We personally belong to 15 different groups. We post our events multiple times, with great success. Examples of these include Music On The Grounds, Historical Tours, Pancake Breakfasts, Craft Fair and Bake Sales, etc.

We also have a list of the 30 nearest Christian Churches, their pastors, emails and addresses. We sent letters of invitation and fliers of events, as an invitation to their leadership and congregations.

We have listings in the playbills of theater events in Sun City. We would welcome information from the communities you live in, where we could also advertise.

We purchased a new sign at the front of our property that now has two rows of customizable message space.

I cannot forget to mention the acknowledgement we receive from the Mission work that our church performs. It is that giving, we perform that is taking notice.

We welcome any other ideas to help make St Luke's better known in our community. Remember, we are all in this together. Let's spread the word.

Pat Schwartz and Will Ross,
Communications



The ad hoc audit committee completed their work, submitting their report to the District Superintendent noting that “financial recordkeeping and reporting are reliable and operating procedures in place are adequate.” Special thanks to committee members Don King, Candace Payne, and Jim Smith for their efforts, and congratulations to Pat Simmons and Nancy Sariscak for maintaining accurate and clean records.

We are already through one-quarter of 2026.
 Following is a statement of activity (profit and loss) through March 31, 2026:

Account	Actual YTD (through 03/31/26)	Budget YTD (through 03/31/26)	Variance	2026 Budget	
Operating Income					
Weekly plate	4.01.100	\$61,879	\$56,250	\$5,629	\$225,000
Interest & Other Income	4.01.200	\$3,014	\$501	\$2,513	\$2,000
Facility usage fees	4.01.300	\$910	\$750	\$160	\$3,000
Total Operating Income		\$65,804	\$57,501	\$8,303	230,000
Total Non-Operating Income		\$30,166	\$ -	\$30,166	\$19,800
TOTAL INCOME		\$95,969	\$57,501	\$38,468	\$249,800
Local Church Program Expenses		\$11,391	\$12,793	\$(1,402)	\$51,670
Pastoral Ministry		\$34,881	\$30,305	\$4,576	\$123,020
Total Facilities & Grounds		\$15,481	\$5,987	\$9,494	\$32,225
Total Operating Expense		\$61,754	\$49,085	\$12,669	\$206,916
Operating (Deficit) or Surplus		\$4,050	\$8,416	\$(4,366)	\$23,084
Total Non-Operating Expenses		\$15,829	\$ -	\$15,829	\$19,800
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$77,583	\$49,085	\$28,498	\$226,716
TOTAL (DEFICIT) OR SURPLUS		\$18,386	\$8,416	\$9,970	\$23,084

The primary reason for expenses exceeding budget is our annual insurance premium, paid in March but budgeted to occur in a future period. Revenues are ahead and other expenses are close to budget.

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Alan Jordan, Finance Chair
 akkcjordan@gmail.com

**Native American Sunday a Special Offering will be observed on April 12th
Guest Speaker, Becky Gee.**



The Native American Committee of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church was established in 1992 as a ministry of the Advocacy Area. At that time, ministries with the Native American population were almost non-existent. With the organization of the Native American Committee, this virtual ministry was implemented and placed under one jurisdiction.

Native American Committee members represent a number of Indian cultures and have a point of contact with other Native communities. Committee members are of Santee, Ojibwa, Cherokee, Wassamassaw, Catawba, Pee Dee and Waccamaw heritage.

The Native American Committee seeks to:

- Promote inclusion of Native Americans in the South Carolina Conference.
- Explore and implement awareness of and appreciation for Native American presence, history, traditions, and spirituality.
- Promote Native American Awareness Sunday in this conference and dispense the funds contributed on Native American Awareness Sunday to ministries and community development in this Annual Conference and the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Schedule of Outside Groups using our Fellowship Hall.

We are pleased that several community groups utilize our Fellowship Hall for their meetings. This is another way St. Luke's serves as a hospital for the heart! ❤️

Sundays, 1:30-3:30 – Trinity Christian Church
Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Just for Today Al Anon
Mondays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. – Keep it Simple Men's AA Group
Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. - Clear-Cut Directions AA Group
3rd Tuesday & 3rd Sat., 12:15 – 4:00 p.m.– Pamela Carter - card making
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Drop the Rock AA Group
Fridays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Living Free Women's AA Group
Every other Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop 4071
Fridays 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Depth & Weight AA Group

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Amy Erickson has been scheduling our outside groups for several years. She would like to know if anyone would be interested in keeping the calendar of events for the Fellowship Hall and working with outside groups to schedule meetings. She would be happy to answer any questions regarding what is involved.



OTHER EVENTS FOR ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held for our long-standing member, **BILL TRAINER**, at St. Luke's on **Wednesday, APRIL 8th. at 10:00 AM**. There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service. If you are able to help at the reception, please see Lois Willig.

Graveyard Tour—Thurs. April 16th at 10:00 AM
Come & learn about the History of St. Luke's UMC.



Please wear **PINK** on the 4th Sunday of the month.



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

Thursday, 04/02—Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, 04/07—Trustees, 9:00 AM

Wednesday, 04/08—Missions, 1:00 PM (in the Sanctuary)

ALL are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, 04/08—CPR/AED Training, 2:00 PM

Tuesday, 04/14—Visions Committee, 3:30 PM

Thursday, 04/23—Church Council, 3:30 PM

Monday, 4/27—Blanket Ministry, 10:00 AM

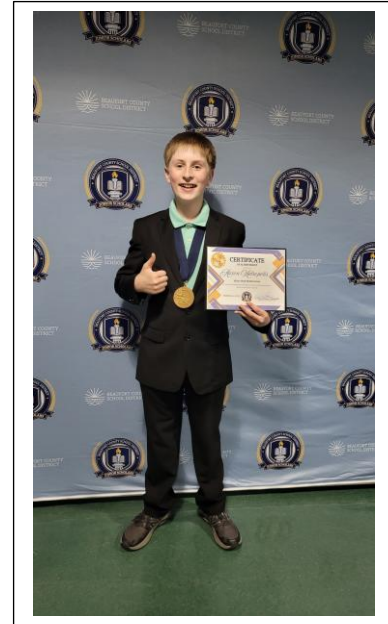
Saturday, April 25th,
Trip to **God's Acre Healing Springs**





Spotlight on our Youth:

Aaron is a Jr. Scholar. He had to earn a score of 550 or higher in the reading and writing portion of the PSAT or 530 or higher in the Math portion. He scored higher in both areas!



Student Activities:

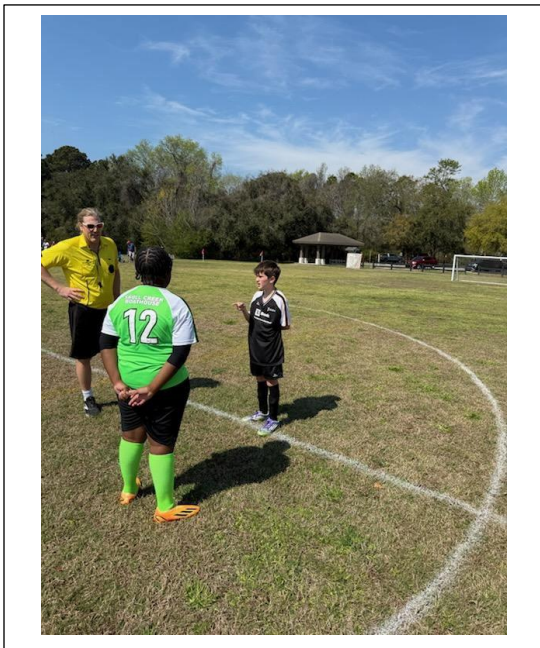
Matthew was team captain for his 1st soccer game of the season.

April soccer schedule for Matthew:

Saturdays, April 4th, 11th and 25th - games at 12 noon.

April 26th – game at 5:00 PM.

All games at Chaplin Park on the field closest to Hwy 278.



Change for Change



This 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:

Kennedy made the JV team at May River soccer. Here is her schedule:



Dash Pryor's Baseball Schedule



Pryor 10U - Braves Schedule



Game	Thu, Apr 9	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	vs Newton 10U - River Hawks
Game	Tue, Apr 21	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Mattingly 10U - Lit Legendz
Game	Fri, Apr 24	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 1	vs Fulton 10U - Cubs
Game	Thu, Apr 30	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Matthews 10U - Blue Devils
Game	Fri, May 1	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 1	vs Bee 10U - Buck Nutz
Game	Fri, May 8	5:30 PM	MC Riley Field 1	Christian 10U - TBD
Game	Thu, May 14	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Barnes 10U - Dawgs
Game	Fri, May 15	7:00 PM	MC Riley Field 1	vs Harper 10U - Spider Monkeys

Hudson Pryor's Baseball Schedule



DeHaan 12U - Iron Titans Schedule



Game	Thu, Apr 2	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Marconyak 12U - The Runs
Game	Mon, Apr 6	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	vs HHI - Team 1
Game	Mon, Apr 20	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	vs Matthews 12U - Bombers
Game	Wed, Apr 22	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Bruno 12U - Knights
Game	Wed, Apr 29	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Matthews 12U - Bombers
Game	Fri, May 1	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	vs Lind 12U - Bluffton Riptide
Game	Mon, May 4	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Swanson 12U - Dumpster Ducks
Game	Fri, May 8	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	vs Bruno 12U - Knights
Game	Mon, May 11	7:00 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	vs Marconyak 12U - The Runs
Game	Wed, May 13	5:30 PM	Oscar Frazier Field 3	Lind 12U - Bluffton Riptide



Our April 8th the Missions Committee meeting time will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please consider joining us 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

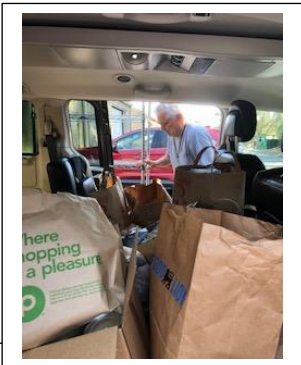
Bluffton Self Help *Second Sunday Food Drive, April 12th.

The volunteers at BSH were so pleased to see us on our regular first Monday drop off of your food pantry donations. They keep impressing how very important our monthly collections mean to them! So many people and organizations seem to "forget" about them after the Holidays.

Your consistency with the most needed items keeps their shelves from being completely empty.

Thrilled to be part of such a caring church family.

Lois Willig will be in the parking lot between our worship services on Sunday, April 12th, to collect our donations for Bluffton Self Help. If you miss the monthly collection, you can always put your items in the BSH basket in the Fellowship Hall. Although all donations are greatly appreciated, here is a list of the most-needed items at this time:



Non-Perishables

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| Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken | Canned Fruit |
| Canned Chili, SpaghettiOs | Hearty Soups |
| Canned Beef Stew | Pasta & Pasta Sauce |
| Rice & Rice Sides | Skillet Meal Kits |
| Taco Kits, Salsa, Refried Beans | Cooking Oil |
| Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup | Flour, Sugar |
| Unsweetened Applesauce | Shelf-Stable Cheese |
| Shelf-Stable Almond Milk | Ketchup, Mustard |

Hygiene Items

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| Shampoo, Conditioner | Deodorant, Toothpaste |
| Shaving Cream | Training Pants (2T-4T) |
| Baby Wipes | Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7) |

Unfortunately, they cannot accept open, expired, or damaged packages.

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April 5th (Sunday) – Sign-ups begin for **Family Promise** meals on April 23rd (Thursday) and April 24th (Friday). Please check the bulletin board to help with the needed items.

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.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – April 27th – 10:00 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.



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 heavy 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 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, if you need support or would like to help in this ministry.



PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Multi Language Department at Pritchardville Elementary will be holding a ML Family Game Night. We have been asked if we could help with specific “prizes.” If you are able to get any of the following items, please place them in the bin marked ML Night in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, APRIL 19th.

- Sticker Books, Socks (any size), Family board or card games: UNO, Monopoly, Life
- Sensory toys such as Slime, Jenga, Legos - Disinfectant wipes, cleaning spray
- Gift cards \$5 - \$10 for Dollar Stores, Fast Food Places
- See Lois Willig 843.304.1086 with questions.



HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Who's in the Graveyard?

One of the families buried in our graveyard at St. Luke's is the Guerard family. The first Guerard family to land in South Carolina arrived in 1680, starting a line of exceptional people. They were French Huguenots, a name given to the Protestants of France around the middle of the 16th century.

Jacob Guerard was born in Colleton County in 1793 and died in 1863. He attended the South Carolina College and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in medicine. He married Alice Pendarvis Screven. They had eleven children. Dr. Guerard was a physician and a planter in the Bluffton area.

Dr. Guerard and his wife are buried in a plot behind the church along with their daughter, Anna Richardson Guerard Robertson and her husband, James Robertson. Another daughter, Elizabeth Martha Guerard, married George Cuthbert Heyward, a grandson of Thomas Heyward, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Heywards are buried in the Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah.

(Note: I love reading the history records but find it frustrating that sometimes there are discrepancies. In my records on George Cuthbert Guerard and wife, I found several references to their burial sites. One has them at Bonaventure in Savannah and the other says they are buried at Old House Cemetery in Beaufort County. I actually think that's where his grandfather is buried. Love a good mystery!)



Graveyard Tour...

The Tour Committee prepared our Tours of the Sanctuary and Graveyard. A tour for our congregation was presented on March 19th, and it was a great success. Please join us at St. Luke's at 10:00 AM for guided tours of the church and the graveyard the third Thursday of any month. We'll be glad to see you! Invite your friends!

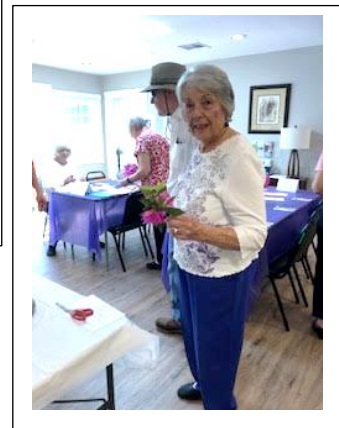
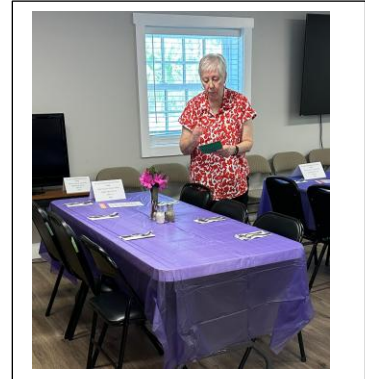
*Kathy Smith,
Church Historian*

A **LOOK** BACK AT MARCH 2026

With a little creativity and close to 30 of you doing your part, we were able to seat & serve 70 at the Lenten Lunch March 11, 2026. We had parking attendants, creative food items, servers, and dishwashers! A true church family effort.



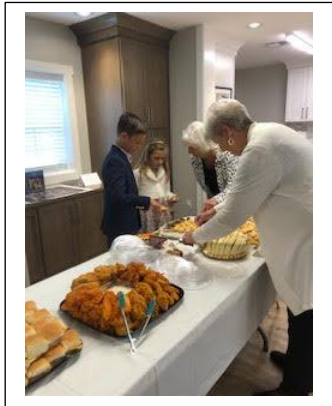
St. Luke's!



So good to have the back area for parking when we anticipate many guests!!



March 15th in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day, Pastor Chris, Janet Jacoby and Jim Smith came dressed for the occasion!



At a recent reception, Jim Smith set the example of reaching for dessert first. Opposite end of buffet table from where line started. Nancy & Mary helped Linda Fisher's grandchildren follow in Jim's footsteps!

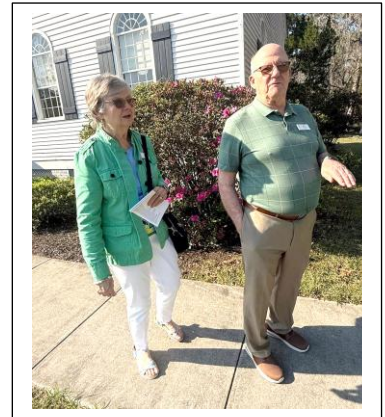
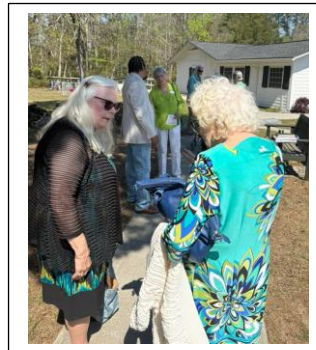
We are fortunate to have members who are very interested in the history of St. Luke's UMC. On March 19th some of us enjoyed a tour of the graveyard and also our sanctuary. Many thanks to Chris Hauck, Kathy Smith and Pam Hoel for sharing their knowledge about our church.



AND THEN, THERE WAS GREEN!!



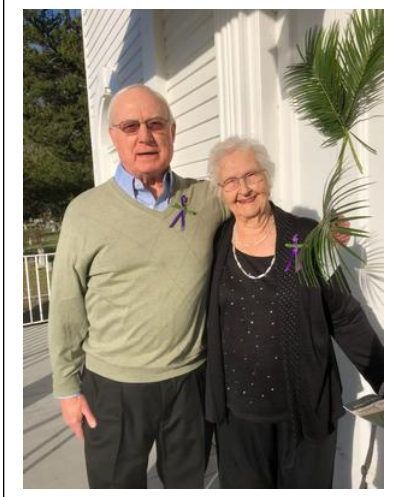
Just love and respect these two!!



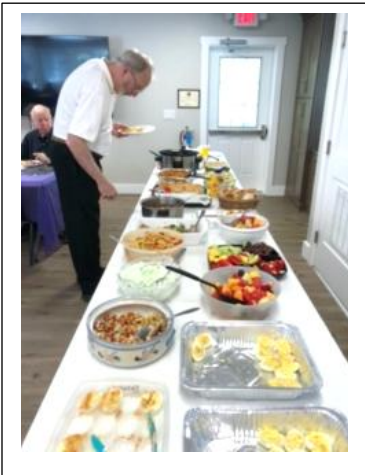
Even the Canterfield residents wore GREEN to celebrate our color Sunday!



MORE FROM MARCH...PALM SUNDAY CANTATA & POTLUCK



Thanks to David Hamilton for escorting our dear member, Lois Finch to church. It was good to have her back with us!



Many thanks to all who prepared the potluck, performed the Cantata and assisted in filming the service. St. Luke's church family is the BEST!



Prayer Requests

MEMBERS & CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan Judi & Gary Landin Harold Prosser Amy Dauplaise Thomas Cook
Mim Mazon Andy & Sharon Makarick Dawn Hall

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Daughter of Don McKay
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
Pat Lawn, brother of Carol Jackson
Donna Lewis, sister of Tina Topoleski
Pat, neighbor of Janet Jacoby
Dottie Apgar, former member
Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton
Diane Losk, friend of several church members
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel
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
Karen, friend of Tina Blount
Jan, neighborhood friend of Judi Landin
Jim and Larua, friends of Susie and Michael Brown
Barbara and Al, friends of Susie and Michael Brown
Steven Nelson, friend of Marie Baldauf
June, sister of Janet Jacoby
Jessica, friend of Janet Jacoby

Judy Boswell, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Linda Lorick, sister of Ouida Dell
Scottie, grandson of friend of Nettie Peck
Arthur Cooler, friend of JW Harper
Janet Frieden, sister-in-law of Sheryll Ingram



Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Freddie Robinson, Uncle of Pastor Chris, on Feddie's passing on March 9th.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Shirley and David Hamilton and their family on the passing of centenarian June Hamilton, March 24th. She was a long-time member of St. Luke's.

Let us remember with cards, and prayers...

**CHURCH MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES,
ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND**

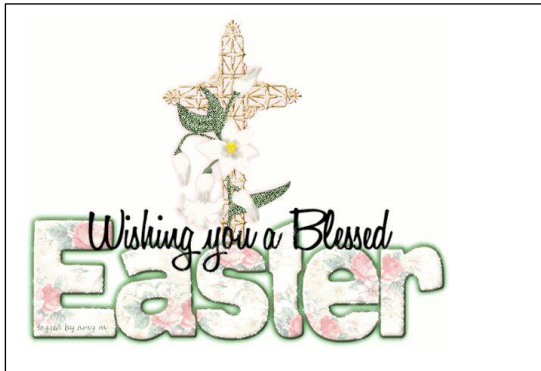
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Kennedy Pryor
- 11 Bryan Metzger
- 12 Charlene King
- 18 Lynne Wheeler
- 22 Beverly Cook
- 24 Allyn Perdue
- 26 Christopher Thompson, Jr.
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- 03 Beth King
- 10 Beth Woods
- 11 Jean Shaffer
- 12 Marsha Gerber
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