

St. Luke's Newsletter



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St. Luke's on 5th: Where everyone is a beloved child of God (1 John 4:7)

SAVE THE DATE!

- 10/3** **SPRC meets w/DS
Weed, Wash, Cookout**
- 10/4** **Church Membership
Class**
- 10/8,15,22,29 - SPROUTS**
- 10/10** **Festival of Sharing**
- 10/11** **CROP WALK**
- 10/13** **Finance Committee**
- 10/18** **St. Luke's Feast Day!
New Members Rec'd**
- 10/18** **Together We CAN**
- 10/20** **Board of Trustees**
- 10/23** **NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE! (FRIDAY)**
- 10/28** **Ad Council**
- 10/30** **FINAL FRIDAY LUNCH**
- 11/5** **CHURCH CONFERENCE**
- 11/22** **Thanksgiving Pot Luck**

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St. Luke's on 5th - What's in a name?

Have you ever wondered why St. Luke's on 5th is named after a gospel instead of a street? That's unique among United Methodist Churches!

St. Luke's was named by the first pastor, Rev. Warren Wilson. Rev. Wilson said, "I suggested the name of St. Luke's because Luke was the great physician and an evangelist. I figured if this new church was going to grow, it needed to be a place that offered people healing and taught people the good news of Jesus Christ."



Beginning this Advent, the gospel for the year is the gospel of Luke. It seems that a Church named St. Luke's ought to know this gospel by heart! For the next year, St. Luke's will give focused attention to study, pray, and learn St. Luke's gospel. Will you commit to reading this gospel? Learning some verses by heart? Coming to a short-term class for 4-6 weeks? Get ready ... in just two months, we'll begin the **Year of St. Luke!**

The symbol of St. Luke is the ox(or sometimes the bull). There are two biblical explanations for this. First, some believe that Luke is represented by a winged ox because he begins his gospel with an account of the priest, Zachary, (Zechariah), sacrificing in the temple. The ox represents Christ's sacrifice. A second explanation comes from the book of Ezekiel 1:10. Here, Ezekiel has a vision and lists four animals which early Christian writers connected to the four gospels. Luke, being third, became the ox, also listed third in Ezekiel's vision.

Most important of all, what does it mean for us to feel called to be a part of God's church that is named ST. Luke's? This is a question we will work on together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the Year of Luke.

Feast Day

On the Christian calendar, Sunday, October 18 is the Feast Day of St. Luke! So let's feast! There will be a potluck lunch right after worship. We'll welcome the new members, get to know the forever members, and enjoy the gift of the person who wrote the gospel after which this church is named. Please bring a dish to share.

"Faith working by love" is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian perfection.
—John Wesley

Church Membership

Are you feeling led to be a member at St. Luke's? A church membership class will meet October 4th from 4-5:30 and join during worship on Oct 18th. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Laurie at 214-1574 or moodyclark@aol.com.

Educational Opportunities

An after-school ministry for children and youth



On Thursdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 3-4:30, children and youth are invited to be a part of a ministry that grows God's love in our hearts and shares God's grace through our service. In October, "Peace of Christ" is our focus. Through scripture, music, games, and service we will ask God to grow the peace of Christ in our hearts. Please spread the word, invite your neighbors and grandchildren, and join us for **Sprouts** – growing God's love in our hearts and minds.

Word Among Us

Each Sunday, Pastor Laurie leads a Bible Study from 9:30-10:15 in the parlor. This study focuses on the scripture for the following week. Upcoming scriptures include:

October 4 Mark 10:2-16

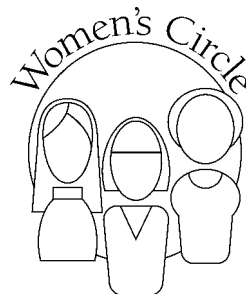
October 18 Mark 10:35-45

October 11 Mark 10:17-31

October 25 Mark 10:46-52

St. Luke's Women

On September 3, the afternoon circle of the St. Luke's Women met at the new home of Shirley and John Taylor. We enjoyed lunch with Shirley in the dining hall then had dessert "back at the house". What a lovely view they have of the wooded area behind their house! We were so glad to see they have found a place that so well meets their needs.



On October 1 we will meet at 12:30 for lunch at Helen Minton's. She has limited parking spaces so we will meet at the church at noon to share rides.

We are resuming the soup and dessert menus for Final Fridays. We appreciate those who regularly come to have lunch with us. We offer soup, dessert and drink for \$5.00 and along with that, lots of tall tales, news and laughs. We hope more people will come to enjoy this time of fellowship.

Weeding, Washing, and Cooking Out

The Trustees invite everyone to gather between 10-noon on Saturday, Oct 3rd to weed, wash windows, and enjoy a cookout. Please come and help us take care of God's church and grounds!

Looking ahead to November!

November 1: All Saint's Sunday
November 5th - Church Conference
6:30 at North Broadway UMC

Nov 22: Thanksgiving potluck breakfast 9:00am
November 29th - Hanging of the Greens
and the beginning of the Year of Luke

***A Message from Pastor Laurie
"Hope, Possibility and Potential"***

Dear St. Luke's,

The last week of September, I attended the annual Ministry Festival of the United Methodist Community Ministries (UMCM). It was an awesome celebration of all the ministry and mission that is taking place in the Columbus area. This mission is supported, in part, through grants from the UMCM. For years, St. Luke's has received one of these grants. For 2010, the amount is \$3500. This grant specifically supports the part-time staff position of the Director of Special ministries.

These annual grants come as gifts to churches like St. Luke's who are answering God's call to offer ministry to people and situations that otherwise are forgotten. Most of the missions are for food and clothing, housing, health-care. But as I walked around and looked at the displays, I slowly realized that of all the ministries, only two reach out to people with disabilities. St. Luke's is one of these. Even among churches focused on mission, St. Luke's is unique. St. Luke's is special. St. Luke's holds out hope that all people are welcome in God's kingdom on earth.

It was nearly 30 years ago when the first people with disabilities showed up on the door step of St. Luke's. Bob Alexander was the pastor and he tells the story like this. Bob said that when he got to church early one Sunday morning, there were a few people waiting for him. He invited them in and gave them some coffee, and they kept coming back. Over time, they brought their friends, and connections grew. St. Luke's realized that while many agencies offered supportive living services to people with disabilities, often their spiritual needs were left out. So St. Luke's started Special Ministries - with the possibility of offering the one thing people with disabilities didn't get anywhere else - a church home where all people could grow spiritually, and deepen their relationship with God.

It hasn't been easy to be one church family with such an eclectic mixture of people. There has been grief and misunderstanding. Some people have left - always painful. Others have passed away and some have moved on. Although the faces and characters have changed, during these last 3 decades people with disabilities have become a part of God's family that is St. Luke's on 5th. As a church that welcomes all people, we have become gifted in the practice of hospitality. Not only is everyone welcomed, but everyone is included. Where else can a person with disabilities serve as an acolyte? As a Communion steward? In time, our worship attitude has matured into "relaxed reverence." At St. Luke's it doesn't matter what clothes you wear, when you put your money in the offering plate, or even if you bring a tambourine to worship.

Together, we keep the main thing the main thing. Whatever happens, we go with the flow and focus on worshipping God. These are just a few of the gifts that we have received, slowly over time, and that the grant has helped to make possible.

Now we are at another important time at St. Luke's. Little by little, more people are showing up on Sunday morning. Usually, they live close by. A few have disabilities. At the same time, we are searching for a church musician - someone to lead us in congregational singing. These changes are hard, but they also come bringing gifts. It is time, again, to reach out and welcome the people God is bringing to us. It is time again to open our arms and our hearts to the potential that God gives us, St. Luke's on 5th, the body of Christ on the corner of Virginia and 5th.

Because St. Luke's is God's church, the present and future is hope, possibility and potential. When we worship God in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, may we be convinced again and again that the best is yet to come.

*Peace of the Living Christ to you,
Pastor Laurie*

THE CONNECTION: Together WE Can
Bishop's Day on the District - apportionments

You may have heard before in the church:

- "we have no idea what apportionments are for."
- "No one has ever explained it to us."
- "We had no idea that some of our apportionments went directly to save the lives of children."

On behalf of the people of the UMC and the people in need around the world, you are invited to the Bishops Day on the Capitol Area North District on October 18 from 2:30-5:30 at Church of the Messiah, 51 N State St, Westerville, OH

We will focus on the crucial mission outreach of apportionments and how this ministry helps to change the world with the light of Christ. the day will include a question and answer time as well as a forum to respond to concerns of the churches and people of our District.

In Jesus' first sermon, he spoke of how best to respond to those in need by gathering together and reaching out. In the Book of Acts, the story of how the church began, are the stories of how they pooled money together to respond to those in need. These stories and many more are the origins of Apportionments. Apportionments are a part of the story of the birth of each of our churches.

WE invite all from your church especially the leaders to be with us on this very crucial day together. We ask that you recruit a team and register your attendance in advance.

Grace and Peace,
Marcus Atha

An Update from St. Luke's Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Music at St. Luke's

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee (S/PPRC) is in the process of interviewing and auditioning applicants for the new position of Church Musician. The new position of Church Musician is in response to the growing music needs at St. Luke's,

Over the last couple of months, there has been confusion around the new position of the Church Musician. Because S/PPRC has not been able to meet since July, we have not had the opportunity to address the concerns and hopes around this change. We are sorry and hope this will be received as a respectful response to some of these concerns.

History Leading to the Position of Church Musician

During the spring, the S/PPRC called together a Music Task Force to do the following:

- a) gather information about music ministry in other churches the size of St. Luke's
- b) discern the musical needs of St. Luke's for the present and next 2-3 years
- c) make recommendations for music staff positions to S/PPRC

The Music Task Force met several times throughout the spring. Together, the Music Task Force (Dale Collmer, Henry Scurlock, Christine Bennett, Vonda Agriesti, Mary Ann Harris, and Laurie Clark) gathered information from 10 churches both local and beyond, agreed that St. Luke's is growing, and has people of all ages and abilities who are interested in sharing musical gifts. The Music Task force recommended to Staff Parish two positions: a Church Musician who would play the organ and/or piano for worship, rehearsals, and any needs St. Luke's has, and a Director of Music Ministry who would lead the choirs, lead people of all ages and abilities, and work in conjunction with the Pastor and Worship Team to plan and prepare worship.

Currently, the operating budget will support one music position. S/PPRC agreed to fill the position of Church Musician. When the operating budget will support a Director of Music Ministry, then this position will be filled. In August, Vonda decided that she
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Church Musician

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did not want to continue in her role as pianist for the Chancel Choir and Interim Chancel Choir Director. S/PPRC is grateful for Vonda's years of service, and while we understand her decisions, this is a hard part of this journey. Thankfully, Vonda says that she plans to stay at St. Luke's.

Director(s) Needed!

Currently, the Chancel Choir is not singing because there is not a director. If anyone knows a person who might be willing to direct the Choir, please let us know! At this time, it would be a volunteer position. We also need people to lead the Chancel Chimes, Joyful Noise, and the children's choir, again as volunteers. On Sunday mornings, we are depending on supply musicians until we have found a Church Musician.

Change Brings Gifts

Change also brings gifts. S/PPRC feels excited and hopeful that when we have filled the position of Church Musician, the music ministry will continue to grow slowly over time, and lead us to worship God with deepening joy and growing delight.

Timeline

At this time, S/PPRC has received 6 applications for this new position. During October, an interview team will sort through the applications, hold interviews and auditions, and make a recommendation to S/PPRC to hopefully offer one of these persons the position.

Please keep the S/PPRC in your prayers as we seek to follow God's call and find the right person to lead us musically in worship and in praise of God. If you have questions or would like to talk about this, please talk with members of S/PPRC. Any of us would be glad to hear your thoughts and answer whatever questions we can.

Dale Collmer, Chair of S/PPRC

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Help Crop Stop Hunger Sunday Oct 11

- Chili lunch after worship for all the walkers from St. Luke's
- Car pool to the walk
- Everyone can participate!
- You can participate by walking on behalf of St. Luke's and/or by giving in support of the St. Luke's walkers.

Each week after worship, Tom Culberson and others will sign up walkers and collect donations. or Contact Tom Culberson tc2@onemarconiplace.com *Together we can contribute to the effort to stop hunger in this community and around the world.*

Mac-n-cheese and Christmas Food Boxes

Have you ever seen a tree made entirely from mac and cheese boxes? Starting now, St. Luke's is collecting mac-n-cheese. It's our job to collect 990 boxes by December 1. **990 boxes?**

Our neighbor, Boulevard Presbyterian, asked St. Luke's to be a part of the Christmas food box ministry, which provides a box of food to feed a Columbus family for a week during Christmas, when children are out of school. Different community organizations will contribute all of one food item. St. Luke's has mac - n-cheese, and 3 go in each food box! Last year, Boulevard delivered 330 boxes. So, that's 990 boxes by Dec 1!

Please start bringing them in now, and we'll make a Christmas tree in the main lobby, chart our progress, and on the first Sunday in Advent (Nov 29), we'll bless those boxes, and send them over to Boulevard. I've got the first box. Only 989 to go! --Pastor Laurie

October 2009 SUNDAY SUPPORT

**Thank you to everyone who serves to support ministry on Sunday morning!
Ruth Scurlock will schedule Sunday Support for 2009.
All ushers and greeters, counters, liturgists, and nursery volunteers,
please direct your scheduling requests to Ruth.**

	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	
Liturgists	C. Bennett	B. Janoski	A. Roth	D. Collmer	
Acolyte	L. Gulley	B. Konkle	Amanda/Micah	J. Campbell	
Ushers	R. Parker P. Parker	E. Neer D. Nice	T. Clemens T. Mixter	C. Bennett K. Bennett	
Open-Up	Miller	Dacey	Miller	Dacey	
Lock-Up	D. Collmer	R. Scurlock	T. Clemens	E. Miller	
Counters	C. Bennett J. Clemens	T. Culberson D. Miller	M. Irish E. Dacey	K. Bennett T. Culberson	

Church Family News!

October Birthdays

10 Karen Cook
12 Tom Pope
21 Sue McQuilkin

28 Kerri Myers
28 Zach Clemens
30 Allen Williams

Health Concerns: Betty Dershem, Ethel Algren; Ken & Carol Clark; Marcia; Cathy's father (peace); Gene Agriesti; Curt Stinson; Roxie Long; Sam Beaty; Alice

Prayers for: Richard's friend; Laurie and family; Larry; Laurie; Bill's family & Monroe; Pauline; Bob's family; Kendra; Lauren's family and friends; Muriel's friends; Dick Benkston; Dale and Elsie; Greg, Jeff, Donna, and Mary; Teresa, Randy, Alex to have good school year; Vonda Agriesti; Artie; Jean Champoux (birthday); Laurie's Dad; Pete & Kerry; Scott & children; Noah starting school; Megan; Steve McGarvey; Mary Irish's brother-in-law

Those in Military: Kevin in Iraq (Scurlock's nephew); Jake in Afghanistan; Jason in Iraq; Cyndi's brother in Iraq

Job Concerns: Cheryl Peterson; Desmond; Kay Francis; Richard Dershem

Travel Mercies: Sue and Roger; Tom and Pam; Pat & Janey Whitdove

Thanksgivings/Blessings: for so many blessings for Phil & Ellen's family after a stressful year; for visitors and returning visitors; for life and blessings; for God's goodness; for 30 years without cancer by Tom Culberson;

Bereaved: Kennedy family; Dale Collmer and family in the death of Pat Collmer; Cyndi Paxton in the death of Marvin Paxton

Other concerns: Special Olympics softball team; War in Iraq; economy; our church family; guidance for the "nominating committee"; prayers for those making tough decisions in life



Our Deepest Sympathy to:

*Cyndi Paxton in the death of her uncle, Marvin Paxton
Dale Collmer and Sue McQuilkin in the death of Dale's
stepmother, Pat Collmer*

On Sunday, October 18th, the Columbus marathon will be running all around St. Luke's on 5th! Last year, several people said, "I tried to come to church, but I couldn't get through the marathon!" October 18th is a big day at St. Luke's - the Feast day of St. Luke! We will have new members and a feast (potluck) after worship. Please plan ahead, and get to church before the marathoners block the roads ;) [Editor's Note: It's expected that the runners will be in our area between 9 AM and 2:30 PM. It appears to me that if you come to church via S.R. 315, you will be able to get off inside the circle the route makes around St. Luke's. Northbound, get off at the OSU Hospital exit; Southbound, use the Kinnear Road exit.]



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OFFICE HOURS:

10 AM – 12:30 PM
Monday – Thursday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9: 30 am Adult/Children Sunday School
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 am Worship

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.stlukeson5th.org

St Luke's on 5th

October 2009

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November 2009

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29	30					

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 27 - Oct 3	Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
	9:30am Fellowship Hour; Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Worship, Sanctuary 3:00pm Alcoholics Anon; Youth Roc 4:00pm Overeaters Anon; Family Cl 4:00pm Church Membership Class	6:30pm Young Life - Club; Sanctuar 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon; Family Cir	6:45pm Nicotine Anon; Youth Room 7:00pm Alcoholics Anon; Family Cir		7:00pm Worship Planning Team; Se 7:45pm Alcoholics Anon; Sanctuary	6:45pm Nicotine Anon; Youth Room	9:00am Staff Parish w/ District Supt. 10:00am Weeding, Washing, and Co 11:30am Nicotine Anon; Fellowship H 1:00pm Alcoholics Anon; Youth Roc 1:00pm Alcoholics Anon; Family Cir
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