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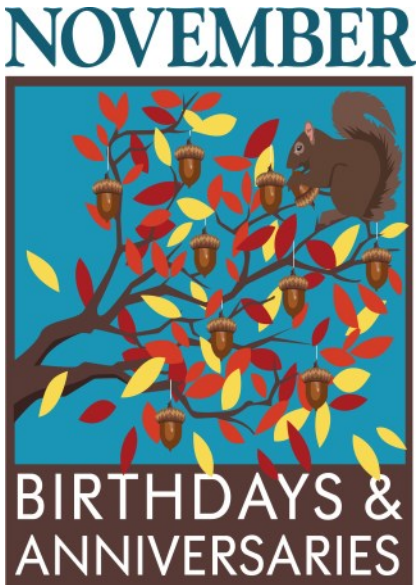


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Office Hours M-F 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



BIRTHDAYS	
LaPrecious Tarpley	11/01
Elizabeth Leonard	11/03
Allison Miller	11/03
Joshua Turner	11/04
Jan White	11/06
Lisa Smith	11/08
Michael Painter	11/09
Daniel Black	11/10
Christy Cook	11/12
Janice England	11/14
Jacob Thomasson	11/14
Virginia Winstead	11/15
Sonja Cook	11/16
Tommy Fleming	11/18



BIRTHDAYS	
Betty Ann Gammon	11/19
Pat Gibson	11/19
Wendy Burnette	11/20
Hazel Morris	11/21
Delores Pickeral	11/25
George Alderman	11/30

ANNIVERSARIES	
Bill & Frances Cook	11/09
Chris & Nancy Ezell	11/10
John & Louise Williams	11/10
Jon & Ashley Marshall	11/12
Wayne & Shirley Owen	11/21

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November 2023
Issue

The Covenant

November is known as the month of Thanksgiving. It is fitting that the month begins with the commendation of the Saints on All Saints Sunday, and it ends with Christ the King Sunday. It bookends our call to thanksgiving...that our faith has been passed down to us, not earned, not elected, not chosen but given. Our allegiance is not to our families, state, nation, or government but in faith, our allegiance, our worship; our gratitude belongs to Christ, who is the Lord of our lives. As the Psalmist proclaims:

"Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD! Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation! Let's come before him with thanks! Let's shout songs of joy to him! The LORD is a great God, the great king over all other gods. The earth's depths are in his hands; the mountain heights belong to him; the sea, which he made, is his along with the dry ground, which his own hands formed."

So, our lives are called to reflect a heart of gratitude. Yet, If we are honest with ourselves, the idea of Thanksgiving is something that we struggle with. We understand the basic premise of giving thanks as a means of gratitude to God for God's provisions. Yet, in this individualistic world, we tend to believe that we worked hard for the things we have. That our material processions are a sign of our work ethic. We struggle with the idea of Jesus as Lord or King. We have had the idea of individualism instilled in us: in grade school, we were taught that the American Revolution was Justified because the American people rightly wanted no king to rule them. Our government was built on the idea that as enlightened and rational people, we, the people, are ruled only by ourselves, as expressed through the power of our vote and those we have chosen as our representatives.

However, Christ does not want to be our democratically elected leader. Christ is insistent that we do not get to choose him...but rather, Christ has elected us. Christ has offered of grace without price, love, and acceptance. Our very sustained breath is all by God's grace. This means our call to thanksgiving is more than a prayer of thanks but a life of gratitude. Interestingly, gratitude is closely associated with blessings in the scriptures. One who is thankful Is not concerned with individual wealth or power but is concerned with how they might be a blessing to others.

This is what we call the theology of the Eucharist. Christ has blessed us in sharing himself at the Table; our response of gratitude is to share ourselves with others, to be a blessing to others just as Christ has blessed us. This month, might your heart be filled with praise and thanksgiving, and might you give of yourself, your time, talents, money, prayers, presence, and love so that others might be blessed to know God's love by and through you. Might you remember that life is not about our individualism but about the call to be one body united in Christ Jesus.

Much Love,
Pastor Tim



November 19 12:00 pm

We will be having a catered lunch in celebration of all of our wonderful St. Luke's Family and the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Please sign up on the lighthouse by November 12th if you plan to attend. There is no charge for the meal, but we always accept donations.

We plan to decorate the church for Advent after the meal so we hope you will stay and help. The more hands we have, the faster the work is completed.

Menu:

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, and assorted Pies and Cakes.

Thank You

St. Luke's UMC,

I would like to thank you for the generous donation of personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, books, clothing, and monetary donation of \$375.00. Your commitment to Haven of the Dan River Region is so important to us.

Melanie Hooker

November Volunteers

Nursery Volunteers

5th Leigh Haar
12th Kathy Jordan
19th Bev Nixon
26th Debbie Fox & Teresa Gammon

Children's Church Volunteers

5th Vicky Aherron
12th Debbie Fox
19th Leslie Christian
26th Juli Odell

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Chuck & Lisa Thomasson
Bulletins: Marie Marlowe & Perry Taylor
Offering: Bill Cook
Communion: Steve, Rhonda, & Jarrett Tucker

Scripture Readers

5th Philip Winstead
12th Phyllis Fisher
19th Rhonda Tucker
26th Lisa Thomasson

ECHOS

ECHOS will meet on Tuesday, November 14th at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. The menu is chicken salad croissants, chips, drinks, and dessert. Cost is \$6. We will be playing BINGO with prizes provided.

Monthly dues are \$1.

You do not have to be **"RETIRED"** to be a member of ECHOS.



Adult Bible Study
Wednesday mornings
at 10:00 am
Everyone is welcome!!

Giving Opportunities

You can also give by scanning this QR code with your smart phone.



You can give online through text.
Text STLUKESGIVE to 73256, followed by gift amount.

Example: STLUKESGIVE\$100



November Schedule

1st Bells 6:15pm Choir 7:15pm
8th No Rehearsals
15th Bells 6:15pm Choir 7:15pm
(set up for Sunday)
19th Performance in Worship Service
22nd No Rehearsals
26th Pageant Rehearsal after Worship
29th Bells 6:15pm Choir 7:15pm

Ceremony of Candles

by Joseph M. Martin



Please make plans to attend our Christmas Pageant on **December 17th at 3:00pm.** The Chancel Choir along with the children's department will present "Ceremony of Candles". A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Youth Ministry

As I sit here writing, my heart is filled with so much joy! The youth of St. Luke's UMC never cease to amaze me. Their willing hearts and their brave spirits are awesome. The youth had an amazing trip to Eagle Eyrie. Amazing worship, time alone with God, time with friends and time in prayer made for an incredible weekend.



**We are looking forward to Friday Night Fire at the Winstead Cabin!
Join us on November 17th for food, fun and of course, fire!**



United
Women
in Faith

Circle Meetings

Circle 3	2 nd	@ 6:00 pm	King Cropp
Circle 6	6 th	@ 1:00 pm	Sissie hosting
Circle 4	13 th	@ 2:00 pm	Library

Upcoming Events

Ornament Making

November 4 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall

All women of the church are invited to join us for a fun time of fellowship and ornament making.

All supplies for the ornament making will be provided.

"Better Together Christmas Brunch"

Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 am
The Golden Leaf Bistro

Ladies, let's kickoff this Christmas season with a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship. The Bistro's brunch menu offers a variety of food options with a price range of \$8.95 - \$15.95.

We are going to play "Dirty Santa" with a \$10 limit on your gift. Don't forget to wrap your present. We may have a few other surprises planned!!

Come dressed in your favorite holiday attire. All women of the church are welcome to join us. Please sign up on the lighthouse by November 26th so that we confirm our reservation.



Progressive Dinner

The youth are planning a progressive dinner for December 15. This means there will be appetizers at one house, soup and/or salad at the next, entree at the next and we will end with dessert. We are in need of volunteers to host us in their homes and provide a part of the meal. Please see Juli if you are interested in the youth coming to your house!

Youth Group and All God's Children meet on Sunday afternoons at 12pm.

We are in need of meals for the month of November. Please see Juli to sign up!

November 5 -

November 19 - Thankful Lunch & Decorating

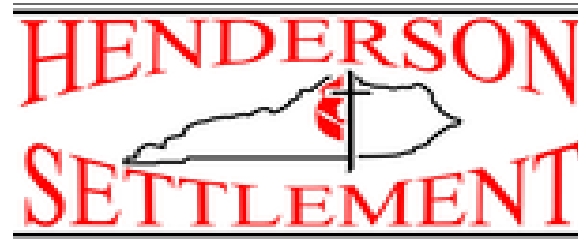
November 12 -

November 26 - No Meetings



It is that time of year, to begin planning for the Holiday Light Show! Sunday, November 5th we will have a brief meeting after church in the Narthex. Maybe working on the display isn't for you, but you would love to come out on our Night to Work the Gate. We will learn this date at a later time, but we will need adult volunteers to help us raise money for our Backpack Program. Look for more information to come.

We are wrapping up our Christmas Drive for Henderson Settlement, it is not too late to bring a new, unwrapped toy or item for a child in need at the Henderson Settlement. All donations should be at the church by November 17th. There is a box located in the Narthex for donations.



Suggested Gift Items

Toys and Books for infants, children and youth

Clothing for infants, children and youth

Bicycles for all ages

Fishing Rods

Camping Chairs

Hammocks

Tools

Watches

Diapers. Bibs, and Wipes

Backpack Ministry

Our back packing continues every Wednesday at 5:30 in the Mission Hub! We have a great time packing our 118 bags and are done by 6pm on most evenings, it is never too late to join us.

We also prepare for the packing on Sundays after church. We appreciate the many hands that make this a great ministry to our children in the community.

Another great way to get involved is with our food needs. I know that food costs are rising, and it is hard to stay within our budgets, however many of these children go a weekend without food. We are always happy to have:

4 pack of individual vegetables, these are Libby brand or Food Lion brand
individual cans of soup with pop tops
Chef Boyardee cans or small bucket meals



The United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, November 4th at 10:00 for brunch at Golden Leaf Bistro. Please join us for a time of fellowship and reflection.

The agenda includes a recap of the stew, looking ahead til the end of the year, and a brainstorming session on ways we can improve as an organization.

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, November 19th. It has been suggested that the men put the Nativity scene up on Saturday, December 2nd. Please pencil that date in until we get more feedback from members. More details to come.



Just Kids Early Learning Center has had a busy month. We have welcomed four additional Early Childhood Classroom Assistants: Lakisha Kirby, Dayzhainic Jones, Abigail Guinn, Jasmin Guinn. We have two new classroom teachers: Taylor Preston and Kristen Valentine. We are happy to have them as part of our team.

We have wonderful (new to us) playground equipment on the small playground near the children's wing entrance. This was made possible by a collaborative effort of St. Luke's, New Creation UMC in Chesapeake, Virginia, and the United Methodist Men of St. Luke's. Thank you to Philip Winstead, Clark Winstead, Mark McKinney, Mike Parrish, James Scheier, Dennis Blackstock, Tom Fleming, Wayne Yeaman, Winn Atkins, and Jarrett Tucker for your dedication to the children in our program.



New Creation removing the equipment.



Finished installation at St. Luke's.



Theology on Tap

November 16

6:00 pm dinner

6:30 pm conversation

2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.

209 Trade St.