

THE EPISTLE

A Message from our Pastor

“I Hope He Hits It To Me”

Matthew 28:16-20: *“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

I recently read an article in which the writer spoke about his high school baseball coach from years ago. He said,

Coach Clifford taught us so much . . . the right way to hold your bat, the correct way to field a ground ball, the proper way to slide into second base, the best way to execute the cut-off play, even the appropriate way to wear your uniform.

He was a baseball man through and through, and he loved the game with a passion that was absolutely contagious. We learned so much from him about the fundamentals of baseball and the intricacies of “baseball strategy.”

Much of what Coach Clifford taught us about baseball has been forgotten or laid aside or put on the back burner of our lives, but there is one thing he taught us about life that I will never forget. One day he said, “Boys, let me tell you the difference between an average player and a champion. Imagine this: It’s the bottom of the ninth with the game on the line. Your team is ahead by one run. You are out on the field. The other team has the bases loaded and their best hitter comes up to bat. In that situation, in that crunch time, in that pressure packed moment, the **average** player says, ‘I sure hope he hits it to somebody else.’ The **champion** says, ‘I hope he hits it to me.’ ”

As I finished reading the article, I reflected on the coach’s words in relation to our stewardship campaign—that at crunch time the champion wants the ball, the champion wants it hit to him, the champion wants the responsibility. He doesn’t wish it off on someone else. The one with the heart of a champion says, “Give me the ball! Put the heat on me! Hit it to me!”

St. Luke’s family, let me ask you something:

Do you have the heart of a champion?

Will you have the heart of a champion on Commitment Sunday, November 18, 2018?

Are you hoping that somebody else will take care of things? Are you hoping somebody else will catch the ball? Or do you have the heart of a champion?

On Commitment Sunday will you say, “Hit it to me! Let me be the one to save the day!”

Well, the truth is that we all get the chance to be the hero, the champion, on Sunday, November 18. God is hitting the ball to each one of us. That’s what this text in Matthew is all about. God is hitting the ball to His disciples. Today, He is telling us as His current disciples, “You go into the world and be My church. Now you go and continue My ministry.” He is trusting us to make the play that wins the game. Commitment Sunday is our chance to do what needs to be done.

Faithfully,



Jim

Youth and Young Adults

Beth Ryan, beth.ryan@stlukesumc.org • 452-6262, ext. 119

Youth Ministry is in full swing this fall! Our Sunday School classes continue to meet on Sunday nights and we are talking about discovering our gifts, and putting them into action to make our world a better place!

Our midweek gathering for Young Adults has been moved from Thursday night to Tuesday night at Wesley Foundation. We're focusing our mid-week on College students and College-aged people, but we'll continue having a once-a-month Thursday night gathering here at St. Luke's for any and all Young Adults.

We are also planning a bonfire outing to the Wofford's barn in conjunction with our friends from the Wesley Foundation on December 1.

Our Young Adult Sunday School Class continues

to meet in the Lounge and is currently studying *Extravagant Generosity* and is being led by Kelly Blount, Amber and Mark Wofford, and Rob and Melinda Kaler.

If you know someone who may be interested in Youth or Young Adult activities, contact Beth Ryan for more information!

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico Update

Our team is set and we will meet for the first time on Thursday, November 1 at 6 p.m. to share information and talk about fundraising. Our Puerto Rico folks are working hard to raise funds through the Serve-a-Thon and hope to have most projects finished by the end of November.

Let's Pause and Say, "Thank You, God"

By Amy Pearson

If you listen to public radio or K-Love, you know that fall is the pledge drive season. I was thinking



about that one morning as I was driving to work. The usual request from these non-profit agencies is that we all need to pay for what we are enjoying

each day. I started thinking about how that relates to church giving.

So many times, we think of membership as being entitled to certain benefits—discounts, or admission to special events or the feeling of being a part of something exclusive. Is that so different from membership (or regular attender) in a church? We don't give to get benefits back for ourselves—we

give so that others may experience God's great love. We give because God created everything and we are blessed to live in His world and enjoy His creation. We give because we are so full of joy that we might explode if we don't share.

So why is it so hard for us to give? I think the world's view creeps in, and we don't think we have enough and hold on to our stuff a little tighter. Or maybe things aren't exactly like you would want them at Church, so you withhold your gifts to make a point. Let's challenge each other to commit some amount—the amount isn't as important as the commitment. Let's pause and say, "thank you God."

Our Commitment Sunday will be November 18 and our Thanksgiving Service will be November 25. I look forward to celebrating BIG all that God has shown us during this campaign.

Sanctuary Steward Opportunity

Would you consider being part of a group of volunteers who come on a rotating schedule to neaten the Sanctuary and have it ready for worship services each week?

This loyal team replaces Bibles and hymnals in book racks, restocks offering envelopes in pew pockets, collects used bulletins, and sharpens

pencils. We currently have enough volunteers that each person's name comes up only every 8 to 10 weeks. If you are already serving in this way and are willing to continue, or if you would like to be a new volunteer, please call Virginia Hathorn at 327-3962 or avhathorn@gmail.com.



St. Luke's Partners With Room In The Inn

Room In The Inn is a national organization that provides safe shelter for the homeless. Other churches in Memphis have been doing this for several years. St. Luke's will be participating in this ministry for one Saturday night a month, housing a total of six women each night.

We will shelter on Saturdays, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9 and March 9.

We would like your help in the following way(s):

- Travel-size soap and shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Someone to ride with the driver
- Someone to prepare beds

- Someone to transport food from Fellowship Hall to CLC Room 103
- 2 people per night to stay the night
- Someone to take linens to laundromat on Monday
- Site clean up
- 8 cots or blow up mattresses
- Twin size sheets and blankets
- Help with snack bags, both money and items

For more information contact:

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Music Ministry News

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Calling all Advent singers—Come join the Chancel Choir as we prepare music for the services of advent: Wednesdays, November 28, 6:30-7:15, December 5, 6:30-7:00, December 12, 6:30-8:00, December 19, 6:30-8:00.

MESSIAH, the Chancel Choir, orchestra, and guest soloists, will present Christmas portions of *Handel's Messiah* on December 9, at 4:00 p.m.

LESSONS AND CAROLS, December 16, morning service, Chancel Choir, and handbells.

As we approach a season of thankfulness, I have thought about many creative and industrious ways to bring my praise. However, we serve a God that wants us just as we are.

I Peter 4:10 says "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

God gave each of you talents, and he wants you to be faithful with them. He uses our talents to test our unselfishness. You **choose** if you are going to live for something greater than yourself. Faithful people don't live for themselves. They know that the talents God gave them are not for their own benefit; they're to make the world a better place. God shaped you to serve him and His people.

Last month the choir sang the choral anthem, *Come to the Water*, written by John Foley and arranged by Howard Helvey. These words spoke to

me in a powerful way about how I should be using my gifts. Not for my own reward, but for others on their journey to serve, just like me. Just as our Lord gave all . . . unselfishly, we are called to give. St. Luke's UMC is called to be a community of people that seek to use their talents to serve ALL people. Let us come together to serve and worship HIM!

Come to the Water

O let all who thirst, Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price;
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing,
Let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife;
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary, Let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest; How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden; Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might,
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord.

November 2018 Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 1

Day School STEM Class: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Lounge
Sit & Be Fit: 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m., CLC 103
Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CLC 108
Small Group Study: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Library
Craft Club: 12:00-4:00 p.m., CLC 103
Puerto Rico Meeting: 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Under 8 Basketball Practice: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Fisher of Men: 7:15-10:15 p.m., Gym

Friday, November 2

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym
Fall Festival: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Youth Lock-In: 7:00 p.m.-Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 3

Regional One Foundation Basketball:
8:30-12:30 p.m., Gym
Soccer Shots Fall Season: 8:30-12:00 p.m., Gym
Magnolia Meditation Group: 2:00-4:00 p.m., MB 213
Saturday Supper: 4:30-5:30 p.m., FH

Sunday, November 4 *All Saints Sunday*

Community Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m., FH
Lunch for College Students: 12:00-1:00 p.m., Lounge
Under 12/Under 16 BB Practice: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Gym
Under 12 BB Practice: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Gym
Wesley Bells Rehearsal: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Bell Room
Kids Konnect: 5:00-6:15 p.m., Lounge

Monday, November 5

DCOM: 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m., Library
Sit & Be Fit: 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m., CLC 103
Soccer Shots: 2:00-3:30 p.m., Gym
Under 16 Basketball: 5:00-7:15 p.m., Gym
Jesus is Lord Basketball: 7:15-10:15 p.m., Gym

Tuesday, November 6

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym
Women's Bible Study: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Library
UMW Executive Meeting: 9:45-11:00 a.m., MB 104
UMW General Meeting/Lunch: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., FH
Pickleball: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Gym
Under 10 Basketball: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Trustees Meeting: 6:00-7:30 p.m., Lounge
Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Scout Hut
Cub Scouts: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Chapel/CB 2nd floor

Wednesday, November 7

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym
Yoga With Ann: 5:15-6:15 p.m., Church Parlor
Under 18 Basketball: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Leviticus Bible Study: 6:00-7:00 p.m., Lounge
Choir Practice: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Choir Room
Young Adult Basketball: 7:20-8:50 p.m., Gym

Thursday, November 8

Day School STEM Class: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Lounge
Sit & Be Fit: 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m., CLC 103
Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CLC 108
Small Group Study: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Library
Craft Club: 12:00-4:00 p.m., CLC 103
Under 8 Basketball Practice: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Fisher of Men: 7:15-10:15 p.m., Gym

Friday, November 9

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym
Game Night: 6:00-10:00 p.m., MB 309/310/311

Saturday, November 10

Regional One Foundation Basketball:
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Gym
Soccer Shots Fall Season: 8:30-12:00 p.m., Gym
American Sewing Guild: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Lounge
Sit & Sew: 12:00-5:00 p.m., Lounge
Magnolia Meditation Group: 2:00-4:00 p.m., MB 213
Saturday Supper: 4:30-5:30 p.m., FH
Room In The Inn: 6:00 p.m.-6:30 a.m., CLC 103

Sunday, November 11 *UMM Sunday*

Community Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m., FH
Craft Sale: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CLC Gallery
Blood Pressure Check: 10:20 a.m.-10:50 a.m., Prayer Rm.
Under 12/Under 16 BB Practice: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Gym
Under 12 BB Practice: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Gym
Charge Conference: 2:00-4:00 p.m., Christ UMC
Wesley Bells Rehearsal: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Bell Room
Kids Konnect: 5:00-6:15 p.m., Lounge
Dinner & Youth Activities: 5:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area

Monday, November 12

DCOM Meeting: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Library
Sit & Be Fit: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., CLC 103
Soccer Shots: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Gym
Under 16 Basketball: 5:00-7:15 p.m., Gym
SPRC Meeting: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library
Jesus is Lord Basketball: 7:15-10:15 p.m., Gym

Tuesday, November 13

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym
Women's Bible Study: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Library
Worship Meeting: 9:30-10:30 a.m., MB 203
Pickleball: 12:00-2:00 p.m., Gym
Brownie Troop: 4:30-5:45 p.m., CLC 103
Day School Literacy Training: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., FH
Under 10 Basketball: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Scout Hut
Challengers Advisory Board: 5:30-7:00 p.m., Library
Cub Scouts: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Chapel/2nd floor
UMW Naomi Circle: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Lounge

Wednesday, November 14

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym
UMM Prayer Breakfast: 7:15-8:00 a.m., Perkins Rest.
Yoga With Ann: 5:15-6:15 p.m., Church Parlor
Under 18 Basketball: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Leviticus Bible Study: 6:00-7:00 p.m., Lounge
Choir Practice: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Choir Room
Young Adult Basketball: 7:20-8:50 p.m., Gym

Thursday, November 15

Day School STEM Class: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Lounge
Sit & Be Fit: 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m., CLC 103
Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CLC 108
Small Group Study: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Library
Craft Club: 12:00-4:00 p.m., CLC 103
Under 8 Basketball Practice: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym
Fisher of Men: 7:15-10:15 p.m., Gym

by Ann Bowsher

In order to be as informed as we can be in preparation for the called General Conference in February 2019, the Reconciling Committee would like to invite you to stop by an informational display in the Hospitality Hall and pick up some documents to take home and study.

One hand-out will outline and compare the three main proposals considered by the Commission on the Way Forward, and the second includes the names and addresses of our delegates to General Conference. Extensive articles, videos, and commentaries are also available at umnews.org.

Once you have taken time to study, think, discuss, and pray, we encourage you to email or send letters to our lay and clergy delegates

voicing your convictions and hopes for the United Methodist Church, our conference, and for St. Luke's. This is a powerful way to participate in the justice mandate Christ gave us, and also to honor our Social Principles and Social Creed.

The 2016 Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church states, *"The United Methodist Church believes God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, a love seeking justice and liberty. We cannot just be observers. So we care enough about people's lives to risk interpreting God's love, to take a stand, to call each of us into a response, no matter how controversial or complex. The church helps us think and act out a faith perspective, not just responding to all the other 'mind-makers-up' that exist in our society."*

Friday, November 16

Morning Basketball: 6:30-8:00 a.m., Gym

Saturday, November 17

Soccer Shots Fall Season: 8:30-12:00 p.m.

Magnolia Meditation Group: 2:00-4:00 p.m., MB 213

Saturday Supper: 4:30-5:30 p.m., FH

Sunday, November 18 *Stewardship Pledge Sunday*

Community Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m., FH

Inquirers Luncheon: 12:15-1:15 p.m., Lounge

Under 12/Under 16 BB Practice: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Gym

Under 12 BB Practice: 3:00-5:00 p.m., Gym

Wesley Bells Rehearsal: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Bell Room

Kids Konnect: 5:00-6:15 p.m., Lounge

Dinner & Youth Activities: 5:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area

Monday, November 19

Annual Gym Floor Resurfacing through November 26

Sit & Be Fit: 9:00-10:00 a.m., CLC 103

Glad Helpers Prayer Group: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Parlor

Finance Meeting: 6:00-7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, November 20

Day School Pow Wow: 8:30-12:30 p.m., FH

Women's Bible Study: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Library

UMW Mary Rachel Circle: 10:30-12:00 p.m., Lounge

Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Scout Hut

Cub Scouts: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Chapel/CB 2nd floor

Wednesday, November 21-Friday, November 23

Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 24

Saturday Supper: 4:30-5:30 p.m., FH

Sunday, November 25

Community Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 a.m., FH

Wesley Bells Rehearsal: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Bell Room

Monday, November 26

Sit & Be Fit: 9:00-10:00 a.m., CLC 103

Soccer Shots: 2:00-3:30 p.m., Gym

Tuesday, November 27

Carol Feisal Meeting: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., FH

Women's Bible Study: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Library

Brownie Troop: 4:30-5:45 p.m., CLC 103

Boy Scouts: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Scout Hut

Holiday Concert, Memphis Children's Chorale:

6:30-7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 28

UMM Prayer Breakfast: 7:15-8:00 a.m., Perkins Rest.

Yoga With Ann: 5:15-6:15 p.m., Parlor

Choir Practice: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday, November 29

Day School STEM Class: 8:30-11:30 a.m., Lounge

Sit & Be Fit: 9:00-10:00 a.m., CLC 103

Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CLC 108

Small Group Study: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Library

Craft Club: 12:00-4:00 p.m., CLC 103

Under 8 Basketball Practice: 5:45-7:15 p.m., Gym

Friday, November 30

Game Night: 6:00-10:00 p.m., MB 309/310/311

Children's Ministry

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Throughout the stewardship campaign, our children will participate in activities that correlate with the adult booklet that members received. Teaching our children and families about how we give of our time, our prayers, and our gifts is vital to the life of our church. (If you would like a copy of the "kid's version" I have copies available.)

THANKFUL! Thanks to all of the volunteers that serve weekly in Children's Ministry.

We are having a great time in **Kid's Konnect** (Sunday afternoons, 5:00-6:15 p.m.) discovering "fruits of the spirit" and learning about Christ-like attributes through games, role playing, and songs.

Come join us as we prepare music for our **Hanging of the Green Service** on December 2. This special service will be a time for children and youth to engage us in worship as we welcome Christ into our homes and hearts.

All kids in grades 3-5 who are interested in singing for advent, join us as we prepare our voices and hearts for this special season. On November 18 we will have an advent "**Make and Take**" for our last Kids Konnect of 2018.

There will be a special advent table in Hospitality Hall just for families. Please stop by and get your advent devotional resources and activities.

If you are interested in volunteering in Children's Ministry, please contact Terri at terri.theil@stlukesumc.org

United Methodist Women

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The **UMW General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Carolyn Galloway who will discuss *The Sacred Space of Good Health*. Sign up at the Hospitality desk for lunch. The cost is \$6 per person. Everyone is invited.

The **United Methodist Neighborhood Center** (UMNC) is asking for \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Kroger instead of filling the traditional Thanksgiving baskets. They have found that gift cards are a better option for their Hispanic families. If you want to donate cards, please deliver to Pat Anderson or any UMW member.

If you prefer to contribute a monetary gift of any amount, make check payable to St. Luke's and note that it's for UMNC Thanksgiving.

The **Methodist Hospital Auxiliary** is in immediate need of T-shirts and socks. Bring any donations to the UMW Room (MB 104).

UMW Dining for \$\$\$\$ is back this December! Plan to get one or two holiday ready-to-go entrees. Entrees will be available Saturday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You have a choice of Crockpot Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Tetrazzini Casserole (or both). Make your own for \$20 or the UMW will make it for you for \$25. Order forms will be available on November 6.

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Thank you for all your support at our 4th Annual Crafts Fair. If you missed us, we will be having another sale in the CLC Hallway **Sunday, November 11**, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Finance News You Can Use

Are you ready for all of the end of year questions that come with tax planning and contributions? Well here is another one to ponder for retirees:

How can I maximize my giving and save on my taxes? Answer: Consider using a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) that is withdrawn from your IRA (Individual Retirement Account) and is sent directly to a charity (St. Luke's UMC!). You can use your RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) to fund your charitable contribution. The funds go

directly to the charity, do not pass through your hands and thus you avoid paying taxes on those funds. You can use all or part of your RMDs to meet your charitable goals. This is a great way to save taxes and give at the same time. Hurry though if you want to take advantage of this before the clock strikes midnight on December 31, 2018. You will be too late! Contact your tax advisor for more information.

Welcome New Members!



Eddie Spencer grew up in Detroit, Michigan, but then moved to Memphis for a job with Mill Morris Machine Shop. He and his wife, Juanita, were married 67 years before her passing in 2013. He is a veteran of World War II, having served 550 straight days of combat, operating anti-aircraft guns. His many hobbies include making plastic models, making ships

and log cabins from balsa wood, and making earrings out of clay. Over the years he has demonstrated his craft expertise many times at the Pink Palace Crafts Fair.



A transplant from Naperville, Illinois (Chicago suburb) this year, **Sue Ellen Hollingshead** is working on her southern accent; y'all can help her with that.

After decades working as a corporate meetings and events manager for companies like Farm Credit Services and Motorola, she's hung up her frequent flier mile accounts and embracing

a 10-minute drive to life at a busy mom and pop shop—Rachel's Flowers & Gifts on Poplar, as their Brand Manager.

Sue Ellen loves a good laugh and thrives on activity: golf, yoga, walks, reading, biking, and travel. Miss Bettye Jo has already found a perfect way for Sue to give back, by serving as a greeter on Sunday mornings.



Larry and Jacki Romey are recent transplants to Memphis, moving last year from central Arkansas to be closer to their daughter and family. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Larry and Jacki grew up in Phoenix and graduated from Arizona State University. Larry studied Civil Engineering and worked

for the U.S. Air Force. They moved to Arkansas in 1993 when Larry was assigned to Little Rock Air Force Base. Jacki studied Journalism and taught high school broadcast journalism, print journalism and English for 30 years in Arizona and Arkansas. They are both retired and enjoy volunteering at various non-profits in Memphis. They transferred their membership from Jacksonville UMC to St. Luke's UMC earlier this year.

Help Decorate The Mitten Tree

The traditional Mitten Tree for Sherwood Elementary students will be in the north hallway near the elevator on November 4.

Please help decorate the tree with mittens, gloves, scarves, and new/used jackets. Also, socks and underwear for boys and girls sizes 6-10 are needed. The tree will be up through November 25. Contact Barbara Caldwell at 323-0919.

Outreach Opportunity for the Students at Sherwood Elementary

Volunteers are needed. If you have an hour a week, the children need you. If this is something you feel called to do, contact the guidance counselor, Ms. White, at Sherwood at 416-4864.

November Greeter Schedule

November 4: Hospitality Hall: Sarah Wofford and Sarah Lawrence; Mynders Door: Joy Stewart

November 11: Hospitality Hall: Cindy and George Mullins; Mynders Door: Alice Roberts

November 18: Hospitality Hall: Elizabeth Hewitt and Sue Ellen Hollingshead; Mynders Door: Beverly King

November 25: Hospitality Hall: Diana Hayne and Barbara Caldwell; Mynders Door: Jerry Reynolds

To Our Church Family

Thank you for all your prayers, prayer shawls, and cards. They have given us all the strength we needed to get through this difficult time. I would also like to thank the many of you who stopped by to visit with Mom, bringing meals, running errands, and offering comfort, and especially those who made trips to the hospital.

Mom really missed not being able to make it to church in her final days. It meant the world to her that her church family was willing to be there for her when she really needed them. Thank you to everyone who sent flowers to the memorial. Mom would have truly loved them.

Lastly, I want to thank those of you who have been a true friend to Mom throughout the years. She cherished the friendships she shared with you all. You were family to her as much as any of us. She will be sorely missed by us all. Mom spent a lot of years caring for the children of St. Luke's. May God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,
The Gore and Nunis Families

THE EPISTLE

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"We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind, and hands of Jesus Christ with ALL people."

Help beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas Season!

Sponsor a poinsettia for our Sanctuary on Sunday, December 16, in honor or memory of a loved one. Donors and honorees will be listed on a bulletin insert that day. Each poinsettia is \$12 each. Please complete this form and return to Vickey Hobbs in the church office by December 5 with your check made payable to St. Luke's UMC and noted for "poinsettias."

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

In Honor of

In Memory of

Total number @ \$12 each = \$ _____

Gifts in Memory

Kathy Bogle from Chancel Choir, Virginia Hathorn, Vickey Hobbs

Avis Foreman from Mary Lou Cushing, Ed and Nita Barlow, Vickey Hobbs, Chancel Choir, Virginia Hathorn, Janice Sorsby, Barbara Caldwell, Dot Dickey, Sue Gray, Marilyn Sadler, Rocky Gresham

Jeanette Nunis from Ed and Nita Barlow, Rita Richardson, Alice Roberts, Bob and Janie Hendrix, Mary Lou Cushing, Vickey Hobbs, Barbara Caldwell

Gifts in Honor

Azucena Hendrickson from Chancel Choir

Linda Hensley from St. Luke's UMW

With Sympathy

Kathy Bogle family

Jimmy Edwards family

Avis Foreman family

Thomas Gerdes family

Jeanette Nunis family

**Total Giving of Tithes and Offerings for
September 30-October 21: \$38,041.76**