

Saint Luke UMC

# The Acts

March 15, 2023



**Virginia Brooks Martin**, was baptized on Sunday, March 12 during the 11 o'clock worship service. She was born on September 9, 2022, and is the daughter of Daniel and Alex Martin. Her grandparents are Joe and Joni Martin and Tom and Vicki Haislip. Pictured above are Preacher Eddie, Alex and Virginia, big sister, Renalds (age 4), Daniel, and Pastor Charlotte.

We rejoice with this sweet family at this special time in their lives and pray that God will bless them as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.



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**Pastor Weekend Emergency On-Call Schedule (984-977-1798)**

March 17-18: Rev. Jim Rogers

March 24-25: Rev. Judy Drye

**Church Office Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday. Closed on Fridays.**



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**Saint Luke UMC  
Calendar of Events  
March 15—22, 2023**

**Wednesday, March 15**

- 9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live
- 12:00 pm Lenten Worship and Luncheon—DCLC
- 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
- 6:00 pm Men's Devo/Workout—Picnic Shelter
- 6:30 pm Lenten Journey Group—Room #227
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

**Thursday, March 16**

- 10:30 am Lenten Journey Group—Room #227
- 12:00 pm Keenagers—Room #222/224
- 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #232

**Sunday, March 19**

- 8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
- 9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
- 9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
- 9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #233
- 9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Men's Class—Room #222/224
- 10:00 am Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Baptism (Worth Calhoun Reed)—Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Quarterly Staff Mtg—Room #222/224
- 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
- 4:00 pm Confirmation Class—Conference Room
- 4:00 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
- 4:00 pm JAM (Jesus and Me) - Room #116/118
- 5:00 pm UMYF—Davenport CLC
- 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting—Casey Chapel

**Monday, March 20**

- 8:00 am Board of Ordained Ministry Meetings—Upstairs Classrooms (All Day)

**Tuesday, March 21**

- 8:00 am Board of Ordained Ministry Meetings—Upstairs Classrooms (All Day)
- 8:45 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 7:00 pm ARK Ministry Team Mtg—Rm #222/224

**Wednesday, March 22**

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
- 9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live
- 12:00 pm Lenten Worship and Luncheon—DCLC
- 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
- 6:00 pm Men's Devo/Workout—Picnic Shelter
- 6:30 pm Lenten Journey Group—Room #227
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

*Preparing for Worship ...*



*Scriptures for March 19, 2023*

I Samuel 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14
Psalms 23	John 9:1-41

*Flower Donations*



The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 19th will be given to the glory of God and in honor of Worth Calhoun Reed on the occasion of his baptism, and in loving memory of his great-grandparents, Bob and Irene Jordan. They are given with love by Worth's grandparents, Chuck and Molly Maness.

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To reserve a date to place flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate a special occasion, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.



*Membership Sunday  
March 19, 2023*

Our next Membership Sunday will be March 19th. If you have prayerfully considered making Saint Luke UMC your church home, we would love to have you! Please call the church office or speak with Preacher Eddie to discuss becoming a part of Saint Luke.

*Find your place at Saint Luke!*

# The Pastors' Page

## The Testing of Jesus

*4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

(Matthew 4:1-4, NRSV)

Four years ago, I went into ketoacidosis due to a bacteria blood infection of MSSA, resulting in me being diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. I had never felt so weak in my life. I thought for sure it was just the flu and that I'd get over it. When I went to the urgent care to get tested for strep throat, I remember the doctor on duty looked at me with wide eyes and very seriously explained to me that I needed to go to the emergency room ASAP. While in the intensive care unit, I was miserable those first few days. Constantly being woken up to be poked every hour throughout the night so that they could draw blood was difficult to get through. Those two weeks were truly hard and horrendous on me and my family. I remember thinking to myself, "What next? My father just passed away unexpectedly. Is it my time now too? How terrible that would be for my wife and family. For my church congregation." Then I thought, what if my suffering is a lesson? What if I'm to be a student of sickness? What if I'm to learn something from this time in the wilderness? What if I'm meant to grow in my relationship to God even during this crazy mess? What if I'm hearing you say to me Lord that this is happening because you're trying to teach me something about my finitude, my mortality, my humanness?

We've all been there. The wilderness. Even Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. At his baptism, Jesus hears the absolute truth about who he is. The Beloved. That's the easy part. The much harder part comes in the wilderness, when he must face down every attack on that truth. When the memory of his Father's voice from heaven fades, and he must learn how to be God's beloved in a lonely wasteland.

I'll admit, I never know what to do with the Spirit's role in this story from Matthew. But might it be possible to draw some strength and comfort from the fact that God's Spirit is there? That even the wilderness can't separate us from God's love, purpose, and care? After all, we don't choose to enter the wilderness, either. We don't (for the most part) volunteer for pain, loss, danger, or terror. But the wilderness still happens. Whether it comes to us in the form of a hospital bed or waiting room, a toxic relationship, a troubled child, a sudden death, or an unshakeable depression, the wilderness appears, unhindered and unwelcome, and sometimes we have no choice but to trek into its barrenness. Sometimes, it is God's own Spirit who drives us into the dry landscape. Sometimes our journeys with God include dark places. Not because God takes pleasure in our pain, but because we live in a fragile, broken world that includes deserts, and because God is to take the things of death and create from them new life.

So, what does Jesus's temptation story mean for us as we continue our Lenten journeys this year? Maybe we, like Jesus, need long stints in the wilderness to learn what it means to be God's precious children. Because the fact is, we can be beloved and uncomfortable at the same time. We can be beloved and unsafe at the same time.—Maybe we need to follow the Spirit into the desert. Maybe it means we should hunker down and look the tempter in the face. Maybe it's time to decide who we are and whose we are. Maybe Lent is not a time to repent for being human, but a time to embrace all that it means to be human. Human and hungry. Human and vulnerable. Human and beloved.

May the God who loves us even in the wilderness, continue to grant us a holy Lent. Amen.

*Pastor Jim*



## *Lenten Journey Group Info and Google Link:*

During the Season of Lent, Saint Luke UMC will offer several "**Journey Groups**." These small groups will meet weekly for four weeks. Some groups will meet in homes, some will meet at the church, and one will meet at a restaurant. Our hope is to reach

many people in a variety of ways. All groups will study "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. Each small group will have a leader who provides foundational Biblical concepts and leads the discussion. Handouts are provided at each session, so participants are not required to purchase materials.

To register for a **Journey Group**, please contact the Church Office at 919-776-2012 or send an email to Rev. Charlotte Brendel ([charlottebrendel@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottebrendel@yahoo.com))

Information is also posted on our church website: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/lenten-journey-groups>

You may also complete this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/xjHw5STGggcMwshL9>

- ◆ Mondays at 4:00 pm (March 6, 13, 20,27). Location: 121 Camden Square (home of Betsy James). Leader: Bob Hughes
- ◆ Mondays at 6:30 pm (March 6, 13, 20, 27). Location: 5809 Mockingbird Lane (home of Ronnie and Kathy Jones). Leader: Ronnie Jones
- ◆ Tuesdays at 10:30 am (March 7, 14, 21, 28). Location: 1602 Briarcliffe Drive (home of Neal and Ann Kightlinger). Leader: Neal Kightlinger
- ◆ Tuesdays at 1:30 pm (March 7, 14, 21, 28). Location: 961 S. Bay Drive (home of Nancy Fluke). Leader: Nancy Fluke
- ◆ Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (March 8, 15, 22, 29). Location: Saint Luke UMC. Leader: Dave Nave, Rev. Charlotte Brendel
- ◆ Thursdays at 10:30 am (March 9, 16, 23, 30). Location: Saint Luke UMC. Leader: Rev. Charlotte Brendel
- ◆ Thursdays at 6:30 pm (March 9, 16, 23, 30). Location: Libations Restaurant, 139 Chatham Street, Sanford. Leader: Robin Showalter



## *Community Ecumenical Worship Service and Lunch Fellowship*

Saint Luke UMC will host special community noon worship services and fellowship luncheons on Wednesdays during the Season of Lent in the Davenport Christian Life Center. Each week a different pastor from our community will offer a brief meditation, followed by a light lunch (soup, sandwich, dessert). Donations to cover the cost of the lunches will be received. The time is 12 noon-1:00 pm to allow persons to attend during their lunch hour.

Pastors offering a meditation are:

March 1	Rev. Eddie Hill, Saint Luke UMC
March 8	Rev. Bruce Heyvaert, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
March 15	Rev. Ann Kelly, Trinity Lutheran Church
March 22	Rev. Dena White, UMC Fairway District Superintendent
March 29	Rev. John Taylor, Jonesboro Presbyterian Church

Since Saint Luke UMC is hosting these Lenten services and lunches, we hope many members of our congregation will attend. Mark your calendar and plan to join us! To make a lunch reservation, please call Laura in the church office by Monday of the week you plan to attend.



Mary Gibbs Mickleberry

Born March 9, 2023  
9 pounds, 9 ounces

Daughter of  
Jordan and Anna Mickleberry,  
of Greensboro

Proud Big Sister:  
Holly Harris Mickleberry (age 2)

Proud Grandparents:  
Chip & Holly Post,  
of Sanford  
and  
Brian and Carolyn Mickleberry,  
of Cheraw, South Carolina

Proud Great-Grandmother:  
Mary Post Loving

*"Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him."  
Psalm 127:3*



Welcome to  
the World!!



To my Church  
Family—

As a teacher  
at JR Ingram,  
I say thank  
you for loving  
us and bringing a Valentine  
treat! The sweets and bag of  
goodies was kind and very  
appreciated. May you know  
that you do make a differ-  
ence and brightened our  
day!

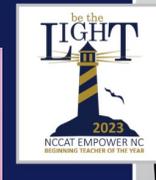
Love,

Dee-El Caines

# Runner Up

## Kirby Forbes

Lee County



Congratulations to **Kirby Forbes!** Kirby is Lee County's 2023 Beginning Teacher of the Year. Kirby recently received recognition

as Runner Up at the 2023 North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching Empower Beginning Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony. Kirby is also a member of our Cohort #1 Marigold and Rose Ministry with young women. Your Saint Luke UMC family is very proud of you, Kirby! Congratulations!

# Scenes from Our Lenten Service and Luncheon - Week 2



Many thanks to the Genesis Sunday School Class for providing delicious sandwiches and desserts for the second week of our Lenten services and luncheons, and to the Hostess Committee for serving!

We had about 60 people at our second Lenten service and lunch on March 8th and our message was shared by Rev. Bruce Heyvaert, of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. We are delighted that so many members of the Sanford community are attending! Join us at noon in the Dav-  
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Worth Calhoun Reed, son of Nick and Anna Brooks Reed, will be baptized at the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, March 19th. He is the grandson of Chuck and Molly Manness.

We hope you will plan to be here for this special day!



# Easter Lily Order Form

Orders for Easter lilies are being taken now through Monday, April 3rd. Lilies may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones at a cost of \$14.50 each. The lilies will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Please return this form, along with payment, to the church office. **Payment must be made at the time of your order.** Please make checks payable to Saint Luke UMC, memo line "Easter lilies."

**(Please print!!)**

In honor of:

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In memory of:

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Given by:

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Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Join us for

## Keenagers

Thursday, March 16th

12:00 pm in Room #222/224

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program with your Saint Luke friends! Cost for lunch is \$5. Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, March 13th if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!



# Holy Week and Easter 2023

## Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6th  
7:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary

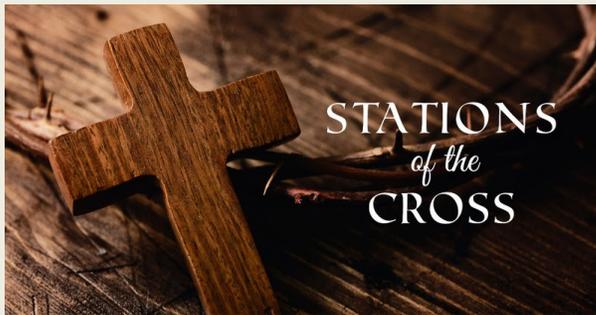


## Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7th  
In partnership with  
Trinity UMC



Service will be held at Trinity UMC,  
523 Maple Avenue  
Time to be announced. Watch for more details.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

This Holy Week there will be two opportunities available on Saint Luke's campus for you to make this prayerful and reflective journey through the "Stations of the Cross."

A self-guided "Stations of the Cross Scavenger Hunt" will be available outside and around the Saint Luke premises beginning Monday, April 3 and will remain open for all of Holy Week. People of all ages may participate. Participants will begin their journey at the covered overhang beside Parker Chapel. Look for a zip-loc bag with directions inside.

Another "Stations of the Cross" devotion opportunity, one with more reflection and less walking, will be available Monday, April 3 through Thursday, April 6 from 9 am until 4 pm inside Casey Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Consider making this meaningful journey this Holy Week.

## Confirmation Sunday

April 9, 2023

The four members of the Confirmation Class of 2023 will be confirmed in the faith at the 9:00 am worship service and will be presented to the congregation at the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.



## Cross of Flowers

10:00 am

on the Front Lawn

Please bring flowers from your yard or from the grocery store and add them to the cross on the Front Lawn as you arrive for worship on Easter Sunday morning. At 10:00 am we will have a short service at the Cross of Flowers on the Front Lawn.

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

# *Easter Sunday*

† *Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am at the  
Lawrence Outdoor Chapel*

† *Easter Breakfast at 7:30 am in the Davenport CLC  
(sponsored by the Boy Scouts)*

† *Worship Services at 8:30 in Casey Chapel,*

† *9:00 in the Davenport CLC*

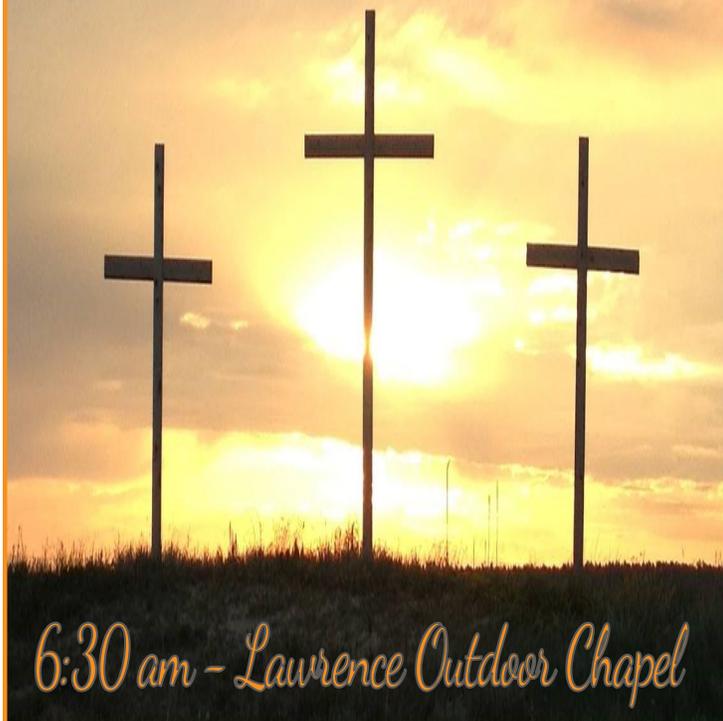
† *and 11:00 in the Sanctuary*

† *Cross of Flowers at 10:00 am on the Front Lawn*

*(Please bring flowers from your yard, or purchase some at the grocery store,  
and place them on the cross on the front lawn as you arrive for worship.)*

*Come and worship our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday!*

## *Easter Sunrise Service*



*6:30 am - Lawrence Outdoor Chapel*

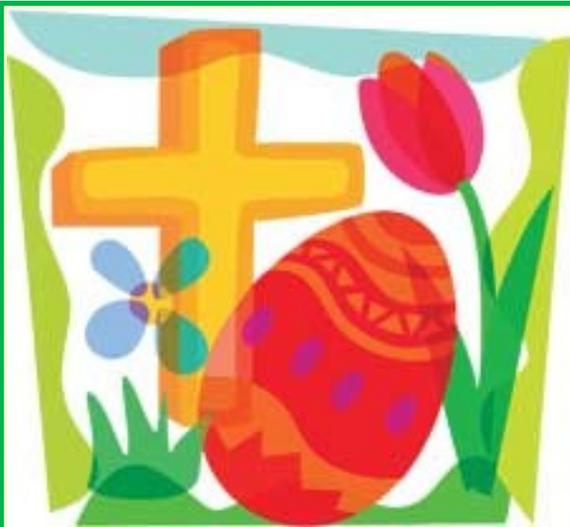
## *Easter Pancake Breakfast*



Scout Troop 942 will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Davenport Christian Life Center immediately following the Easter Sunrise Service. Pancakes and sausage will be served. A love offering will be accepted.

Come and enjoy fellowship with your church family—and a delicious breakfast!





Calling all Children!  
Please join us  
Sunday, March 26th  
from 4 – 5 pm  
for our annual

# Easter Egg Hunt

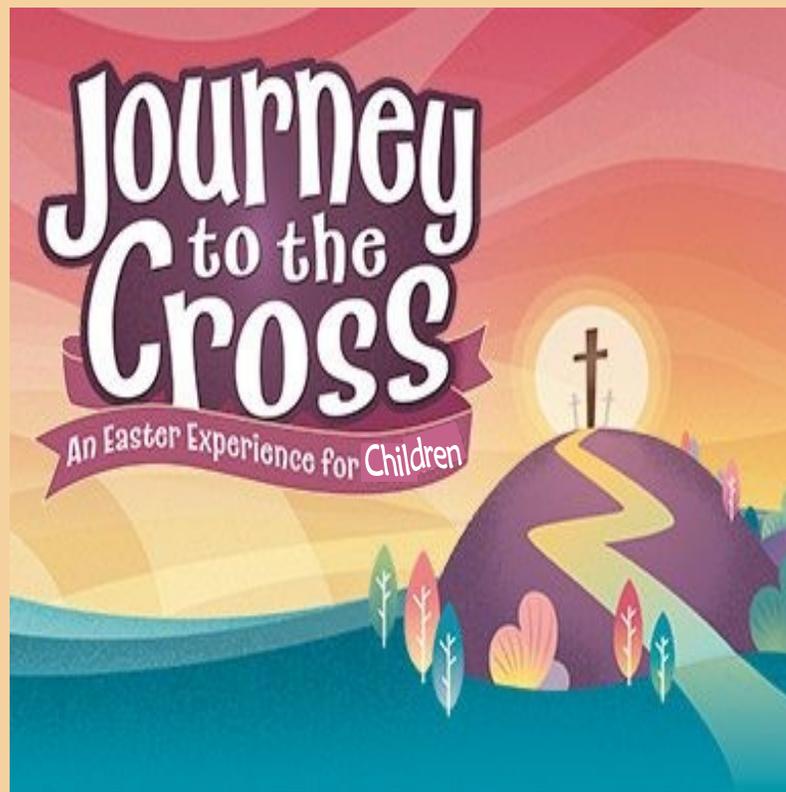
We will have hunts for babies, toddlers, preschoolers,  
and school age children through 5th grade.

Bring your Easter basket and meet in the Davenport CLC.

*A snack will be provided.*

— This event is provided by our young children's Grandmothers.





**Sunday, March 26  
10:00 am  
in the Davenport CLC**

Journey to the Cross will be held in the DCLC during the Sunday School hour for all K—5th grade children. Activities at each station will focus on Jesus' love and forgiveness, and demonstrate the true meaning of Easter: our risen Christ's victory over death. This multi-station event teaches about the life-changing message of the cross in a way that our children can understand and take with them. *Please contact Katherine Holt if you are interested in helping lead a station.*

## Preschool News!

Linda Morton will be retiring as our Preschool Director as of June 30, 2023. Her leadership and dedication to the children of St. Luke will be greatly missed! However, we are excited for Linda's next chapter. Please join me in congratulating her on this milestone.

The Preschool Director position is posted on our website and includes information on how to submit a resume if you, or someone you know, has a passion for shaping these young minds! Also, please be in prayer for the search committee as we move forward in finding a replacement.

Blessings,

Robin Jones

Chair, Search Committee



**A huge thank you to the Genesis Class** for providing their muscle, their time, and their money, for the donation of a pallet of water to the ARK and for removing the remaining items in the big trailer.

**Thank you, thank you!!**

The ARK Committee





**NOW HIRING**

Saint Luke Children's Ministries is hiring! Please help us fill a paid nursery worker position every Sunday morning from 8:45-10:45am. If you are interested in caring for our little ones and helping them learn about God's love, please contact Katherine Holt by email at [katherine@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:katherine@saintlukeumc.org). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.



*Mission & Outreach Meeting*

*Tuesday, March 28*

*7 pm - Room #227*

If you are in charge of a ministry that falls under Outreach or Missions, or if you are the Saint Luke member who coordinates with ministries in our community that Saint Luke supports (such as CUOC, Bread Basket, Salvation Army, etc.), please plan to attend this meeting!

## SAINT LUKE YOUTH MARCH SCHEDULE

Here are the important Youth Dates for March 2023:

**March 5th** — from 5pm-6:30pm — Regular UMYF

**March 12th** — from 5pm-6:30pm — Regular UMYF

**March 19th** — from 5pm-6:30pm — Regular UMYF (UMCOR Sunday)

**March 26th** — from 1:30-4pm — ARK Ministry! Youth volunteers are needed to go out with the ARK trailers to serve the needy of Sanford. From 4:30-5:30pm—Walk through of the Youth Harriss Building for potential updating and repairs.



**April 2** — **\*\*\*\$150 Early Bird Registration for Summer Beach Retreat 2023 Ends\*\*\***

**YOU CAN REGISTER THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW... ALSO LAST DAY TO ORDER BEACH RETREAT 2023 TSHIRTS!**

For more info, check the St. Luke UMYF Facebook and Instagram pages, go to [www.saintlukeumc.org](http://www.saintlukeumc.org) and click the link to read the Acts newsletter or contact Pastor Jim ([jjm@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:jjm@saintlukeumc.org)).



# Rise and Shine!!

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Meets on the  
2nd and 4th Wednesday  
of each month  
at 7 am in the DCLC  
Cost is \$7.



All men are welcome!



## We Need Your Help!

Last one out?? Please make sure that the door closes behind you, latches, and is locked! **If the toggle will turn, the door is NOT locked.** Please help us keep our building secure!

# Jesus With A Twist

**Jesus With A Twist** will offer a Lenten Journey Group on four Thursdays in March. Robin Showalter will lead the study of "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. This is a wonderful study as we journey through the Season of Lent together. Mark your calendar for March 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:30 pm. The location is Libations 139 (139 Chatham Street). All men and women are invited to participate! Here is the Google sign up link: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/lenten-journey-groups>



Just like the Beatles' song says, "Help! I need somebody! Help!"

It takes a lot of manpower (and womanpower) to make the 9:00 service run smoothly and be all that it can be. There are countless ways that you can help before, during, and after the service—and we need you! If you want to volunteer in any capacity to help make this worship service the best it can be, please contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012. We will match your availability and skills with the needs that we have. Find your place of service and help make our worship service glorify God even more!



*The Family That Prays Together ...*

Every day, Saint Luke sends out a "Saint Luke Daily Prayer" via text message. It's just a short message, but it helps connect us all, and unites our hearts for a brief moment each day. If you are not currently receiving the Saint Luke Daily Prayer, and would like to, please sign up! All you have to do is text the message "@stlprayer" to 81010. Will you pray with us?

# Youth Summer Retreat

## April 14 -16

*(Trinity Conference Center  
"Sanctuary By the Sea"  
in Pine Knoll Shores, NC)*

This year for the Youth Summer Beach Retreat we will be going to the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, NC. Trinity Center is an island refuge on the Southern Outer Banks that is the perfect getaway for youth to grow spiritually and emotionally while giving them opportunities to develop new interests, skills, and friendships. Here are the details:

**When:** April 14 - 16, 2023  
**Where:** Pine Knoll Shores, NC; Trinity Center  
**Cost:** \$150 (Early Registration) - \$200 (Late Registration)

**Registration Deadlines:**

Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 2  
Sign-up Deadline: April 10

All money is due by April 10th.

Parent Trip Meeting will be on Sunday, April 2 at 2:30 PM

The cost includes: adult size t-shirt, [lodging](#) (2 nights), breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the entire weekend, and transportation. The youth council views all overnight retreats as a branch of the Sunday Night Ministry program, and has set up a cost scale based on attendance at Sunday Night UMYF (5:00-6:30) from Feb. 12 through Apr. 2. \*If you attend UMYF three or more times between 2/12 - 4/2 AND sign up for Early Bird Registration by April 2nd, the cost is \$150.00. If you attend less than 4 times, the cost is \$200.00.

Scholarships are available by contacting Jim prior to April 2.

At the retreat center there is private beach access, a swimming pool, a ropes course, a basketball court, and several scenic walking paths.





# Greeters Schedule

**Greeters for the 9:00 service, please be in place in the Williams Lobby at 8:40 am.**  
**Greeters for the 11:00 service, please be in place in the Perry Foyer at 10:40 am.**

<b>March 19</b>	Ned & Susanne Heins (9:00) Kim Hales (11:00)
<b>March 26</b>	Tripp & Mallory Paderick (9:00) Betsy James (11:00)
<b>April 2</b>	Matt & Courtney Brown (9:00) Ted Havens (11:00)

# Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



<b>March 19</b>	David Foushee
<b>March 26</b>	Jimmy Keen
<b>April 2</b>	Mike Laudate
<b>April 9</b>	Buck Harris

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



**Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00**

# Scripture Readers Schedule



<b>March 19</b>	
8:30	Bill Towson
9:00	Janette Scott
11:00	Beverly Suitt
<b>March 26</b>	
8:30	Priscilla Dollar
9:00	Clark Maness
11:00	Liz McGrath
<b>April 2</b>	
8:30	Bert & Betsy Lucas
9:00	Bruce Greybill
11:00	Ronnie Jones

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA



# Support Group

*Caregivers: We Are Here for You!*

Join Us on the Second Monday of Each Month at 10:30 am

- ◆ Are you in Need of a Support Group?
- ◆ Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed? Depressed? Tired? Rundown?
- ◆ Would you like to have additional caregiving and coping strategies?
- ◆ Would you like to have the support of other caregivers who "understand" caregiving?

If you answered "yes" to one of these questions, please join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 am in Room #232. *Volunteers will be available in Room #230 to spend time with your loved one while you get the support you need.*

This group is facilitated by Judi Womack and meets in Room #232. For more information, please contact Judi at [judyhwomack@gmail.com](mailto:judyhwomack@gmail.com).

WANT TO GIVE ONLINE?



SCAN ME

## Family and Fellowship Dinner

Time: 5:45 pm  
in the Davenport CLC  
Adults: \$8; Children: \$4;  
Family Max: \$25  
Tea, coffee, and water  
served with all meals.



# Wednesday Night Live

## Upcoming Menus

### March 15

Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes, Small Butterbeans,  
Rolls, and Key Lime Pie

### March 22

Pepperidge Farm Chicken Breast, Wild Rice,  
Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Ice Cream Cake

### March 29

Spiral Ham, Potato Salad, Vegetable Medley,  
Rolls, and Coconut Cake

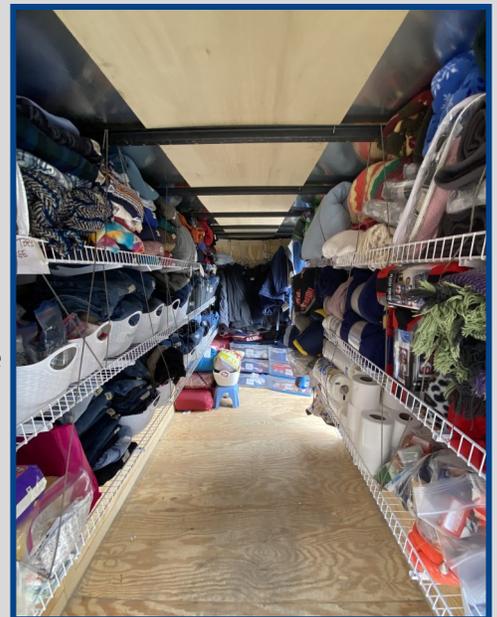
**Please sign up each week by Monday at noon!** (Sign up in Sunday School, on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012.)

If you don't drive at night and need a ride, call the church office and we will have someone pick you up!



# The ARK Ministry

There are many ways you can help with this ministry which provides direct aid to some of our neighbors most in need. Volunteers are always welcome! To volunteer, please reach out to the lead cook for the week you'd like to serve. If that week's jobs are filled, you will be added to the list for another week.



## CURRENT NEEDS:

**Blankets  
Warm Socks  
Bottled Water**

### **Ways you can help:**

- ♥ Pack meals
- ♥ Restock the ARK
- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal
- ♥ Clean up afterward

### **Lead Cooks in the Coming Weeks**

- |      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
| 3/19 | Genesis Class            |
| 3/26 | Something More Class     |
| 4/2  | Kay Stout (919-775-2032) |
| 4/9  | Gus (with help)          |



# HEADED TO COLLEGE?

## Scholarships Available!

There are several scholarships available to high school seniors and returning college students.

◆ **The Jane I. Foushee Scholarship** is available to high school seniors. It is a \$4,000 scholarship (\$1,000 per year for four years), and is awarded based on financial need, scholastic achievement, extracurricular involvement in school and community, and church involvement. You do not have to be a member of Saint Luke to apply. Deadline is April 15, 2023.

◆ **The Retha Moffitt Smith Scholarship and Loan** is a \$500 or more award and will be granted to Saint Luke members and children of members who have made an outstanding contribution to Saint Luke as deemed by the scholarship committee. Past recipients remain eligible, but must reapply. Deadline is April 15, 2023.

◆ **The Saint Luke United Methodist Church Scholarship** is awarded to all high school seniors who are members of Saint Luke and complete and return the application and essay by the deadline of April 15, 2023.

**Applications for all of the above scholarships must be received in the church office by April 15, 2023.**

◆ There is also a scholarship available through the **Fairway District United Methodist Men**. Males who have completed high school and will be attending a fully accredited college, trade school, or graduate school, and who are members or regularly attend a United Methodist Church in the Fairway District may apply. Applications for this scholarship must be received by July 7, 2023.

Applications for all of these scholarships are available on the youth tab of the church website ([www.saintlukeumc.org](http://www.saintlukeumc.org)).



## and More Scholarships!

United Women in Faith of the North Carolina Conference has a scholarship program for students attending one of the Methodist-related colleges in North Carolina. Undergraduate and graduate scholarships are awarded to students who have been accepted at Louisburg College, Methodist University, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Duke University, Duke Course of Study (COS), or Duke Divinity School. All applicants must be members of the United Methodist Church and must reside within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference.

In order for an application to be considered, **ALL** required materials are due to the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee by midnight, **April 15th**. A scholarship packet may be downloaded at: <https://nccumw.org/files/2021/01/NC-UMW-Scholarship-Packet.pdf>

## COPING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS

*grief support group*

***If you have experienced a loss, you do not have to walk alone. Our Grief Support Group meets each Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Parlor. This Support Group is led by a trained, professional grief counselor who offers compassion and guidance. If you know of anyone going through a season of grief and loss who may benefit from connecting with others in a similar situation (whether they are a member of Saint Luke or not), please invite them to participate. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at [jackiepetty@windstream.net](mailto:jackiepetty@windstream.net).***

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 15—March 22

## Birthdays:

**(3/15)** Julia Osborne  
Murphy Paderick  
Cody Payne  
CJ Perry

**(3/16)** Teresa Cowan  
Patti Keith  
Neal Kightlinger

**(3/17)** Greeleigh Beal

**(3/18)** Bob Sanford

**(3/19)** Tom Hincks

**(3/20)** Sarah Buchanan  
Patrick Touchard

**(3/21)** Kinsey Hyde  
JoAnn Kirkman  
Cinderella Lyon

**(3/22)** Ed Stanton

## Anniversaries

**(3/16)** Cliff & Mary Lynne Stephens

**(3/20)** Wade & Elisabeth Bramble

**(3/22)** Ryan & Mackenzie Edmonds



# membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

## FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT as of March 12, 2023

Gen. Fund Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$217,309.21	
Budget Needs Through Week 10	\$271,192.35	
General Fund Income YTD	\$208,041.16	
General Fund Expense Paid YTD	\$302,522.43	
Loan from Sustaining Fund		\$60,000.00
Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund	\$10,622.95	

## March Attendance

	2021	2022	2023	2023 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2023 Virtual Facebook/YouTube
Week 1	*652	*558	*426	32/140/82	125/47
Week 2	*798	*616	*480	26/110/110	187/47
Week 3	*849	*545			
Week 4	*785	*1206			
Week 5	*	*	*		
March Avg.	*771	*731	*453		

Before / After 24 Hours Streaming. \*Includes Facebook, You Tube and In Person



## Are YOU in the Saint Luke Loop?

Saint Luke periodically sends out informational text messages to help keep our congregation informed. These messages may be related to changes in service times, inclement weather, or special events, etc. **To sign up to receive these informational text messages** simply text the message "@stlukeinfo" to 81010. Stay in the Saint Luke Loop!

One Number to Reach the Weekend  
Emergency On-Call Pastor  
**(984) 977-1798**

All you need to know is one number to reach our clergy-person-on-call! Whoever is on call for the weekend will answer. So please make note of our "on-call" number. **Program it into your phone. Tape it to your refrigerator. Write it in your address book.** And if you have a pastoral emergency on a weekend, please use the number to let us know how we can help.





*Saint Luke  
United Methodist Church  
Prayer Requests  
Received as of March 15, 2023*

*"The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18*

*Our Known Prayer Needs*

Holly Baker	Bill Hart	Nan Lehmann	Parker Normann
Judy Baker	CJ Hart	Dorothy Lloyd	Ron Perkinson
Chris Burns	Marsha Havens	May Mace	Ellen Potter
Kim Fasick Chandler	Lloyd Jennings	Annie MacKay	Irene Smith
Doris Cox	Roy Jernigan	Gwyn Maples	Sara Steinert
Sarah Curry	Dan Jones	Nancy McBryde	Mackenzie Stinson
Nancy Dugan	Claudia Key	Cathy McCoy	Eugene Thomas
Dave Duty	Larry King	Tyson McCoy	Dillon Touchard (Afghanistan)
Nancy Fluke	Kelsey Kirkman	Ken Miller	Heather McCoy Wicker
Linda Fowler	Susan Larsen	Wilma Money	Sandy Woodard
Sidney Gibson	Sarah Lawrence		

*Other Known Prayer Requests*

Bruce and Linda Benton	Ellis Frank	Joel Lawrence	Matthew Richardson
Ralph Bramble	Richard Gillis	Kacie Mauldin	The Sloan Family
Anita Cantu	Susan Glass	Sue McDuffie	Carolyn Taylor
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Lura Hill	Jimmie McLean	Jimmy Wilkins
Gail Dickens	Rev. Al Hocutt	Daniel Newman	William Beckett "Beck"
Pat Dillon	Debra Hughes	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Woodell
The Dorman Family	Rick Huneycutt	Greg Patterson	Glen Worrell
Brian Drye	Annabelle Lane	Wade and Janie Peele	Ricky Yarborough
Larry Ellcessor	David Lane		

*Sympathy to . . .*

*Our Known Births*

Mary Gibbs Mickleberry, daughter of Jordan and Anna (Post) Mickleberry,  
of Greensboro, was born March 9, 2023.

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## *Saint Luke United Methodist Church*

### Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

### **Our Church Staff—Contact us!**

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**Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday; Closed Friday**