

The + Acts

June 2, 2021

Saint Luke Preschool Four-Year-Olds Celebration



Above: Friday's celebration with Mrs. Amanda and Mrs. Linda
Below: The children sing at Thursday's celebration



On Thursday and Friday of last week, two very special celebrations were held at the Lawrence Outdoor Chapel for the children in Mrs. Amanda's classes who will be moving up to Kindergarten next year. The families of the children were invited to come. Preschool Director Linda Morton welcomed the families, the children gave musical performances, and Mrs. Amanda told something special about each child as they were presented with their certificates. At the end of the services, Preacher Eddie and Pastor Marisa gave a Blessing of the Children.

Congratulations to:

Bobby Barry
Miles Brownfield
Skyler Carchidi
Hazel Davenport
Aniston Deamer
Zoey Gomez
Rylan Hairyes
Ivey Kate Harris
Patrick Howes
Alayna Hudson
Grace Johnson
Dan Meza
Will Meza
Evelyn Oldham
Mary Charles Paderick
Mabel Quinn
Sadie Selby



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Pastor Weekend On-Call Schedule

June 4-5: Rev. Eddie Hill (910-612-3184)
June 11-12: Rev. Judy Drye (919-545-6780)

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



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Saint Luke UMC Calendar of Events

June 2—June 9, 2021

Wednesday, June 2

- 8:00 am Confirmation Retreat—Off-site
 9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live
 6:00 pm Men's Devotional and Workout Group—
 Picnic Shelter and/or DCLC
 8:00 pm UMYF Pool Party—Westlake Pool

Thursday, June 3

- 10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study—
 Room #221/223
 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #232
 5:00 pm Saint Luke Walking Club—Parking Lot

Friday, June 4

Saturday, June 5

- 11:00 am Memorial Service for George Miller—
 White Plains, UMC—Cary, NC

Sunday, June 6

- 8:15 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
 9:00 am Worship Service —DCLC,
 Facebook Live and YouTube Live
 9:45 am Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary, Facebook
 Live and YouTube Live
 5:00 pm UMYF—Lawrence Outdoor Chapel

Monday, June 7

- 8:00 am Sweet Summertime Camp
 5:30 pm United Methodist Men—Picnic Shelter

Tuesday, June 8

- 8:00 am Sweet Summertime Camp
 10:00 am Saint Luke Walking Club—Parking Lot

Wednesday, June 9

- 8:00 am Sweet Summertime Camp
 9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm. #232
 6:00 pm Men's Devotional and Workout Group—
 Picnic Shelter and/or DCLC

Teach us
 to number our days
 that we may gain a heart of
WISDOM
 Psalm 90:12

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group



Wednesday, June 9

10:00 am - Room #232

If you are planning to make a donation to Saint Luke "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone, please consider designating it to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are not funded by the church and depend on your donations to purchase supplies. Thank you for your consideration.



Welcome Back!!

Governor Cooper's Executive Order 215 has ended capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements,

and the general face covering requirement has been lifted for fully vaccinated individuals. **Therefore, the Trustees are pleased to announce that Saint Luke is OPEN!!** We do require that those who are not fully vaccinated still wear a face covering inside the building.

We look forward to resuming many of our programs that have been on hiatus during the pandemic. If your class or group plans to resume, please call the church office to let Laura know so that we can make sure your meeting is on the church calendar.



Preparing for Worship ...

Scriptures for June 6, 2021

I Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Mark 3:20-35

"Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God."

Hebrews 6:1

Every single experience, the one you went through ten years ago, the one you went through a few months ago, the one you are currently traveling through and the ones you will go through in the future, all provide a foundation for growth. Now here is what you need to know about growth, no matter who you are: it doesn't always feel pleasant, or comfortable, or even look hopeful, BUT this is where you must take a step back and reflect on your own growth process. *What has allowed for the most growth? The rain or the sunshine? What deepened your roots, challenged your weak places, and made you lean into the Father?*

Friends, it is so tempting to only want sunshine, or to desire a life that is filled with pleasure and provides a feed of bright and luxurious social media photos, but does a flower really bloom in those kinds of settings? Wherever you are, you are growing. Whatever season you're in, life is happening there. That is the beautiful thing about being anchored in the Greatest Hope, everything has purpose. He takes all of our experiences, decisions, failures and successes, and molds us into this beautifully imperfect, yet perfect, creation.

When you're in the sunshine, soak up every moment. And when the rain falls, remember it will subside and the sunshine will feel that much warmer. And when it seems to be a confusing mix of both the sunshine and the rain, you will understand even more that life is often that way—both so wonderful and so hard all the same. The whole point of this entire life is to look more like Him. Hebrews 6:1 says, "Let us press on to maturity." He even puts *himself in the number*: "*Let us press on...*" Not just, "*You press on...*" but "*You and me—let us press on to maturity.*" *This is His life goal, and this is His goal for them. He is writing and working for this goal. So always remember, growth, in whatever form, is never in vain.*

Life is complex and full of uncertainties. We work hard. We make preparations. We plan. We preach. We persuade. We write. We try every way that we know to do all the good we can do for a perishing, God-profaning world. And when all is said and done, we say, "This will bear fruit, if the Lord permits." "May the Lord do what seems good to Him."

Come to Him wherever you are and put your faith in His sovereign goodness and wisdom and power. It is the sweetest, safest resting place in the universe.

Katherine

Congratulations to Our Class of 2021 College Graduates!

Kristin Hope Cooper

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

East Carolina University

Outstanding Senior

Summa cum laude



Cristina Jacqueline Jennings

Bachelors in Science and Spanish

Campbell University



Benjamin Lee Maness

Bachelor of Science in Forest Management

North Carolina State University

College of Natural Resources

Summa cum laude



James Andrew Shaver

Associate of Science in Information Technology

Lee Early College and

Central Carolina Community College



Congratulations! Your church family is proud of you!

Youth Missions Father's Day Fundraiser



Our youth want to help you make this Father's Day special for all of the Dads and Dad-like men at Saint Luke. For the next few weeks leading up to Father's Day, they will be pre-selling Tootsie Pop Bouquets for \$2.50 each for you to give to your dad or in memory of loved ones.

You may pick up your Tootsie Pops in the Williams Lobby or the Perry Foyer after church on Sunday, June 20th.

The deadline to order is Monday, June 14th.

All proceeds will go to the UMYF Missions Fund for mission projects that will help our community.

PLEASE PRINT!!

Your Name: _____

Who you are buying for / in memory of:

Total Number of Flowers: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Your phone number: _____

UNITED METHODIST MEN

We're Back!!!

We are happy to announce that United Methodist Men will begin meeting again on June 7th! Our format will be a little different and our meetings will be held outside at the Picnic Shelter, but the same warm fellowship will be there! We hope you will be, too!

Meet and greet begins at 5:30 pm. Please bring your own bagged supper, the beverage of your choice, and a lawn chair if desired. Dinner will begin at 6 pm, followed by a short program and discussion of events moving forward. We will clean up and adjourn at 7. Volunteers are appreciated!

Please consider a voluntary \$50 donation to UMM to help with our projects this year. Donations may be sent to Bob Michaud, 410 Doe Run Drive, Sanford, NC 27330.

Please bring Jelly for Jesus for CUOC and Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and bottled water for the ARK Ministry!

Go ahead and mark your calendar for these meeting dates:

Monday, June 7th

Monday, July 12th

Monday, August 2nd

Monday, September 13th

Monday, October 4th (Steak Dinner Night!)

*Men of all ages are welcome!
Bring a friend!*

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, June 26th

It's a Saint Luke

Fun!

Fellowship!



Food!

Games!

FAMILY REUNION!

We've missed each other during the pandemic, but now we are ready for a great big Saint Luke Church Family Reunion! Watch for more details coming soon—and make plans to be here!

Saint Luke UMC VBS 2021

Racing to the Finish Line



Please help us make this year's VBS the best ever!! Here is a list of items we need. Please bring your donations to the Collection Closet in the Williams Lobby and place them in the bin marked "VBS Donations." Thank you!

- ✦ 1 pack of sidewalk chalk
- ✦ 4 plastic black and white checkered tablecloths
- ✦ 3 packs of white balloons
- ✦ 10 pieces of white poster board
- ✦ 5 pieces of red poster board
- ✦ 5 pieces of yellow poster board
- ✦ Any race car memorabilia we can borrow for decorating and return after VBS (please label with your name)
- ✦ Amazon gift cards
- ✦ 2 cans of gold spray paint



It's Sweet Summer Time
at Saint Luke After School Care



We are going to offer all-day summer camps for friends who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Camps will begin the week of June 7th and continue through the week of August 16th, with the exception of the week following July 4th. Each week we will have a different theme and we will fully explore that theme with art, cooking, field trips, mission projects, devotions and so much more. The hours will be 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. The cost is \$125.00 a week with a one-time non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00 per family. The fee will include snacks, supplies and some of the field trip costs. Please join us and bring a friend or two!

For more information or to enroll, please email afterschool@saintlukeumc.org or call 919-777-5444 or 919-770-0607.

Weekly themes include:

- ◆ Kids in the Kitchen
- ◆ Science Excitement
- ◆ Art and Animals
- ◆ Wild West/Farmers Week
- ◆ Water Week
- ◆ Christmas In July
- ◆ Sports Week
- ◆ Community Helpers Week
- ◆ Music Week
- ◆ Favorites Week

Enrollment is limited, so hurry
to reserve your spot!

Don't miss the Summer Fun!!



Saint Luke UMC VBS 2021



Racing to the *Finish Line*

June 12th - 15th

To register or to volunteer, go to: vbsmate.com/saintluke



Saturday, June 12: 9:00 - 11:30 am
Sunday, June 13 - Tuesday, June 15:
6:00 - 8:15 pm

Rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders
are invited to attend.

A snack will be provided each day.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7



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.

Lead Cooks in the Coming Weeks

May 30th	Kim Hales (919-498-4301)
June 6th	Daltina & Wade Peele (919-770-0627)
June 13th	Terri Kirkman (919-774-2779)
June 20th	Callie Spitler (919-935-3575)
June 27th	Kim Hales (919-498-4301)

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



! EXTRA HELP NEEDED ON THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY WEEKEND!! If you are available to help on Memorial Day Weekend (May 30th) - WE NEED YOU!! Contact Terri Kirkman at 919-774-2779 if you can help that day. **!**

Current Needs for



The ARK Ministry

The Ark Ministry team goes out every Sunday afternoon meeting the needs of our less fortunate neighbors. Right now we are running low on:

- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Bottled Water

If you'd like to help, please bring your donations to the Collection Closet in the Williams Lobby and place them in the bin marked "ARK Ministry." Thank you!

Flower Committee Help Needed



If you'd like to help brighten the days of some of our homebound members by sharing flowers with them, we could use your help! We take the fresh flowers that have been used in our worship spaces, divide them and arrange them in vases, and then drop them off at the homes of our homebound. We have vases, ribbons, and all the supplies needed—we just need the manpower! If you'd like to help, contact Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) or Helen Yarborough (919-478-3619).



Lots of big youth events are happening in the next few weeks. Don't miss out!!!

★ UMYF POOL PARTY

UMYF Pool Party on **June 2nd** at Westlake Pool. Check the Youth page on our website for updated medical release forms. These must be turned in before you participate! Email Pastor Marisa for more information.

★ SLIP 'N' SLIDE

Stay tuned for more information.

Slip 'n' Slide has been **RESCHEDULED for Wednesday, July 14th at 6 pm!! Dinner will be provided.**

★ UMYF REGULAR SCHEDULE

All youth (Grades 6—12) are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings from 5—6 pm! Bring your friends!! Join us for fun, fellowship, and discipleship. **See you on Sundays at 5 pm!!**



Casey Chapel Service to Resume on June 6th! New Time: 8:15 am

We are excited to announce that our Casey Chapel service will resume on the first Sunday in June! In order to allow the clergy full participation in all three services, the Casey Chapel service will begin at 8:15 am. It is our goal to offer three distinct worship opportunities. In the early service we will sing many of the church's older hymns and enjoy a variety of special music. We look forward to Casey Chapel once again being filled with the sounds of hymns being sung and God's Word being proclaimed.

Attention: Men! Come and "Exercise Your Faith!"



All men who are interested in being physically and spiritually fit are welcome to join this group. The group meets every Wednesday at

6:00 pm at the Picnic Shelter (or in the DCLC if the weather is bad). A short devotion is led by a volunteer from the group from 6:00—6:30, followed by a workout from 6:30—7:00. Adult men of all ages and fitness levels are welcome. Exercise usually includes bodyweight exercises, a little running or walking, and some weight lifting.

For more information, contact Clark Maness at clarkmaness@gmail.com or 919-774-2769.



Keenagers

Wednesday, June 16th

12:00 noon - Room #222/224

We are excited to announce the return of Keenagers! All men and women age 65 and up are invited to attend! We will meet this month on Wednesday instead of Thursday so that Preacher Eddie and his wife, Nita, can join us. They will share with us about their journey as they have followed God's call. 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 by calling the church office by Monday, June 14th at 10:00 am if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!

Fairway District UMM Golf Tournament

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 1:30 pm



Sanford Golf Course

600 Golf Course Lane Sanford, NC

(Proceeds to fund FDUMM Scholarship Fund)

4 Person Captain's Choice
\$65 individual; \$260 team

Individual registrants will be placed on a team.
(Includes: green fee, cart, range balls & mulligans and a boxed meal after golf)

Prizes for the top three teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin on all Par 3s.

Registration Deadline: July 23rd

Registration forms are available in the church office.



Stay In the Saint Luke Loop!

To sign up to receive **informational text messages from the church** on an "as-needed" basis, simply text the message "@stlukeinfo" to 81010.

If you don't text and would like to receive this information via a phone call, please contact Laura in the church office.

Fairway District United Methodist Men Scholarship



This scholarship is available to all young men 25 years of age or younger who are members of a United Methodist Church in the Fairway District and who will be attending an accredited college or graduate school in the 2021-2022 academic year. The deadline to apply is July 3, 2021.

WE THANK OUR

MEALS
ON WHEELS

VOLUNTEERS!



Many, many thanks to our **Friends #2 group** for delivering Meals on Wheels in May. Volunteers were: **Linda and Edwin Foushee, Kim Hales, Marsha and Ted Havens, Kathy Jones, Ann and Neal Kightlinger, Susan Laudate, Cathy and Ty McCoy, Bob Michaud, Martha and Charles Oldham, Holly Post, Bob Sanford, and Molly Whitaker.** Your faith and dedication to this worthwhile ministry is greatly appreciated.

Saint Luke UMC is in charge of all the Mondays of the year. We have six groups delivering, so each group does two months. Our drivers cover five routes and deliver approximately 35 meals in total between 10 a.m. and 12 noon every Monday. In some cases, our drivers may be the only personal contact the client has that day. Deliveries are typically in teams, but it can be done individually.

We can always use more volunteers. You do not need to be a member of UMM, UMW, or other designated group. If you are interested in participating in this important ongoing ministry, please call Marsha Havens at 919-776-3624 for more information.



Saint Luke Preschool Positions Available

Saint Luke Preschool is looking for individuals to help implement our mission to nurture the spiritual, academic, social and emotional development of our students. These positions will begin in late August and September when the preschool begins a new year. The ideal candidate is someone who enjoys working with young children, who understands how they learn and is compassionate, nurturing and dependable. If interested, please send a current resume to preschool@saintlukeumc.org. Preschool hours are 8:30-12:30.



St. Luke After School Care

Register Now for 2021-2022

It's Registration time for Saint Luke After School Care program for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration for all students is open now. We will begin After School Care in mid-July with our Tramway students and then at the end of August for our traditional students. We will be picking up students from W.B. Wicker Elementary, B.T. Bullcock Elementary, Greenwood Elementary and Tramway Elementary. J.R. Ingram students will come to us by way of a Lee County Schools bus. Our hours are from 2:30 to 5:30, Monday – Friday. For more information or to enroll, please call 919-777-5444 or 919-770-0607 or send an email inquiry to afterschool@saintlukeumc.org.



WALK with us!

Are you a woman who likes to walk? Our Women's Walking Club meets twice a week (weather permitting) for fun, fellowship, and exercise. Lace up your walking shoes and join us! Meet us in the church parking lot at the appointed times and we will walk the church grounds together. You do not have to attend both meetings each week. Just come to the one that best fits your schedule. We look forward to walking with you!

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Thursdays at 5:00 pm

If you have questions, contact Pastor Marisa in the church office.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2—June 9

Birthdays:

(6/3) Erin Borrell
Chet Chester
Spencer Rogers

(6/4) Ted Key
Mason Worrell

(6/5) Carolyn Beisler
Pat Greybill
Mallie Kate Santucci
Mary Blaire Stephens
Britton Young

(6/6) Bree Grant
Denise Hedrick

(6/7) Chan Bryant
Bonita Cox

(6/8) Cecelia Davis
Terry Spence

(6/9) Herb Armstrong
Wilma Hunter

Anniversaries:

(6/4) Chad & Anna Stinson

(6/9) Christian & Ashley Davenport



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

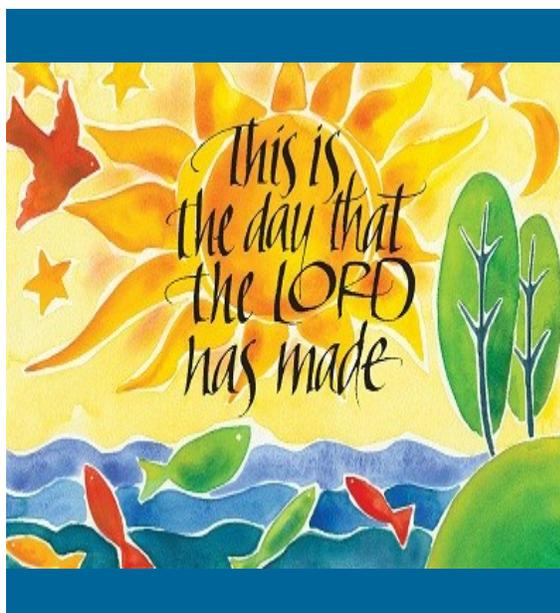
FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT as of May 23, 2021 (no update this week)

Gen. Fund Beginning Balance 1/1/2021	\$215,629.15	
General Fund Income YTD	\$355,042.60	
General Fund Expense Paid YTD	\$443,612.38	
Loan from Sustaining Fund		\$0.00
Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund	\$18,900.15	
Payroll Protection Plan—2		\$83,500.00
PPP Expenses		\$50,100.00
PPP Balance		\$33,400.00

May Attendance

Total May Attendance	2019	2020	2021
Week 1	327	*994	*730
Week 2	428	*494	*545
Week 3	296	*692	*765
Week 4	221	*730	*593
Week 5		*864	*587
May Average	318	*755	*644

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



Saint Luke's DAILY PRAYER



Don't miss out on Saint Luke's **DAILY PRAYER!**

To sign up, go to saintlukeumc.org, look on the homepage for the header that reads *Daily Prayer*, click on the link under the header, and enter your information. Or text the message @stlprayer to 81010.



Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Prayer Requests

Received as of June 2, 2021

Our Known Prayer Needs

Herb Armstrong	Keith Garner (US Navy)	Susan Larsen	Jean Nisbet
Edna Atkinson	Teresa Glasco	Sarah Lawrence	Barry Olsen
Holly Baker	Shirley Gwaltney	Dorothy Lloyd	Ron Perkinson
Judy Baker	Harry Hattman	Annie MacKay	Ellen Potter
Earl Ballinger	Ginnie Hawley	Nancy McBryde	Dicke Sloop
Kim Fasick Chandler	Marsha Havens	Tyson McCoy	Irene Smith
Jack Clements	Palmer Horton	Hayden McDuffie	Sara Steinert
Doris Cox	Oliver Hughes	Shirlee McVicker	Mackenzie Stinson
Sarah Curry	Lloyd Jennings	Ken Miller	Georgia Kate Tatum
Helen Dusenbury	Roy and Billie Jernigan	Wilma Money	Berta Thomas
Janet Duty	Mary Kesler	Herman Neal	Eugene Thomas
Mike and Linda Fowler	Claudia Key	Parker Normann	Dillon Touchard (Afghanistan)
	Larry King		Carole Troutman

Other Known Prayer Requests

Ann Alford	Jeff Felthaus	Joe Lawrence	Matthew Richardson
Jamey Allen	Michele Ferro	Hubert Maples	Susan Ritchie
Vic Ansley	Kester Gaylord	Scott Marchant	Lori Rouse
Hal Atkinson	John Gilmore	Richard (Dick) McDonie	Grant Smith
Cheryl Bennett	James and Rhonda Gordon	Mary McGrath	David Sowards
Lonnie Bunch	Denise Gray	Becky Neal	Rev. Mary Ellen Switzer
Ronald Campbell	Joan Griswold	Daniel Newman	Shirley Thomas
Wendy Carlyle	Gene Harris	Audrey Newton	Doby Touchton
Kim Clarey	Jordan Harris	Ellen O'Malia	David Uzzell
Andrew Dickens	Rev. Al Hocutt	Wade Peele, Sr.	Mitchell Watson
Paul Dickens	Debra Hughes	Jeanne Pelkey	Roger Watson
Pat Dillon	Charlie Johnstone	Phoebe Phelps	Charlie Welborn
Brian Drye	Becky Jones	Doug Phillips	Sandy Wilson
Rev. Tom Faggart	Deborah Jones	Archie Reed	Ricky Yarborough

Sympathy to . . .

Our Known Births

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List or to request a pastoral visit, please use a Prayer Request card or call the church office.

Saint Luke UMC
2916 Wicker Street
Sanford, NC 27330



Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Times

8:45 a.m.—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel (on hiatus during Covid)

9:00 a.m.—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. (on hiatus during Covid)

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

Lead Pastor	Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder	910-612-3184	eddie.hill3184@gmail.com
Associate Pastor	Rev. Marisa Copeland	863-279-7798	mcopeland@nccumc.org
Minister of Visitation	Rev. Judy Drye, Elder	919-545-6780	judydrye@nccumc.org
Children and Family Ministry	Katherine Holt	919-356-7285	katherine@saintlukeumc.org
Organist / Choir Master	Dianne Stanley	919-622-2779	dianne@saintlukeumc.org
Coordinator of Contemporary Music	Curtis Moore	336-209-3289	curtis@saintlukeumc.org
Financial Controller	Lisa Wilson	919-353-0281	lisa@saintlukeumc.org
Office Manager	Laura Alverson	919-770-7768	laura@saintlukeumc.org
Receptionist	Rebecca Little		rebecca@saintlukeumc.org
Receptionist	Beatrice Smith		beatrice@saintlukeumc.org
Preschool Director	Linda Morton	919-774-6224	preschool@saintlukeumc.org
Afterschool Director	Carolyn Lee	919-777-5444	afterschool@saintlukeumc.org
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous	James Dixon Kimball		



2916 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330—Phone: 919-776-2012

Visit our website: www.saintlukeumc.org

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

