

# The + Acts

January 21, 2026

## Friday Friends Team

Helping the church with whatever needs fixin'

- Replacing light bulbs
- Repairing broken items
- Building shelves
- Organizing closet space
- Deep cleaning areas
- Other stuff as needed



Thank you to our amazing Friday Friends Team who completed another major project recently! We tackled cleaning out the DCLC storage room, cleaning out the mechanical room behind that storage room, cleaning out the exit area in the children's hall, did some touch up painting in the DCLC, and a few other projects. Our Team re-

removed everything in the DCLC storage room in order to clean it and organize it, which resulted in more open space to move around. We repaired a broken table, returned some sound equipment to its owner, and moved numerous items to more appropriate spaces.

Chuck Heiser painted parts of the gym wall that had been badly scratched. This Team included John Mangum, Chuck Heiser, William and Theresa Knott, Mary Ann Miller, Leonard and Charlotte Brendel.

Thank you to these hard workers for their time and commitment to help take care of our church!



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

January 23-24: Rev. Eddie Hill

January 30-31: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

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



**Saint Luke UMC  
Calendar of Events**

**January 21—January 28, 2026**

**Wednesday, January 21**

- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 11:30 am Ladies Lunch and Learn—Davison's Restaurant (1724 Westover Dr.)
- 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
- 6:30 pm WNL Class Upper Room—Rm #221/223
- 6:30 pm WNL Class Book Folding—Rm #222/224
- 6:30 pm WNL Class Computer 101—Room #227
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

**Thursday, January 22**

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
- 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #228
- 5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 6:15 pm Emmaus Sponsorship Training—Rm 228
- 7:00 pm Saint Luke Foundation Board—Conference Room

**Saturday, January 24**

Scouts Pinewood Derby—DCLC

**Sunday, January 25**

- 8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
- 9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
- 9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #231
- 9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
- 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm Youth ARK Serve Day—Davenport CLC
- 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
- 4:30 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
- 4:30 pm JAM—DCLC and Room #116/118
- 4:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

**Monday, January 26**

- 6:00 pm Evangelism Committee—Room #225
- 7:00 pm Shepherding Committee—Room #227

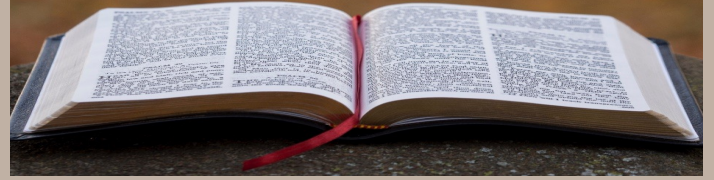
**Tuesday, January 27**

- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 10:30 am UWIF Board Meeting—Library
- 5:30 pm Finance Committee—Room #222/224
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee—Room #227

**Wednesday, January 28**

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
- 6:30 pm WNL Class Upper Room—Rm #221/223
- 6:30 pm WNL Class Book Folding—Rm #222/224
- 6:30 pm WNL Class Computer 101—Room #227
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

*Preparing for Worship ...*



*Scriptures for January 25, 2026*

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9

I Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23



*Flower  
Donations*

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

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JANUARY**

- **JAN 18 4:30-6:00 PM  
UMYF SERVICE**
- **JAN 25 1:30-4:00 PM  
ARK SERVE DAY**
- **JAN 25 4:30-6:00 PM  
UMYF SERVICE**



*Please Note!! Our meeting time  
has changed to  
4:30 - 6 pm on Sundays!*

## The Pastors' Page

“And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be saved.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.” Mark 5:25-29

The woman in Mark 5:25-34 is commonly referred to as “the woman with the issue of blood” or “the hemorrhaging woman.” Though she is unnamed in the passage, these titles make her condition into her identity. Because of how we refer to her, the woman in Mark 5:25-34 is her impairment, and nothing else. The title we have given her restricts her entire life, personality, desires, and dreams to one aspect of her being. How would we like it if we were called “the man with the hearing aids,” “the woman with anxiety,” “the elder who had surgery,” or “the girl whose mom passed away”? Wouldn’t we feel angry to be reduced to one moment or one part of who we are? It is important to note the distinction between her physical impairment, which is the physiological pain and bleeding she experienced, and her disability, which is how she experienced restrictions, oppressions, and difficulties in her social world. In order to highlight the humanity of the woman and distinguish her impairment as part of her story and not her entire story, I would like to suggest referring to “the woman with the issue of blood” as St. Veronica. I didn’t just pick this name out of the blue! This woman has been called St. Veronica based on a Christian medieval legend, which is actually quite interesting. So as we examine her story today, I will be referring to her as Veronica.

Today, I am suggesting that we might have misread this story for a long time. Perhaps Veronica’s story is not about healing, but is actually about faith and salvation. In verse 28, a lot of translations choose to translate Veronica’s words as “I will be healed,” when there is another translation available: “I will be saved.” Then again, in verse 34, the same word for “save” in the Greek is used when Jesus says, “your faith has healed you.” This means that the verse could also say “your faith has saved you.” The theme of faith and salvation is very important to the book of Mark, and Veronica’s story has even been used throughout the past 2,000 years in baptism ceremonies and as inspiration for those deciding to give their life to Christ. Perhaps when we focused so much on Veronica’s condition, we missed the actual point of the passage: Veronica, or “the woman with the issue of blood,” was not seeking just physical healing, but holistic salvation, salvation which she received through faith in Jesus. This holistic salvation would have affected her body, yes, but also her soul and mind. Veronica was a woman with active faith who experienced Jesus’ divine, saving power.

The way we refer to Veronica is a mirror for how most churches treat the disabled community: like they *are* their disability and have nothing of substance to add to the community. Recognizing Veronica as a figure of faith and her story of a conversion highlights the powerful and important role of the disabled community in the Kingdom of God. We must remember the faith of a disabled woman, St. Veronica, and how she came to Jesus to be holistically saved and not just healed, and then include the disabled community in our churches as Jesus included Veronica in the Kingdom of God.

*Abigail*



## In Case of Snow ...

Just a reminder that in the event of inclement weather, information about cancellations or delays for Saint Luke services will be posted on our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram), as well as on our website and WRAL. If possible, a "phone tree" message will be sent out as well. Even if services are being held, you are encouraged to use your best judgment and discretion in determining if it is safe for you to travel.

If inclement weather occurs on a weekday, the church office and Williams Lobby Desk generally follow the Lee County Schools' lead. If Lee County Schools are closed, we are also closed. However, if staff members can arrive safely, they will make every effort to be here.



Dear Saint Luke Family,

We are humbled at the overwhelmingly generous outpouring of love for us through the Christmas staff love offering and the many other expressions of love we received this year. We are blessed to serve a church whose members share so freely of their gifts, their time, their talents, and their resources, and who go out of their way to share kindness and love with us! From the bottom of our deeply grateful hearts, we say THANK YOU!

With love,  
Eddie, Charlotte, Judy, Katherine, Abigail,  
Rodney, Curtis, Pat, Laura, Rebecca, Beatrice, Carolyn, and Danielle



## Henry David Keen

Born January 15, 2026

7 pounds, 2 ounces

19 3/4 inches long

Son of Holden & Sarah Keen

Proud Grandparents:

Jimmy & Renee Keen,

of Sanford

and

David & Anne Albritton,

of Kinston, NC

*"Children are a heritage from  
the LORD, offspring  
a reward from him."*

*Psalm 127:3*

Welcome to  
the World!!





*This  
Is*

*Our  
Story*

***Renewal Services - February 9, 10, and 11  
7:00 pm Nightly in the Sanctuary***

***Monday, February 9***

***Special Music by Chad Spivey and the Back Row Baptists***

***Guest Speaker: Danny Borrell***

A devoted husband, loving father, faithful son, and a man after God's own heart, Danny Borrell grew up here in Sanford, North Carolina. He is the middle child of Jim and Ruthie Borrell and a son-in-law of Danny and Beth Hart. Danny was raised attending Saint Luke, where his faith was nurtured from a young age. A career in baseball eventually took Danny and his wife beyond North Carolina, carrying them all over the country. Today, they reside in Roswell, Georgia. Through every step and every season, Danny's path was orchestrated by our Heavenly Father—a truly blessed life.

***Tuesday, February 10***

***Special Music by Drew Carnegie and Life N Music***

***Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Hart Lindsey***

Elizabeth (Hart) Lindsey, from Sanford NC and daughter of Danny and Beth Hart; currently resides in Mt. Pleasant, NC with her husband and two daughters. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 1999, she married her college sweetheart, Brandon, and moved to Charlotte, NC. She has worked in the nonprofit sector for over 25 years, primarily with the YMCAs until 2016. During that time, in 2013, she and her husband also started a nonprofit, Dream On 3, which grants over the top sport dreams to children living with life altering conditions. Her faith has been an anchor for her family, and a lamp for her career and a light to her path, as it's helped her navigate some of the lowest valleys and highest peaks.

***Wednesday, February 11***

***Special Music by Salt Creek Bluegrass and Gospel***

***Guest Speaker: Becky Balentine***

Raleigh native Becky Balentine studied at Peace College after graduating from Broughton High School. She and her husband, John, raised four children and adore their gaggle of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Becky was also a huge support for John's restaurant and catering career through the years, including the beloved Balentine's Cafeteria in Raleigh's Cameron Village, which operated from the 1960s until closing in 1999. Becky has served in many leadership roles at Hayes Barton UMC, as well as in the Raleigh (now Capital) District and Conference. She has also served on staff for many years at the church, including creating and overseeing the Stephen Ministry and as Director of the Visitation Ministry. She is currently Hayes Barton's Director of InCrowd Ministry. Becky clearly has a heart for the Lord coupled with a practical application of hands-on ministry. Through all the seasons of her life, including the joys and sorrows, her impact has been far-reaching, whether it's been with her children's friends, Sunday School, Bible studies, congregational care, her family, the restaurant staff, or her neighbors. Her testimony is relatable and inspiring.



# Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:  
January 21

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Davison's Restaurant  
1724 Westover Drive  
Sanford, NC

Ladies of all ages are encouraged  
to come and bring a friend!



Our Ladies Lunch & Learn will meet Wednesday, January 21 at 11:30 am at Davison's Restaurant. We continue our 2025-2026 theme of "Can I Get A Witness?" We are learning how God uses women to witness God's love to others, and how God works in the lives of various women. January's witness is Lydia, a God-fearing businesswoman listed in the

New Testament. Lunch is Dutch treat. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. We encourage women to bring a friend, as we share great food and fellowship with one another.

# Undies Sundays!!



We are collecting NEW undies of all sizes for men, women, and children to be distributed through the ARK, CVOC, and our local schools. Donations may be brought to the marked collection bins in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer. Help bless our neighbors in need with this basic item that we all take for granted!

Every Sunday in January

# UNITED METHODIST MEN



**February Meeting:  
Monday, February 2  
6:00 pm - Room #222/224**

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

**All men are welcome at United Methodist Men!** We always have great fellowship and a delicious dinner prepared by Mike Laudate. Our programs are informative—and we do a lot of good in our church and community! Meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by our program. Cost for dinner is \$10. Don't forget to bring a jar of jelly for our "Jelly for Jesus" program, as well as "TP, PT, and H2O" (toilet paper, paper towels, and bottled water). We will also be accepting donations of canned meats for CUOC. Voluntary annual dues of \$75 may be paid to Bob Sanford. Sign up in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012. Men of all ages are welcome to join us!

*And let us consider how to spur one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . ." Hebrews 10:24-25a*

## January Meeting Highlights!

President Leslie Cox opened the meeting and shared information about current projects with the men. Charles Hayes was the guest speaker at our January meeting. He gave an inspiring talk about his life and testimony. Our dinner included pork loin, black-eyed peas, collards, salad, rolls, and dessert, and was so delicious! As good as the meal was, the fellowship was even better!



*Join us in February!*

# GOD IS Good

## Save the Date!

- Jan. 18:** NO JAM due to holiday weekend
- Feb. 15:** Love Others Sunday; special meeting—details coming!
- Mar. 29:** Journey to the Cross (K-5 during Sunday School hour) & Easter Egg Hunt (afternoon)
- April 5:** Easter Sunday & Butterfly release
- April 26:** Last JAM meeting
- May 3:** 3rd Grade Bible Presentation & 5th Grade Recognition
- June 22-25:** Vacation Bible School

**\*JAM will take place from 4:30-5:30 each Sunday between January 25—April 26th, unless there is a special event planned (see list above) or otherwise shared.**

**We can't wait to see our K-5 friends each week!\***



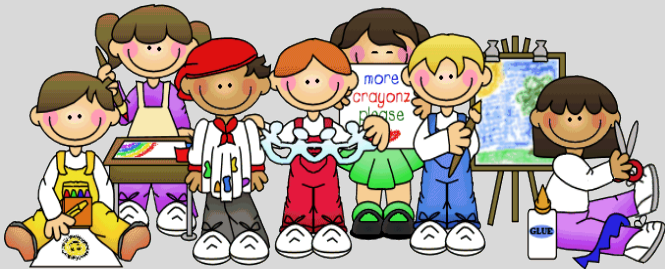
 **See It??**  
**Say It!!** 

2012 or [charlottebrendel@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottebrendel@yahoo.com). We need your help to “see” things in the building that need attention—and then to “say” what you have seen so that we can fix it!

We are blessed with a wonderful facility in which to worship and serve God and we want to maintain it as God's house should be maintained! If you see anything around the church that needs attention ... things that are broken, dirty, need repair, light bulbs that need replacing, etc., please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-

# It's Time to Register for Preschool

Enrollment for church members and current preschool families will open January 12th, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year. Please plan to stop by the preschool office to fill out a registration form. Enrollment opens to the public on January 29th.



## Thursday Morning Bible Study Is Back After Our Holiday Break!

ADAM HAMILTON

*Author of Half Truth and Creed*

**CHRISTIANITY  
AND  
WORLD RELIGIONS**

REVISED EDITION



QUESTIONS WE ASK ABOUT OTHER FAITHS

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study resumed on January 8 at 10:30 am in Room #221/223. Bob Michaud is leading an Adam Hamilton study entitled, "Christianity and World Religions." In this study, Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. In examining these major world religions and the beliefs of their followers, Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel. It's not too late to join! The group meets every Thursday morning at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

## Hymn Sing



*Come and make a joyful noise  
and spread some Sunshine!*

## Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion Thursday, February 5th at 1:30 pm

All are welcome to come sing and fellowship  
with our friends at Parkview!  
(1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)



## Thank You to Our Hospitality Committee!

Our Hospitality Committee does a wonderful job providing delicious meals each week at Wednesday Night Live. The food is always scrumptious and the decorations provide a fun and festive atmosphere. We appreciate all of their efforts! Last week they even had time to take a quick break before the meal was served!

# CUOC and Backpack Pals \*\*January Needs\*\*

Every month during 2026, Saint Luke will be collecting specific items for CUOC and Backpack Pals. Donation bins will be set up in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer. United Methodist Men and United Women in Faith are spearheading the collection for CUOC, and Saint Luke Preschool and Saint Luke After School Care are taking the lead for the Backpack Pals collection, but everyone is welcome to participate. Watch the Acts each month for the items that are being collected.

**In January, we are collecting toilet paper for CUOC.** Any brand is fine! **For Backpack Pals we are collecting Ravioli in pop-top cans.** This can include canned spaghetti and meatballs, canned lasagna, beefaroni, etc. *Please make sure all cans are pop-tops!* Thank you for helping make sure our neighbors have what they need!

*On behalf of the Saint Luke Missions Committee, a big Thank You to UMM, UWIF, and the preschool and afterschool children for making a year long commitment to support the CUOC pantry and Backpack Pals.*



Share  
the  
love

*Attention: Marigolds and Roses! Change in Plans!  
"Share-the-Love" Day  
Has Been Rescheduled!  
New Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026*

Because of the snow/ice that is predicted for this weekend, we have re-scheduled our first group gathering for 2026. The new date is Sunday, February 1st. Our outreach project is a Valentine "Share-the-Love" Day with residents at Parkview Retirement Village on Wicker Street. We will meet at 2:00 in the DCLC to assemble Valentine gift bags (all items will be provided), then carpool to Parkview to deliver them to the residents and staff members. We hope you will make plans now to join us on Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 in the DCLC. Let's share God's love with our friends at Parkview!



Let's Have  
Coffee!

COFFEE HOUR

The  
Emmaus Commu-

nity is hosting a Coffee Hour in the Williams Lobby prior to the 9:00 worship service on the **4th Sunday of each month.** Join us on Sunday, January 25 for fellowship and coffee!



*Membership Sunday:  
January 25, 2026*

If you have prayerfully considered making Saint Luke UMC your church home, we would love to have you! Please call the church office (919-776-2012) to let us know you'd like to join, or speak with Preacher Eddie if you have questions.

*Find your place at Saint Luke!*



Winter Session, 2026

January 14 - February 4

Wednesday  
Night  
Live

Fellowship Dinner at 5:45pm; Classes at 6:30 pm

Classes Offered:

1. **Decorative Book Folding with Betty Newell.** Betty will help participants create a beautiful book with ribbon and flowers to display at your home or office—or to give as a gift (see picture)
2. **Computer 101 with Mark Kiser.** Mark will share basic computer information with participants and answer questions.
3. **Upper Room Devotion led by Rev. Eddie Hill.** Each week's devotion will inspire and encourage you in your faith!



**Menus:**

January 21—Beef Stroganoff

January 28— Soup and Sandwich Bar

Cost for meals is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children 11 and younger;  
\$25 family max.

Please be sure to sign up if you plan to eat dinner!

WINDSTREAM  
DAILY

# BREAKFAST



**All men are welcome!**

Please join us on the  
SECOND AND FOURTH Wednesdays  
at 7 am in  
the Davenport CLC!

Upcoming dates are 1/28, 2/11 and 2/25.  
Cost is \$7.

## More Than Prayer Shawls ...

Our Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry stays busy with a variety of projects. They do more than Prayer Shawls! In the photos below, Nancy Fluke works on stoles for our 2026 Confirmands, and Sue Soderblom, Janice Davis, Rebecca Kesler, and Ann



Kightlinger are sorting squares which will be sewn together to make lap blankets. Thank you, ladies, for all you do for our church and our community! New knitters and crocheters are always welcome!



The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in Room #232.

## GRIEF COUNSELING AVAILABLE



Jackie Petty, MA, LCMHC is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor who can

provide individual or family counseling for persons experiencing a time of grief and loss. With a Master's degree in Community Counseling, Jackie has been in private practice for 15 years and has over 25 years of experience in offering Trauma-Focused therapy to adults and children, as well as clients with anxiety and depression. The grief journey can be a complex time of confusion and sadness with feelings of uncertainty and deep pain. It can be difficult to sort through these feelings alone. Jackie would like to offer free counseling to anyone who believes it could be beneficial for them. These sessions are confidential and discreet and can be offered at the church or in your home. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at [jackiepetty@windstream.net](mailto:jackiepetty@windstream.net).



Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday  
of each month at 10:30 am.

Saint Luke's Support Group for Caregivers and their loved ones living with dementia meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Susan Hardy leads the Caregivers Support Group in one room and the care recipients participate in another room with planned activities led by experienced volunteers. **Please call the church office at 919-776-2012 if you and your loved one plan to attend. We need a head-count so that we may plan accordingly.**



*Join Pastor Eddie and Nita on Our Trip to Greece!*

# Journeys of Paul Tour

April 14-24, 2026

## Last Call for All Aboard!!

After speaking with Wilcox World Travel and Tours, there is still room to join the adventure for our April trip, but time is of the essence. Contact Wilcox Travel as soon as possible (800-438-5828 or [tourinfo@wilcoxtravel.com](mailto:tourinfo@wilcoxtravel.com)) to register.

**Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime!**



## *Who Will Go to Red Bird in 2026? Here am I ... send me!*

When brutal weather arrives, we're tempted to long for daffodils and warm, sunny days—or is that just me? Yet winter allows time for the earth to rest and for plants and trees to prepare for another showy spring. Red Bird Mission experiences a similar rhythm. Community outreach continues through various food, clothing, medical and educational ministries. The Work Camp staff, however, slows down a bit—taking time to assess needs that may be met by volunteers during the work season.

Work teams repeatedly return to Red Bird, arriving when winter's bite has passed. The place simply gets in your blood and in your spirit. Team members assist families who endure poverty and hardship daily, as well as help with repairs on the campus of this century-old Mission. Residents within the three-county area they serve depend on them—and the Mission depends on people like us. Saint Luke has traveled to Red Bird for eight, non-consecutive years. It is now time to plan our 9<sup>th</sup> adventure. *If you have given thought to joining the Red Bird team and are able to donate five days in 2026 to help our Kentucky neighbors, please contact Rev. Judy Drye.* The ministry done there is inspiring—and so is the view. As we hunker down in our warm homes this winter, may the Spirit lead us into how we may love and serve God and neighbor more fully.



# EASY, FAST, AND SECURE: 3 Convenient Ways to Give to Saint Luke UMC:

- via your phone by texting “stluke” to 1-888-364-4483 [GIVE]
- online here: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/givetosaintlukeumcsanford>
- through our downloadable app here: <https://subsplash.com/saintlukeumc/app>

For your convenience, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. For more information or help with Subsplash Giving, please contact the church office.



Fast and Easy Giving  
Saint Luke UMC



SUBSPASH

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me  
this I know

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 UMYF is Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers who love youth and are willing to build mentor-like relationships with all of our youth—to walk alongside them in their faith journey, life circumstances, struggles, and celebrations. If you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website ([saintlukeumc.org](http://saintlukeumc.org)), click on the “Our Ministries” tab, then the “Youth Ministry” tab, then scroll to the bottom and click on the “UMYF Volunteer Application” button.

## SAINT LUKE UMC'S CreationCare

1 CORINTHIANS 10:26

*“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.”*  
1 Corinthians 10:26

### SAINT LUKE RECYCLES!

**Thank you to everyone who is joining our efforts to recycle as a church family!** Please refer to the instructions included on or beside/above (on the wall) the receptacles for the items that are NOT recyclable (i.e., NOT used plastic utensils and dirty food containers) - and remember to donate your plastic bags to the ARK!



Coming Spring of 2026 ...  
the Confirmation Journey!

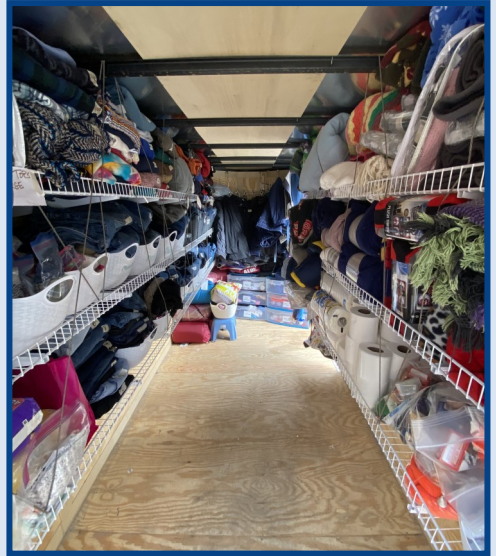
Youth in sixth grade and up are invited to join the journey. Call the church office to register (919-776-2012)!

**Come join us!**



# 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:

**GENTLY USED WINTER JACKETS/COATS,  
AND TOILET PAPER**

### Ways you can help:

- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal

Contact Lisa Harrington (919-770-2595) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



### Upcoming Lead Cooks

1/25 Kim Hales

2/1 Gus Gomez

2/1 TBD

### Upcoming Packing Teams

(Youth Delivering)

1/25

Harrington / TBD

2/1

2/8

Peele / TBD

*Loving God, Loving Others.*



*Be Still*  
AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD  
-PSALM 46:10



*Let Us Pray!!*

Our Saint Luke Daily Prayer is no longer available by text. We are now sending our Daily Prayer only via email. If you would like to receive our Saint Luke Daily Prayer via email, please send an email to Pastor Charlotte (charlottebrendel@yahoo.com) or contact the church office (919-776-2012).

**Ushers Needed**  
*Are you willing to serve?*

We need ushers for our 11:00 worship services! If you are willing to serve as an usher on a rotating basis, please call the church office at 919-776-2012 to volunteer. All you need is a warm smile and a willing heart!!

*Serve the Lord with gladness ...*

*Psalm 100:2a*



**Save Your Pop Tops!**

Please save your pop tops from aluminum cans and bring them to the marked bin in the collection closet in the Williams Lobby. They will be donated to the

Ronald McDonald House, where they will be used to help families whose children are hospitalized.

***Don't throw away an opportunity to help!!***

**Thought for the Day**

*The way you view God  
will eventually  
show up in the way  
you live your life!*



*Charles Spurgeon*

**416** people have downloaded  
the Saint Luke App!

*If you're not one of them, don't miss out -  
Download it TODAY!*

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giving,  
and sermons  
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**Professional Counseling  
Services Available**

Rev. Marti Hatch, MDiv, MA, LCMHC, NCC, is now available to schedule counseling appointments with clients. This is available to members of Saint

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at [hatch.marti@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.marti@gmail.com) or call 919-750-7949. All appointments and financial arrangements will be made through Rev. Hatch.

*Welcome!*  
*Thanks for Joining Us Today!*  
**Greeter Ministry**  
*Glad you are here!*  
*Hope to see you again.*

# 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.**

**Jan. 25** (9:00) Gabby McCalister,  
Jordan Edwards, and Collins Chaney  
(11:00) Ted Havens

**Feb. 1** (9:00) TBD  
(11:00) Susan Nave

**Feb. 8** (9:00) TBD  
(11:00) Faye White

## Altar Guild




**DCLC (9:00 worship)**  
**January:** Toni Davenport-Morse and Linda Wicker

**February:** Shay Benton and Robin Showalter

**Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)**  
**January:** Molly Whitaker and Holly Post

**February:** Kim Hales, Chair, Elaine Thomas, and Linda Foushee

## Scripture Readers Schedule



**January 25**  
8:30 am Bert & Betsy Lucas  
9:00am Chan Bryant  
11:00 am Susan Nave

**February 1**  
8:30 am Nancy Thomas  
9:00 am Dare Wright  
11:00 am Robin Jones


**February 8**  
8:30 am Gregg Miller  
9:00am Katie Harris  
11:00 am Bob Joyce



*Draw and Name and Pray for a Member of Your Church Family!*

Last year, our Prayer Team began the **Prayer Bowl Project**. The goal is to have every member held in prayer by name during each Sunday service whether you are in the sanctuary or at home. A new set of names has been made for this year. If you'd like to participate, come by the church office and draw a name, or call Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) and ask her to draw a name for you. You do not need to know anything about the person or family you have drawn. God already knows their every need! Can you imagine how God might smile to hear every member of Saint Luke's family held up in prayer each Sunday? When you become a member of the Saint Luke family, you will never walk alone again!

## Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



**January 25** Ned Heins

**February 1** Heath Hendrick

**February 8** Drew Lyerly



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## January 21—28

### Birthdays:

(1/21) Martin Chan  
Dana Hendrick  
Judy Normann

(1/23) Taylor Nave  
Caroline Sullivan

(1/24) Hunter Cloninger  
Sarah Slate

(1/25) Pam Gunter

(1/26) Harrison Wicker  
Millie Womble

(1/27) Mary Loving  
Colbie Normann Stephens

### Anniversaries

(1/22) Jeannie & Kenny Stewart

(1/27) Paul & Dale Profio



# membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

## FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Total Budget Needed Weekly                    | \$24,835.00 |
| Total Offering General Funds Received 1/18/26 | \$10,910.50 |
| Restricted Funds Received 1/18/26             | \$54.00     |

## January Attendance

|               | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 In Person<br>8:30/9:00/11:00 | 2025 Virtual<br>YouTube |
|---------------|------|------|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Week 1        | *652 | *290 | *351 | 34/129/75                         | 43/19                   |
| Week 2        | *607 | *401 | *309 | 41/156/69                         | 26/17                   |
| Week 3        | *655 | *313 | *291 | 31/149/59                         | 24/28                   |
| Week 4        | *622 | *345 | *    |                                   |                         |
| Week 5        |      |      | *    |                                   |                         |
| December Avg. | *634 | *337 | *317 |                                   |                         |

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

## Did You Know That ...

- ... you can read the Bible using the new Saint Luke app?
- ... our website has been updated and ready to use?
- ... you can watch our worship services live or later on the website (or app)?
- ... you can register for special events using the app?
- ... you can conveniently tithe directly from your phone or computer (app, text, or website)?

Everything Saint Luke is available for you with just a click of a button:

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

*Saint Luke  
United Methodist Church*

## *Prayer Requests*

*Received as of January 21, 2026*

### *Our Known Prayer Needs*

|                               |                |                       |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Holly Baker                   | Ed Garrison    | Pat Mace              | Georgann Roberts           |
| Judy Baker                    | Lisa Harden    | Joe Martin            | Irene Smith                |
| Chris Burns                   | Marsha Havens  | Cathy & Tyson McCoy   | Patsy & Ira Smith          |
| Patti and Stephen Cox         | Lloyd Jennings | Liz McGrath           | Mackenzie Stinson          |
| Sarah Curry                   | Tom Joyner     | Beulah Mooneyham      | Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard |
| Jean Davenport                | Claudia Key    | Dave Nave             | Denise and Tom Trafelet    |
| Susie Dixon                   | Kevin Kirkman  | Betty Newell          | Kristin Vernon             |
| Janet Edrington               | Susan Larsen   | Parker Normann        | Gordon Washburn            |
| Harvey Forbes                 | Hayley Liggett | Jan Olsen             | David Whitfield            |
| Linda Fowler                  | Dorothy Lloyd  | Mary Jo Parks         | Heather McCoy Wicker       |
| Sandra Gallagher              | Mary Loving    | Nick and Sally Porter | Judi Womack                |
| Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg) | May Mace       | Bill Ray              | Sandy Woodard              |

### *Other Known Prayer Requests*

|                          |                       |                        |                           |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Larry Andrews            | Brian Drye            | David Lane             | Tina Rickard              |
| Deborah Alvord           | Martha Eigenbrodt     | Betty Lawrence         | Barbara Rivera            |
| Gray Barnhill            | Daniel Facemire       | Joel Lawrence          | Sean Robbins              |
| Bruce and Linda Benton   | Carol Fuller          | Hannah Lindsey         | Roy Rud and family        |
| June Brantley            | Lynn Gagliardi        | Elliot Mann            | Juanita Showalter         |
| Jan Brooks               | Dr. Roy Gaines, Jr.   | Allyssa McNeal         | Paula Smith               |
| Bonnie Brown             | Teresa Goins          | Van Montoya            | Ryan Smith                |
| Moses Cabrera            | Keri Grant            | Daniel Newman          | Jackson Snipes            |
| Betty Caldwell           | Tim Gregory           | Carlie Anne Nicholson  | Betty Spence              |
| Karen and Brian Caldwell | Brenda Hallman        | Jennifer Nicholson     | Blake Strickland          |
| Kenny Cole               | Lura Hill             | Phyllis O'Keef         | Denny Swarmer             |
| Norman Cooper            | Margaret Hubbard      | Molly Margaret O'Quinn | Dr. Vance Thomas          |
| Jamie Covil              | Rick Huneycutt        | Greg Patterson         | Lavelle and Sharon Waters |
| Jeff Cummings            | Jamie Hunt            | Wade and Janie Peele   | Jimmy Wilkins             |
| Linda & Dalton Davis     | Allene Jarvis         | Helen Krick Poole      | William Beckett "Beck"    |
| Pat Dillon               | Beckisue Brown Joyner | Kate Redenbaugh        | Woodell                   |
| Diedre Dowdy             | Scott Keller          | Andy Reeder            | Connie Zaring             |

### *Sympathy to . . .*

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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!

Lead Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Visitation  
Children and Family Ministry  
Youth Ministry  
Coordinator of Contemporary Music  
Director of Music Ministries  
Office Manager  
Bookkeeper  
Receptionist  
Receptionist  
AV/IT Coordinator  
Preschool Director  
Afterschool Director  
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous

Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder  
Rev. Charlotte Brendel, Deacon  
Rev. Judy Drye, Elder  
Katherine Holt  
Abigail Thompson  
Curtis Moore  
Rodney Oldham  
Laura Alverson  
Pat Angel  
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