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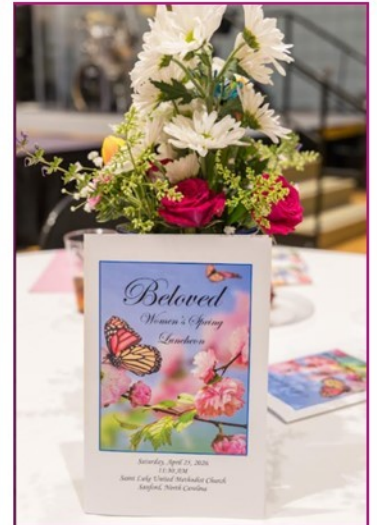
May 6, 2026

Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon

Around 100 women gathered in our Davenport Christian Life Center on Saturday, April 26 to participate in the first **"Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon"** sponsored by the Women's Events and Retreats Team. With the help of many women, the DCLC was transformed into a beautiful flower garden, with fresh flower arrangements on every table and their rich fragrance filling the air.

We are grateful to our Women's Events and Retreats Team for many months of hard work in planning, organizing, and making this beautiful gathering so memorable. Members are Beverly Suitt (Chair), Margie Washburn, Shanna Kelly, Pat Sindelir, Holly Post, Sally Porter, Marsha Havens, Helen Yarborough, Joyce Edmonds, Diane Mason, and Rev. Charlotte Brendel. The theme verse for this luncheon was Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Thanks to Rodney Oldham for providing beautiful piano music while we gathered, and also for providing music during lunch. Rodney's music made our time extra special! *(continued inside)*



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The Pastors' Page

Pray without ceasing...(I Thess. 5:17)

It was my first meeting with the Missions Committee at my new appointment. Hoping to gauge the passions of these parishioners I was just getting to know, I asked the questions: "What are your dreams for missions? What tugs at your spirits? What would you be doing if there were no constraints?" I wondered how open they would be to new possibilities and how willing they would be to expand our outreach.

Responses were slow at first. Food insecurity, hurricane response, help with the nearby food kitchen were mentioned. Finally, the oldest member of the committee—a strong, capable woman—said rather wistfully, "If I could do anything, I would return to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky." When I asked her to say more, she struggled for the right words. Since she was rarely at a loss for words, it was apparent that her Red Bird experience had a profound effect on her. I found that intriguing. Her response planted a seed in me that came to fruition nine years later when Saint Luke formed a Red Bird Mission team.

What is so special about Red Bird Mission? Things happen when you pray without ceasing! Red Bird was birthed in prayer. As early as 1913 women of the Evangelical Church began to pray that the church would begin ministry in the southern mountains. Meanwhile, folks in southeastern Kentucky began to pray that someone would come: teachers, medical workers, preachers. Everyone persevered in prayer—and the Spirit began to move! People responded to the Spirit's call, crossing perilous mountains to go live and work in this deeply rural and impoverished area of Kentucky. Since the Evangelical Church is a component of the United Methodist Church, we are grafted into the Red Bird story.

Prayer has fueled Red Bird's life-sustaining ministry to the people of eastern Kentucky for over 100 years. Imagine that! Resources are tight, but those who work at Red Bird have servants' hearts. Through their outreach ministries, they continually seek ways to meet the practical and spiritual needs of their neighbors. They invite churches and mission teams to partner with them in their efforts through the gifts of presence, time, skill, labor, prayer, and donations. That is where we fit in!

Why do we return year after year? In short, Red Bird gets in your blood and in your spirit. The mountains are beautiful. The people are appreciative. The fellowship with team members is a gift. Being useful is rewarding. Seeing how others live is humbling and eye-opening. Serving others is Christ-like and transformative. Mission trips—*wherever they take us*—disturb our ordinary routines. They enable us to reorient ourselves to our call to serve God and neighbor. For me, I find it necessary and life-giving to step out of my ordinary life now and then. It helps to clear my head and my spirit.

Since that first trip in 2015, I have understood why my friend's great desire was to return to Red Bird Mission. Saint Luke is returning to Red Bird June 21-26. It will be Saint Luke's 9th trip—and my 9th trip. I am grateful to be able to go this year, and I am looking forward to what God has in store for us. Most of the current team members have returned multiple times. They will attest that the work is hard, but the reward is incomparable. It is simply a joy, as Maya Angelou would put it, to be the rainbow in someone's cloud. You can be that rainbow, too.

Questions? Please contact me or speak with one of the 2026 team members: Bob Sanford, Bert Jernigan, Chuck Heiser, Phil Drye, Liz McGrath, Susan Hardy or Mary Ann Miller. Meanwhile, pray for us, for Red Bird Mission, for the families who will be served this summer, and for the teams that are traveling from all over the US to donate their time and expertise as Red Bird's partners in mission. We are grateful for your support and for trusting us to represent you. Meanwhile....

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (I Thess. 5:16-18).

Pastor Judy

Special thanks to Dana Trent, Guest Keynote Speaker, for sharing her amazing and inspirational God-story, and for taking time to sign books and answer questions. Dana's memoir, "Between Two Trailers" was available to purchase. Every book at the event was sold! Following the luncheon Dana explained, "Sharing our stories is so important for women. It makes us feel connected and less alone in the heavy world. So honored to be the keynote speaker for the inaugural Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon at Saint Luke UMC."

This event would not have been possible without the financial support of our sponsors: Post Foushee Gordon Trial Lawyers, Wilkinson Chevrolet Cadillac GMC, This End Up Furniture Company, Added Accents, Benton Whitaker LLP, Renee and Jimmy Keen, Marsha and Ted Havens, Harris & Company Insurance, Charlotte and Leonard Brendel, Beech and Boon Children's Boutique, Triple Pointe Dance Academy, Seekers Sunday School Class, Biddle Sunday School Class, Molly Whitaker, Faye White, and Beverly Suitt. We are grateful to all our sponsors for their generosity and willingness to support our 2026 "Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon." We are grateful for their partnership!



"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Luke 12:17



"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7







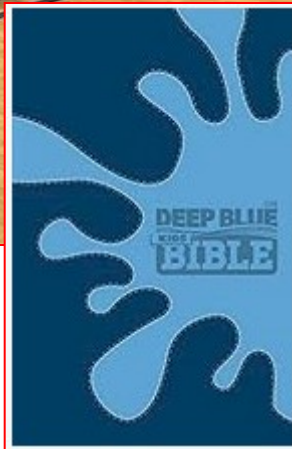
Saint Luke Loves Our Children!

Kingdom Kids Graduation and Third Grade Bible Presentation

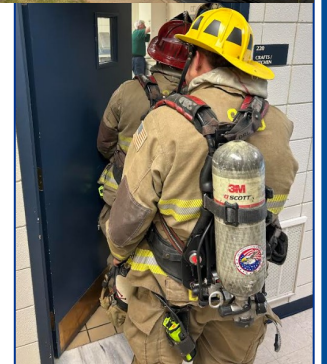


On Sunday, May 3, the Kingdom Kids sang at the 9:00 worship service, and those who will be moving up to Kindergarten next year were recognized. Graduating from Kingdom Kids this year are Dean Brown, Frances Brown, Austin Coffin, Binxlee Kelly, Grayson Paderick, Oaklyn Register, Emma Gray Wilson, and Allie Womble. What a wonderful year they have had singing praises each Sunday afternoon! We are grateful to their wonderful director, Lisa Foushee, and her awesome assistants, Katherine Wheby, Katie Harris, and Lacey Harrington for pouring love into the Kingdom Kids and teaching them to make a joyful noise to the Lord!





A special Saint Luke tradition each year is to present our third grade students with their very own Bible. Those who received a Deep Blue Bible on Sunday were Eleena Alfonso, Owen Register, Max Kaisinger, Addie James Paderick, Berkeley Brown, Carter Vernon, and Kenny Britton. We pray that they will use these Bibles to hide God's word in their hearts!

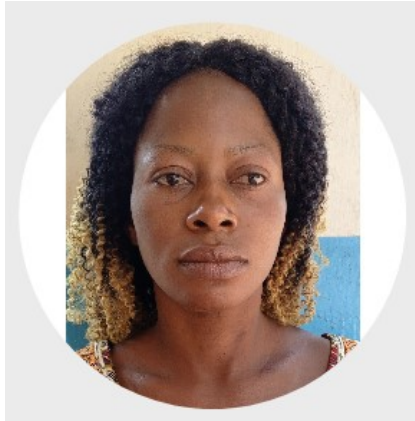


United Methodist Men had a great meeting on Monday night. Preacher Eddie presented a program about his recent Journeys of Paul trip to Greece. There were even a few ladies in attendance who wanted to hear about the trip. There was a little extra excitement when the smoke detector went off and the fire department came to make sure everything was okay. Thankfully, it was, and the dinner was as delicious as always! Many thanks to all who came!



The Endowment Fund: Stories & Impact

The Endowment Fund has collected personal stories of clergy and lay people who explain the importance of theological education. Some share how they have personally been transformed. Others witness the impact their studies have had on their present ministry. Others urge the need to improve and sustain theological education.



Kazadi wa Kamwanya Divine, Democratic Republic of the Congo

I'm a pastor, married with three children. After earning my degree at the Methodist University of Kabongo, I served as a pastor in the local church of the Mulongo district. The scholarship is an incredible moral and financial support. I thank all those who give of themselves to make me what I am today. This assistance has made me an important member of the body of Christ as a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

During my ministry, I learned to be humble as a woman in the Mulongo district. A woman's value lies in her dignity and determination. In the morning, I wake early and fetch water like any other woman. I take care of my children so they are well fed, well clothed, and also go to school. Being a pastor's wife, I have to manage my time well to maintain a harmonious relationship with my husband.

In the evenings, I gather at home with my family, and we pray together. I plan for my children's future with my husband by selling relief items like candy, matchboxes, and soap cubes in the neighborhood. Careful saving has allowed me to have an evening kiosk.

It's not easy for a woman to study in our community where men are privileged. I'm one of the rare birds in the patriarchal, male-dominated context. Even during my ministry, some male members doubted my pastoral work as a woman. Nevertheless, God is present and able to equip anyone. The quality of one's work, intelligence, and wisdom are the divine domain. That's why, for me, supporting a woman's education through financial support is a source of blessing. This blessing is not just personal; it is communal.

The money I received monthly as a scholarship recipient bought food for my children, clothing, and transportation from my home to the university. I was a beneficiary, but that's not all. I hope that this scholarship will continue to train other women like me, because women in pastoral ministry are a force to be reckoned with.

Note: Funding for theological education for students like Kazadi will be sustained through gifts to the Endowment Fund for Theological Education



Endowing United Methodist
Theological Education
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By raising funds for The Endowment for Theological Education outside the U.S., we aim to equip 500 additional graduates each year to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. Together, we can provide our future leaders with the tools and resources they need—rooted in a Wesleyan mindset of joining knowledge and vital piety—to impact lives and communities for generations to come.

Miracle Sunday - May 17, 2026

A miracle offering following the model of 1 Chronicles 29, as we humble ourselves and give generously

Together, United Methodists around the world will raise up new generations of clergy leaders through a one-time worldwide offering on May 17, 2026.



Gjergj Lushka, Albania

I serve as pastor to two of the five United Methodist churches in Albania, as well as the Center for Children with Disabilities. I am filled with hope by the desire and passion of the families and young people of our church as we work together to strengthen the church community.

In my ministry, I want to be faithful to God's mission to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19-20). My responsibility is to advance this mission, reviewing my progress from time to time depending on the situation and the challenges that the Church faces. Pastoral work must be constantly reformed to find new ways of direction and leadership.

When I am not on the road as a pastor, I use my background as a Social Worker to work with children with special needs in the "Early Intervention" project in Tirana. It is not only a gift God has given me, but also a practical part of being a pastor: to serve the community and help others.

In 2010, I completed a four-year bachelor's degree at the Faculty of Education Sciences at "Aleksander Xhuvani" University in Elbasan (Albania), graduating as a social worker. In 2012, I earned my master's in social policies from the University of Tirana. Then God called me to start a new adventure, so I embarked on a six-year study program through the Church of the Nazarene.

These studies proved to be a solid foundation for the beginning of my ministry as a Local Pastor of The United Methodist Church in Albania. Not only did they help me grow in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, in leadership, and in pastoral ministry, but they also helped me explore Christian counseling and the role of a pastor in the Church.

The most important elements of the "ministry toolbox" I acquired are: humility to be a servant leader of the Church community and beyond, good communication, transparency in decision-making, credibility in leadership, and sharing duties among Church members.

The United Methodist Church in Albania faces many challenges, including young people leaving home for other European countries, how best to share the Gospel in our modern Albanian society, and how to reach young people and encourage them to participate in ministry.

One of my favorite texts is Philippians 2:3-11, which captures the fullness of Christian life and the center of faith for servant leadership. These words of the Apostle Paul are essential, and I will keep them in my heart and work as I continue serving the people in Albania through The United Methodist Church.

When I consider the growth and development of the Church, I feel thankful for the leaders of the UMC in Albania, especially Superintendent Wilfried Nausner, his wife Jean, and the pastors who have shaped the Church and built a reliable, cooperative leadership. We are also blessed by many committed lay people and by the Bishop's Office, donors and many friends who provide financial support.

On the personal side, I like playing football regularly and skiing (when I get a chance in the winter). My wife, Marinela, and I were married on June 29, 2024.

Note: *Funding for theological education for students like Gjergj will be sustained through gifts to the Endowment Fund for Theological Education*

To make a contribution on Miracle Sunday (May 17), make your check payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "Miracle Sunday" on the memo line. If you make a cash donation, please use a pew envelope and designate it "Miracle Sunday." Please include your name if you'd like the donation to appear on your giving statement.

*with love
and
gratitude*

Thank you for all the love, before, during, and after my surgery and the continued assistance you continue to give me. The homemade meals, desserts, flowers, gift cards and running errands for me, plus all the texts, calls, cards and special visits.

You kept me going, kept me laughing, and made sure I didn't have to lift a finger ... except to hold the fork! I could absolutely get used to this level of care. I am so grateful and blessed to have each one of you in my life.

I wouldn't know what to do without you.

With Love, Helen & Oakley



Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."



Save the Dates! August 3, 10, 17 & 24 Summer Bible Study

More details to come!
The study will be held at
the church at 4 pm



Dearest Saint Luke Friends,

Thank you for the phone call
and the wonderful card of
well wishes.



This has been a long journey and you have been a big part of it. Thank you for your support and love—I am very grateful.

My best, Annie Bolger



Kids Just Wanna Have FUN!!

Saint Luke After School Summer Program

Monday—Friday from 8 am to 5:30 pm

Weekly Tuition: \$190

Week of June 1—5: Kids in the Kitchen Week

Week of June 8—12: Sports Week

Week of June 15—19: Exploring Nature and Water Week

Week of June 22—26: Arts & Crafts Week

Week of July 6—10: Science and Farm Week

Space is still available most weeks—hurry and register before they fill up!

Contact Carolyn Lee for more information or to register:
afterschool@saintlukeumc.org or 919-770-0607





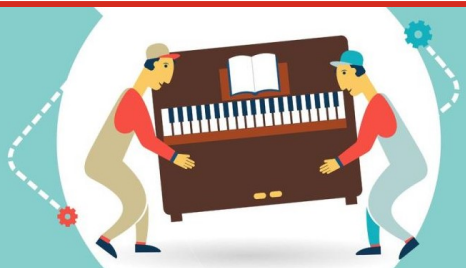
**Love Boldly
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Lead Courageously**

Uniting 30,000 congregations worldwide.

United Methodist leaders are inviting 30,000 congregations and their pastors worldwide into a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered six-week emphasis, **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously**. This emphasis will equip congregations to extend the vision of the church and receive a special offering to help support **500 students annually** to prepare for pastoral ministry across **Africa, Europe, and the Philippines**. This initiative will culminate with a special offering on Miracle Sunday, May 17, 2026.

How to Be a Part of Miracle Sunday:

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Help Needed!

Help is needed to move a piano to

the home of a church member. If you have a truck with a lift or ramp and can help move a small piano from the church to a member's home, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or by email at charlottebrendel@yahoo.com.

Join us
for



Keenagers

Thursday, May 21st

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! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012 by Monday, May 18th if you plan to attend. Don't miss out!

YOU'RE INVITED

90 YEAR OLD & BETTER CELEBRATION RECEPTION

The Enrichment Center is honored to celebrate all Lee County residents, who are aged 90 and better, with a reception on **Wednesday, May 27th at 2pm.**

Please RSVP by Friday, May 22nd.
(919) 776-0501 ext. 2203.
One guest allowed per 90-year-old.

The Enrichment Center of Lee County
N.C. Certified Senior Center of Excellence
1615 S. Third Street / Sanford, NC 27330
leecountync.gov/departments/senior_services
<https://www.facebook.com/LCEnrichmentCenter>



**LEE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT**
SENIOR SERVICES



United Women In Faith

General Meeting and Spring Luncheon

Monday, May 11th - 12:00 pm;
Room #222/224; Cost is \$5

All women of the church are invited.
Reservations are required by May 7th.

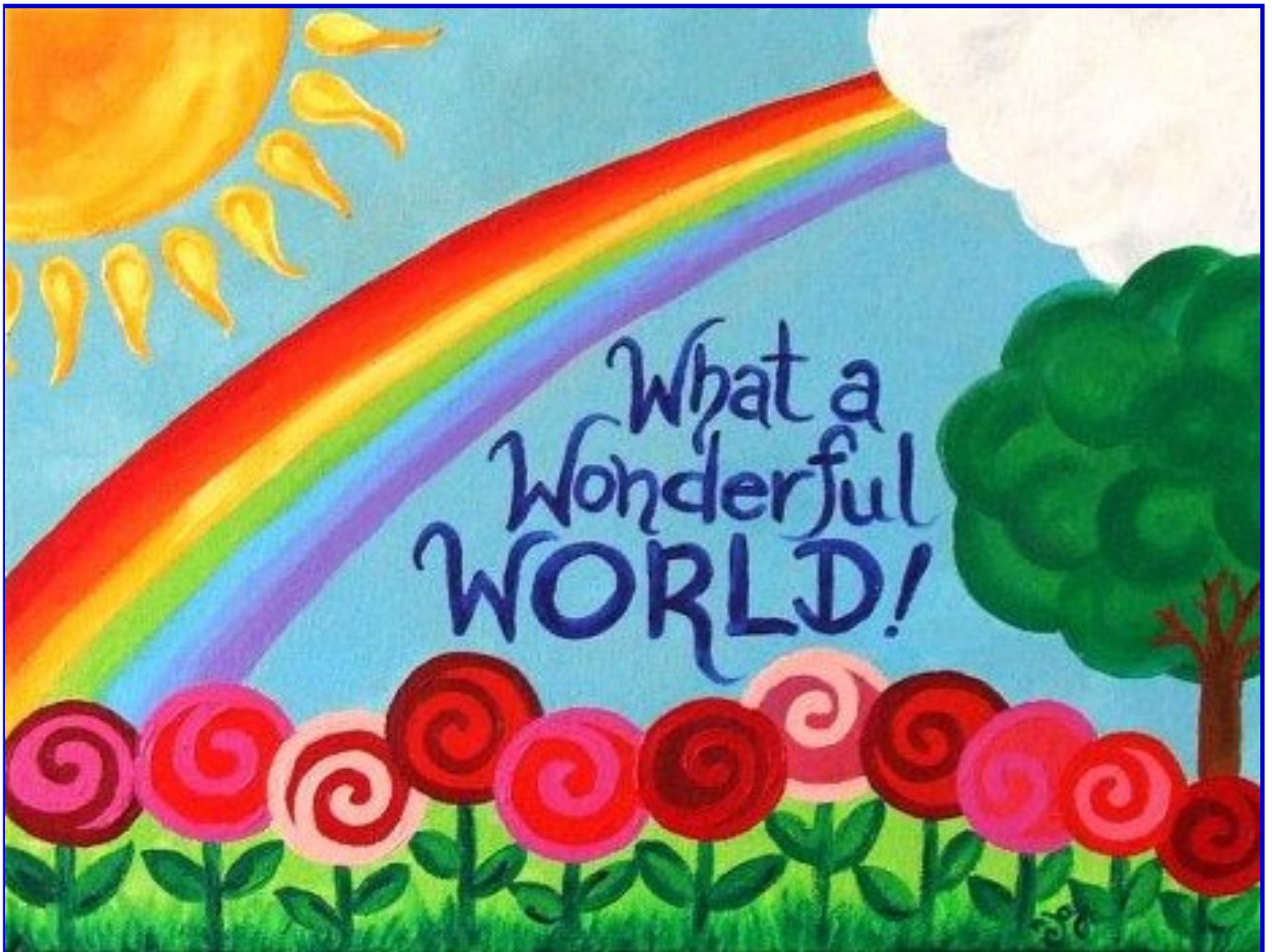
Please contact Kathy Jones if you have questions
(919-770-1158 or kmjones1967@gmail.com)



Saint Luke's Red Bird Mission Trip Is June 21 - 26, 2026 Who Will Go?

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'
And I said, 'Here am I, send me.'" Isaiah 6:8**

Plans for our 9th mission trip to Red Bird are underway! Is this your year to join the team and donate six days of your time, energy and skills to needy families in eastern Kentucky? If so, contact Judy Drye at 919-545-6780 or judydrye@nccumc.org. A \$50 registration fee is required, payable to Saint Luke ASAP. The balance of \$450 will be offset by team contributions and generous donations from church members. Fees cover room and board as well as the materials needed for the project we will adopt. The dates for our trip are June 21-26. As our team theme song states: "Red Bird is the place to be!" You won't regret supporting this 100+ year old ministry that seeks to meet the needs of their impoverished communities.



VBS 2026 "What a Wonderful World"
is June 22 - 25!!

Register Now at www.vbsmate.com/saintluke

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



Our Friday Friends team will meet **Friday, May 15** to complete several projects around the church. We will meet at **9:00 am and work no later**

than 12 noon. There will be some cleaning as well as repairs. More details will be available soon. If you are able to help, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at charlottebrendel@yahoo.com.



Lost and Found!

Missing a water bottle? Check the coffee bar in the Williams Lobby. We have quite a collection!

WINDSTREAM

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

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

Upcoming dates are 5/13 and 5/27.
Cost is \$7.




**Next Gathering:
May 20**

Ladies Lunch & Learn

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Davison's Restaurant
1724 Westover Drive
Sanford, NC

Ladies of all ages are welcome!

Mark your calendars! Summer dates are July 8, 15, 22, and 29!



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.



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Support Group

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 2nd 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.**



Attention: 2026 Graduates

If you are graduating from **High School OR College** this spring, or have a child who is graduating, please notify Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org. We would like to have the following information:

- ◆ *the graduate's full name*
- ◆ *the name of the high school or college from which they are graduating*
- ◆ *the degree they received (for college graduates)*
- ◆ *any honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude for college graduates; Beta Club, NHS, NTHS, etc. for high school graduates)*
- ◆ *plans for the Fall (for high school students)*
- ◆ *and a picture of the graduate (may be in cap and gown or not)*

Students who graduated in December, 2025 are welcome to submit their information as well!

This information will be included in an upcoming edition of the Acts and in our graduation booklet on Senior Sunday. **The deadline to submit information is Thursday, May 14th.**

***We are proud of you all!
Help us celebrate YOU!***



CUOC and Backpack Pals **May 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.

In May, we are collecting BEANS for CUOC (may be dried or canned). For Backpack Pals we are collecting CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP (any brand, pop-top cans or individual servings). 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.

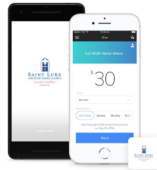




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- via your phone by texting “stluke” to 1-888-364-4483 [GIVE]
- online here: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/givetosaintlukeumcsanford>
- through our downloadable app here: <https://subsplash.com/saintlukeumc/app>

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.



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Saint Luke UMC



SUBSPASH

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me
this I know



Let's Have Coffee!

COFFEE HOUR

The Emmaus Community 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, May 24 for fellowship and coffee!

Spring for the Promise
Food Tasting and Fundraising Event
www.familypromiseofleecounty.org

Tuesday May 12, 2026
5:30-7:30pm
Elks Club
910 Carthage St
Sanford, NC 27330
Tickets \$35
Call 919.718.1540





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!



See It?? Say It!!

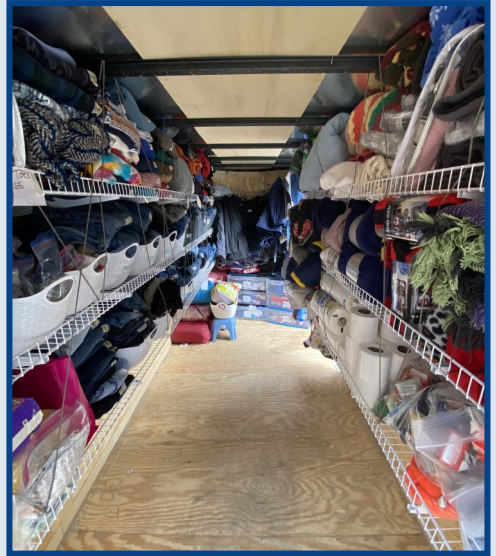


We are blessed with a wonderful facility in which to worship and serve God and we want to maintain it as God’s house should be maintained! If you see anything around the church that needs attention ... things that are broken, dirty, need repair, light bulbs that need replacing, etc., please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or 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!



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: Medium or Large Men's Boxers
Toilet Paper
Gently used shorts - men's or women's

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

5/10 Pat Greybill
5/17 Kim Hales
5/24 Rachel Greybill

Upcoming Packing Teams

Johnson/Havens/Selix (No Trailers)
Heins / Hill (NEED A DRIVER)
Osborne / McCalister (No Trailers)

Loving God, Loving Others.





Attention: GUYS!
Fairway District UMM
Scholarship Available!

The Fairway District United Methodist Men is offering a scholarship to young men from churches in the Fairway District who will be attending a college or trade school during the 2026-2027 academic year. If you'd like an application, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org. **Deadline to apply is July 17, 2026.**

Thought for the Day

"We have to pray
with our eyes on
God,
not on the
difficulties."



Oswald Chambers

Fairway District
United Methodist Men
Golf Tournament
Wednesday, June 3

1:30 pm

Sanford Golf Course

\$85/person; \$340/team

Proceeds benefit the FDUMM
Scholarship Fund.

Entry forms available in the church office.

481 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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**You'll have the
church calendar,
website,
social media,
the Bible,
giving,
and sermons
at your fingertips!**

Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch



Our Singles 50+ group will meet on Sunday, May 17. Anyone who is over 50 and single is welcome to join us for a Dutch treat lunch and warm

fellowship. Reservations are helpful, but not required.

Sunday, May 17 at 12:30 pm
Davison's Steaks
(1724 Westover Drive)



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 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.

May 10	(9:00)	Jeff & Denise Hedrick
	(11:00)	Kim Osborne
May 17	(9:00)	Chad & Anna Stinson
	(11:00)	Ted Havens
May 24	(9:00)	Chris & Sarah Slate
	(11:00)	Betsy James


Altar Guild



DCLC (9:00 worship)
May: Ashlee Beal and Mallory Paderick

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)
May: Susan Nave, Patti Cox, and Toni Davenport-Morse

Scripture Readers Schedule



<u>May 10</u>	
8:30 am	Sara O'Quinn
9:00 am	Susan Laudate
11:00 am	JB Weeks
<u>May 17</u>	
8:30 am	Sandra Hancock
9:00 am	Neal Kightlinger
11:00 am	Alice Heins
<u>May 24</u>	
8:30 am	Ronnie Jones
9:00am	Bruce Greybill
11:00 am	Matthew Miller




PINTS WITH THE PASTOR
NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY, MAY 18
AT 5:30 PM
CAMELBACK BREWING CO.
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All men are welcome for this time of fellowship and a devotion! Bring a friend!




Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



May 10	Ned Heins
May 17	Philip Kelly
May 24	Travis Beal

Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



May 10	Ed Spitler
May 17	Bob Hughes
May 24	Mike Laudate

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 6—May 20

Birthdays:

(5/6) Brenda Arey

Derek Borrell

Ross Peele

Mary Della Slate

(5/7) Susie Dixon

Martin Womble

(5/8) Bailey Heins

(5/9) Paul Horton

Jackson Wicker

Quinn Wicker

(5/10) Harper Foushee

Robin Showalter

Kelly Young

(5/11) Kaity Cotterell

Jennifer Normann

Sara O'Quinn

(5/12) Christian Davenport

Melanie West

(5/15) Nick Boyd

(5/16) Brynn Hales

Scott Miller, III

Edna Perkinson

(5/17) Sara Hyde

(5/18) Todd Showalter

(5/19) Collin Coggins

Betsy James

(5/20) Holden Keen

Anniversaries

(5/8) Mitch & Jenn Williams

(5/9) Tom & Susan Hincks

(5/13) Angie Mansfield & Katie Crane

(5/15) David & Lisa Foushee

Patrick & Holly Mohan

(5/17) Paul & Candice Horton



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 5/3/26	\$19,630.50
Designated Funds Received 5/3/26	\$2,557.00

May Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*502	*296	*391	36/211/87	31/26
Week 2	*1016	*272			
Week 3	*712	*224			
Week 4	*411	*224			
Week 5					
May Avg.	*660	*254	*391		

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

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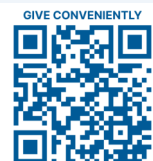
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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

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Prayer Requests

Received as of May 6, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Sandra Gallagher	Pat Mace	Georgann Roberts
Judy Baker	Ed Garrison	Joe Martin	Irene Smith
Annie Bolger	Lisa Harden	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Patsy & Ira Smith
Chris Burns	Marsha Havens	Liz McGrath	Miller Stewart
Patti and Stephen Cox	Denise Hedrick	Bob Michaud	Mackenzie Stinson
Sarah Curry	Lloyd Jennings	Beulah Mooneyham	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Jean Davenport	Claudia Key	Dave Nave	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Susie Dixon	Kevin Kirkman	Betty Newell	Kristin Vernon
Rev. Judy Drye	Susan Larsen	Parker Normann	Gordon Washburn
Janet Edrington	Hayley Liggett	Jan Olsen	David Whitfield
Harvey Forbes	Dorothy Lloyd	Mary Jo Parks	Heather McCoy Wicker
Linda Fowler	Mary Loving	Nick Porter	Sandy Woodard
Savannah Lynn Franzoia	Claudia Mace	Bill Ray	Helen Yarborough

Other Known Prayer Requests

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

Sympathy to . . .

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.

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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
Rebecca Little
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