

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **October 4:** Breaking Bread Together Again at Jason's Deli after service
- **October 7:** 6:30p Christmas Choir begins
- **October 11:** Chapel Piano Dedication 11:45a
- **October 18:** Program Planning Meeting 11:45a

The Food Pantry is in need of chili, beef stew, lasagna, and chicken & dumplings.

Fellowship & Friends Monthly Gathering: Come enjoy a time of faith, fun, food, prizes, and fellowship! Wednesday, October 7th from 11:15a–1:00p in the Lounge- \$5 hamburgers — bring a friend!

Family Fall Fest – October 24, 4–6 PM! Join us for carnival games, food, Trunk-or-Treat, s'mores, costumes, and family fun! **Volunteers needed!** Sign up in Hospitality Hall to decorate a trunk, run a carnival game, or help with setup, food, and cleanup.

3rd Quarter Contribution Statements: 3rd Quarter Statements, reflecting contributions through Sept. 30, 2026, are available for pickup at the Hospitality Hall front desk today. Statements will be emailed to those who have signed up for emailed statements. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of St. Luke's and its ministries!

Thanksgiving Gift Cards: It is time to start collecting Thanksgiving gift cards from Kroger or Walmart in \$25 amounts. The collection deadline is November 10th. The gift cards will be given to various Neighborhood Food Pantries for distribution to their clients. Contact Mozell Starks at (901) 827-0597 with any questions.

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Charles Schramm (Lisa St. Gelais' dad), Don Bowsher, Phillip Prichard, Jamille Laughlin, Heather Al-Chokhachi, Richard Green, Manuel "Mannie" Lim, Tatum (Charlotte Fletcher's daughter), Sarah Shepherd (Bev's daughter), and Sarah Jane Tice.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office.

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

September 2026

Actual Giving: \$61,861.08

Budgeted: \$51,281.67

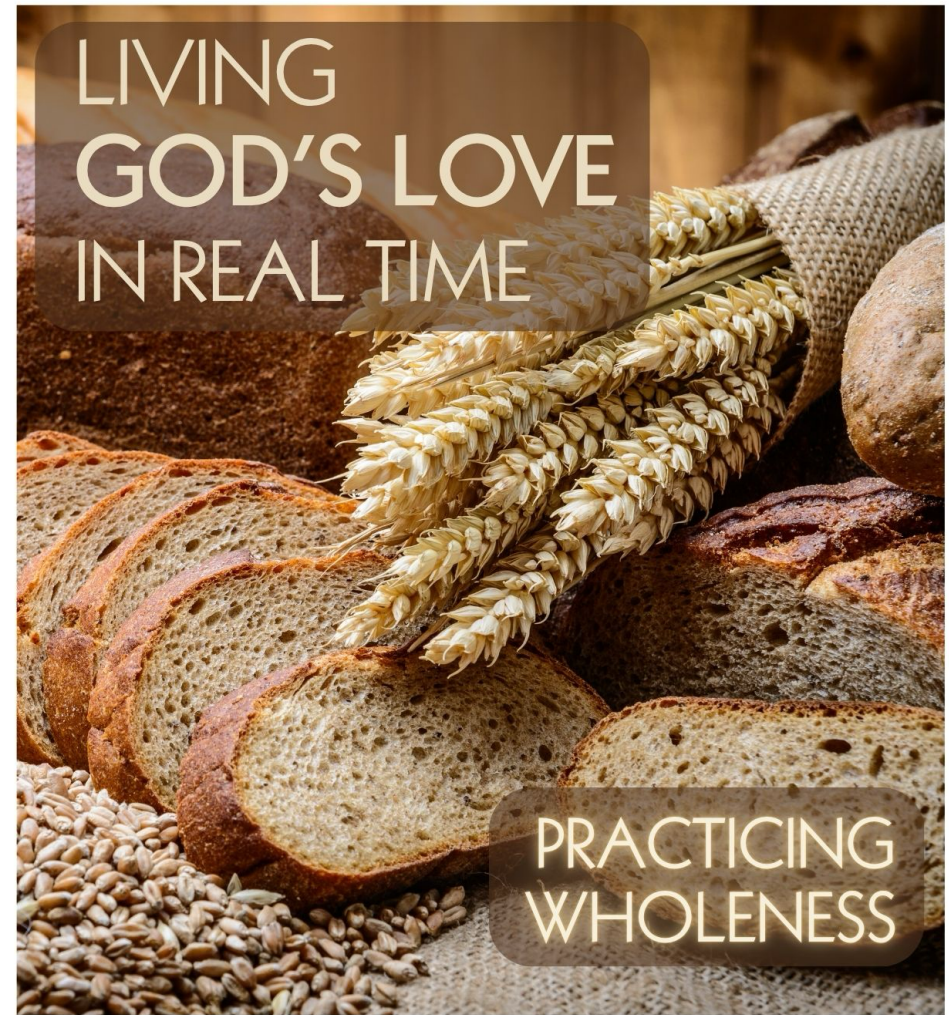
YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$458,986.31

Budgeted: \$461,535.03



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World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111
901.452.6262 | stlukesumc.org

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

Order of Worship

Flowers today are given in honor of Maureen Pera on her 104th birthday from her children; and in gratitude to the St. Luke's UMC family for their prayers during Manuel Lim's illness.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

arr. Kenneth Varner

My Jesus, I Love Thee

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth and all that is in it belong to God
We gather as stewards of gifts we did not create.
The table before us belongs to Christ alone,
Yet all are invited to share in its grace.
From every nation, language, and people,
The Spirit gathers us into one body in Christ.

***OPENING HYMN**

UMH 547

O Church of God, United

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS 2007

Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 21:33-46

Pew Bible New Testament page 22-23

This is the Word of God that is still speaking.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Traditional Zambian Song

Bonse Aba

Translation: All who sing have the right to be called the children of God

MESSAGE

Rev. Harry Colter

The Vineyard of God's Dream

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

God of vineyard grace, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude for all you have entrusted to our care. Use them to extend your kingdom where justice is needed, mercy is scarce, and compassion has grown thin. May our giving reflect the open hands of faithful stewards, offering back to you what was always yours. Amen.

What is one gift that God has entrusted to you?

How can you use that gift to bless someone this week?

During the Offertory, you are invited to bring forward your written response or you may place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

arr. Douglas Wagner

There Is a Fountain

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12 & 17

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Uphold us by your Spirit in your covenant of grace, that we may be your faithful people, formed by your Word and given in steadfast love for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

UMH 438

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

***BENEDICTION**

Go in gratitude, releasing what was never truly yours to keep.
Go in humility, bearing the fruits of justice, mercy, and compassion.
Go in hope, trusting that God's kingdom grows through open hands.
The vineyard belongs to God, and we are invited to tend it together.

POSTLUDE

arr. Lani Smith

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Congregation stand as able.

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Leading in Worship

Rev. Harry Colter, Pastoral Assistant

Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

John Lucas Daniels and Max Robinson, soloists

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist