

Announcements

Volunteers Needed: El Redentor/Asbury UMC are asking for volunteers to support our immigrant neighbors (Leviticus 19:33-34). The Guatemalan Consulate helps with legal protection, providing documentation, and securing rights for its citizens in safe places like the church. Scan the QR code to sign-up to serve 2½-3½-hr shifts. For more info, please contact Linda Hensley 901-603-9534.



St. Luke's Easter Clothing Drive will be March 1st- March 28th. Cute Spring sweaters and dresses, ties and dress shirts are welcome for ages 3-11. A clothing rack will be in the Hospitality Hall. Monetary donations using the church giving app: select special gift and specify "Sherwood Easter Clothing" in notes. Envelopes with checks or cash marked for "Sherwood Easter Clothing" can be placed in the offering plate. Contact: mtkaler111@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt: Families & friends be sure to join us Saturday, March 28th from 11am-12pm for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza! We will have indoor crafts & games from 11-11:30 am & we will conclude the morning with two egg hunts both beginning at 11:30 am. The hunts will be separated by age groups. If you would like to volunteer or assist in any way, please reach out to Mary Page & we will be taking candy & Little Debbie snack cake donations at the front desk!

VBS 2026: Make plans now to travel to Ancient Rome to meet Paul and learn about the Underground Church on June 1-4 from 5:30 to 7:30. Pre-K4 –5th grade kids will have a colossal good time learning, singing, dancing, playing, crafting, eating, and loving Jesus with friends. Registration opens Monday, April 6. Be sure to tell your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors. Adult and Youth Volunteers are still needed. If you would like to help a little or a lot, text or call Lynne McAlexander at 901-550-3091. There will be an organizational meeting for adult volunteers on Sunday, March 22, immediately following worship.

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett (Hospice), Kirk Smith, Bright Oware, Jamille Laughlin, Susan Ryan, Jordan Northcross (Hospice), Charlotte Roberts (April Carpenter's friend), Warren Morrison, Kelly Swan, and Sarah Shepherd (Bev's daughter).

Christian love and sympathy to Ann Al-Chokhachi and family in the loss of her brother, Buddy Ellis.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

February 2026

Actual Giving: \$57,316.91

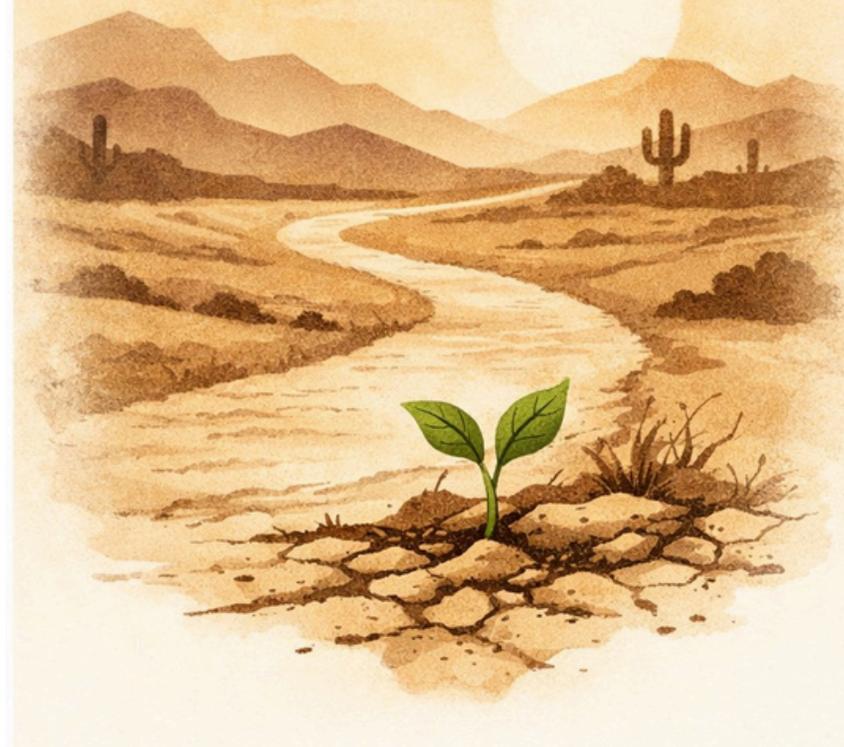
Budgeted: \$53,383.50

YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$108,234.94

Budgeted: \$106,767.00

Growing While We Wait



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 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

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Bill and Margaret Davis from Bev Shepherd.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Mark Kellner

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you made us, and you are with us in every breath.

We worship you, and open our hearts to you.

Jesus, you heal us and teach us, you change us and you love us.

We thank you, and we sing your praise.

Holy Spirit, you give us new hearts and fill us with the power of your love.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right Spirit within us.

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray in Jesus' name.

All pray in silence

WORDS OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

Children are invited to come forward during verse 2 of the opening hymn.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:6-9

ANTHEM

Craig Courtney

Mercy

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

Grow in Faithfulness

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, you alone are our life. We are rooted in you and nourished by your Spirit. In thanksgiving we present our lives and our gifts to you. May we bear the fruit of your love for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ira Sankey

Under His Wings

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

TFWS 2241

The Spirits Sends Us Forth to Serve

*BENEDICTION

May God, who has begun a good work within you, continue that work through this season of waiting.

May we grow in love and faithfulness as we follow Christ each day.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

James McGranahan

Banner of the Cross

*Congregation stand as able.

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If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

Leading in Worship

Rev. Jim McKinney, Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

Lewis Valdes, Liturgist

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

