

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **May 17-** Amy Pearson Retirement Reception in the Parlor at 11:30am
The Chosen (Season 2) – Library- 11:45am
- **May 18-** Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall at 8:00am – 3:00pm
- **May 22-** Fun Bunch to MEM Botanical Gardens at 11:00am

The Food Pantry is in need of tuna.

Open dates for flowers: May 31 & June 28. Please call Sarah Jordan at 452-6262 to reserve.

Rome VBS: June 1–4, 5:30–7:45pm (for children Pre-K4 through 5th). Registration is now open! Visit stlukesumc.org to sign up.

Meeting for actors, shopkeepers, and shepherds TODAY at 12:15p in the Lounge.

Help Needed: The United Methodist Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to work their Bazaar. They are located in Methodist University Hospital. Hours are daily 10-2, but you can choose your hours. For more information contact Elaine Fetzer at 901-826-9141 or email Elaine.fetzer@gmail.com or Mozell 901.827.0597

Fellowship & Friends Monthly Gathering: Come enjoy a time of faith, fun, food, prizes, and fellowship! Wednesday, June 3 from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM in the Lounge- \$5 taco salad lunch — bring a friend!

ASP 2026: The youth group will be staying in Leslie County, KY, from June 27-July 4. We can take monetary donations for gas and snack/drink donations. We can take prepackaged snacks like chips, Little Debbie's, granola bars, etc., as well as water bottles and Gatorade.

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett (Hospice), Jamille Laughlin, Charlotte Roberts (April Carpenter's friend), Sarah Shepherd (Bev's daughter), Nellie Mathis, Barbara Luckett (Stella Day sister in law), Richard St. Gelais, the Hatfield family (Scout Family), Helen Wofford, Cindy Pearson (Brady St. Gelais co-worker), Terri McIver (Sally Coulson dad), and Rita Richardson.

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

April 2026

Actual Giving: \$58,003.15

Budgeted: \$53,383.50

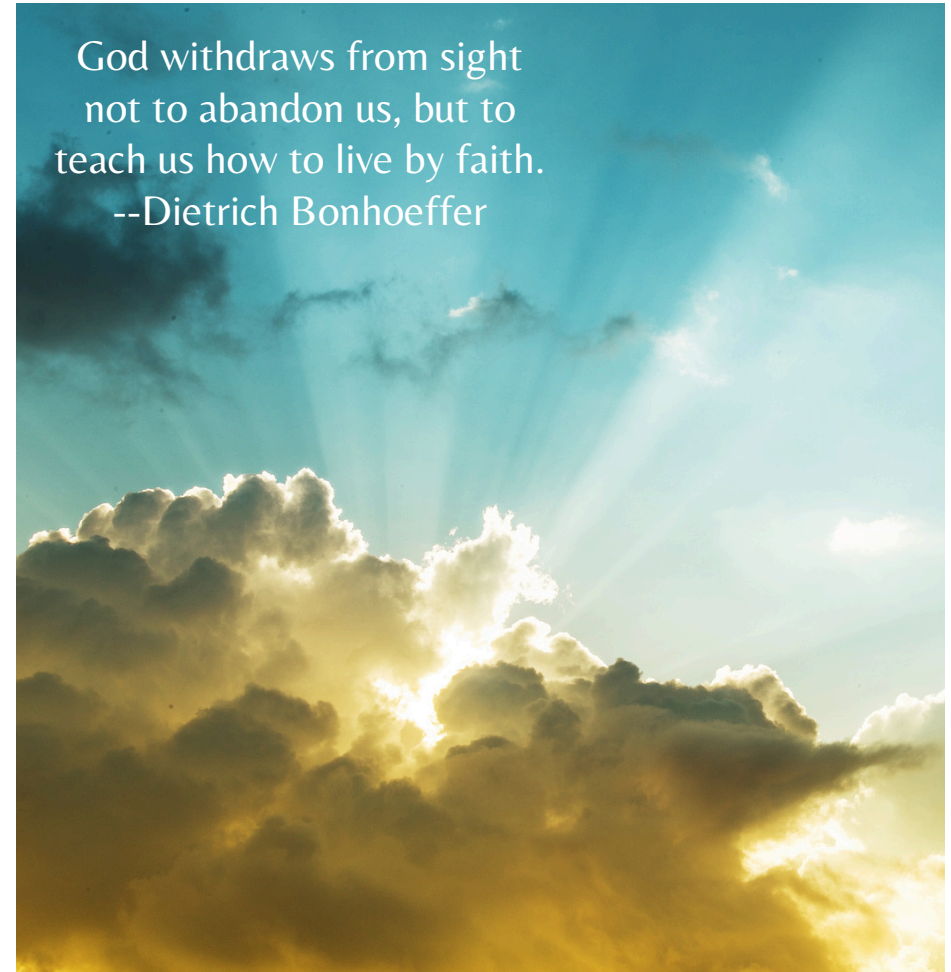
YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$220,552.99

Budgeted: \$213,534.00



God withdraws from sight
not to abandon us, but to
teach us how to live by faith.
--Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Ascension Sunday May 17, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111
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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 alter are given in honor and appreciation of Amy Pearson for her service and dedication to the children from St. Luke's Congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Sondra Tucker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the heavens, people of God.

Christ ascends in glory.

Worship God with cries of joy!

We sing of the One who lifts us up.

Celebrate this day, children of Love incarnate.

The Spirit gathers us here to rejoice.

*OPENING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH 327

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM- *Jack Wade Morris*

HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

UMH 611

Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse rm. 215 during the third verse of the opening hymn.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

2026 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

High School: Ben Brown, Owyn Kaler, Jade Masters, Lily Parks,

Nathan Ryan, Brady St. Gelais

College: Sophia Carpenter, Bosava Divya Pallabothula,

Meredith Patterson, Laura Nkonge

Advanced Degrees: Bright Oware

Graduate Mailboxes are now available in the Hospitality Hall through the end of May! Stop by to drop off cards, notes of encouragement, or gifts for our graduates.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 378

Amazing Grace (vss. 1-3, 6)

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

MESSAGE

Lifted and Blessed

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

With joy, we bring our gifts before you, O God; and with gratitude, we offer our very lives. Bless these gifts and bless us, that what we share may carry your joy, healing, and hope into the world. May this offering become a sign of your blessing for all people. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

Arr. Dennis Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241

*BENEDICTION

Lift up your eyes to the heavens.

Christ ascended to lead us in the Way of life.

Trust in the power of the Spirit.

Christ ascended to clothe us with power from on high.

Go as witnesses of the risen Lord,

Christ blesses and sends us to bear his life to the world.

POSTLUDE

The Strife is O'er

Arr. Wilbur Held

*Congregation stand as able.

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Leading in Worship

Rev. Jim McKinney, Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

Bev Shepherd, Liturgist

Wesley Bells Handbell Choir

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Lewis Valdes, Electric Bass

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist