

# THE EPISTLE

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's United Methodist Church

## "Give Your Best!"

Knute Rockne was one of the most influential figures in the history of American football, best known as the legendary head coach at the University of Notre Dame. He was an outstanding motivator.

At halftime of one game, his Fighting Irish were playing poorly. The team walked dejectedly to the locker room, where they braced themselves. They knew Coach Rockne would tear into them. They sat and sat, but Rockne did not appear. Finally, as the team began to head toward the door for the beginning of the second half, Rockne came walking in. He looked around and started to walk back out again. Then he said simply, "Oh, sorry, I was looking for the Notre Dame football team." Notre Dame went on to win the game.

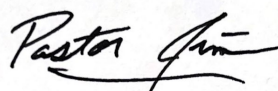
**GIVE  
YOUR  
BEST**

St. Luke's, pride in what you do and how you do it are powerful motivators. There are people in this world who work just for the pride of doing what they can do as well as they are able.

Something internal pushes them to give their best. The world would be much poorer without such folks. I know our church would be poorer without them. Every conscientious Sunday School teacher, choir member, food ministry volunteer,

and church chairperson/committee member is made of such stuff. They give you their best to St. Luke's UMC, and for that we are grateful.

Faithfully,





# Chapel Piano

## DEDICATION

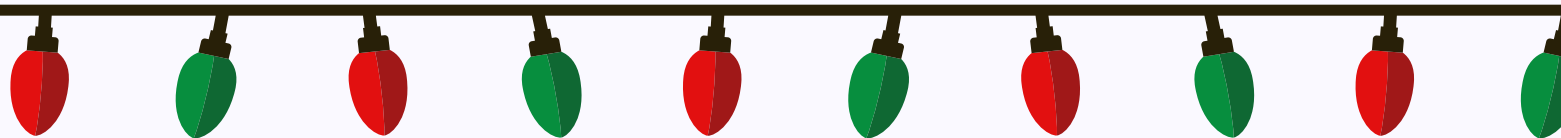


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11  
*Following the Service*



Join us as we dedicate our beautiful  
chapel piano, recently donated by  
**Sarah Callaway.**

The dedication will include  
a short musical program  
celebrating this special addition  
to our chapel. Please join us as we  
give thanks for this generous gift  
and enjoy an afternoon of music together.



## Join the Choir for Christmas

If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for  
our Christmas music, mark your calendar for  
Wednesday, October 7th as the beginning of our  
preparations! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays  
from 6:30-7:30pm in the Choir Room on the first  
floor. All Welcome!



## SEPTEMBER 2026 HONORIUMS AND MEMORIALS:

### Memorials:

In Memory of Deb Sanders from Barbara Simpson, Jim and Jeanne Debo, Amy and Denton Pearson



## The Fun Bunch Activities

### October — Family Fall Festival

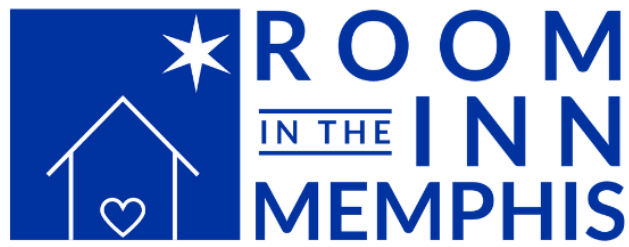
This October, we will be volunteering with Jazmyn Quarells to help with the Halloween Party. More information about volunteer opportunities and available times will be shared as details become available.

### November 12 at 11:30 a.m. — Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Please join us in the Lounge for our annual Thanksgiving Feast! Jeanne and Jim will furnish the ham and turkey, and the rest of the meal will be potluck.

Please sign up at the Hospitality Hall desk to let us know how many people will be attending and what you plan to bring.

We look forward to sharing this special time of fellowship and thanksgiving with everyone!



## **Congregational Shelter Update**

Hundreds of men, women, and children are experiencing homelessness in Memphis. There are not enough free, safe shelter beds to support this growing need. Room in the Inn's Congregational Nightly Shelter gives the community an opportunity to respond with hospitality and action. Your support allows Room in the Inn to train and coordinate a growing network of diverse congregations that open their doors to provide food and shelter to people who are experiencing street level homelessness November-March and May-September each year. Guests are safely indoors during the brutal months of winter and summer thanks to volunteers from these dedicated faith communities.



Every winter season St.Luke's in cooperation with Room In The Inn – Memphis, we provide warm safe shelter for our Memphis homeless. This past winter season we provided shelter, transportation from a downtown site to our church, a warm meal, hot showers, a safe clean bed for the night, breakfast and a snack bag and return transportation back downtown for 48 women and 9 children. We had over 45 volunteers that helped with driving, setting up, providing supper, snack bags, overnight Shepards and cleaning up on Sunday mornings.

We will be a Congregational Shelter for Room In The Inn the third Saturday of every month beginning November 21st through March, a signup to come.

Thank you to all of those who supported us in this endeavor.  
Lisa and Jonathan St. Gelais

JOIN US FOR

# FAMILY FALL FEST

October 24 | 4pm-6pm  
480 S Highland St, Memphis, TN 38111

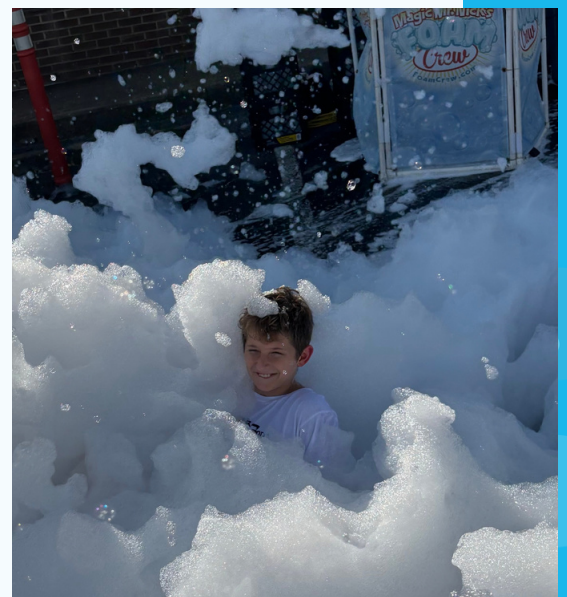
**GAMES • TREATS • FAMILY FUN**



We enjoyed getting to visit the classes and read books to the Sherwood Elementary School students! Melinda Kaler, Mary Palmer, Principal Dr. McMurray, Vice Principal Lesa Taylor, Linda Hensley and Faith Jackson (not pictured).

# LOTS OF FUN AT THE BUBBILICIOUS BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

*The afternoon of Sunday, September 20th was definitely HOT. But the St. Luke's family had a COOL COOL time playing in mounds of foam. There were neat sprinklers, bubble machines, and pools along with lots of ways to make BIG bubbles, some at least six feet long! Once she got the hang of it, Phyllis gay even made a bubble that was longer than she was tall. Amazing! Thanks to all the volunteers who worked to make this a success. Children from one to ninety-one had a super fun, bubbilicious Sunday to end the Summer!*



Thank You

for participating in

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SHERWOOD

Reads Day

2026

You are  
greatly  
appreciated



# October 2026

-  St. Luke's UMC
-  Holidays in United States

| September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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