

Saint Luke UMC

The Acts

August 5, 2020

Join us for

OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

Sunday, August 9th and Sunday, August 16th

9:00 am

Bring your lawn chairs and set up a socially-distanced spot for your family in the lower parking lot (on the McLeod Drive side between the building and the pond). The large oak trees should provide some shade, but feel free to bring an umbrella if you'd like, and maybe some bottled water to help you stay hydrated. Please be sure to maintain social distancing. Masks are strongly encouraged. Our worship service will still be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube for those who prefer to watch from home. See you on Sunday!!

All Pastors Are On Call

Rev. Eddie Hill (910-612-3184),

Rev. Marisa Copeland (863-279-7798); Rev. Judy Drye (919-545-6780)

Church Office Is Closed. Call if you need us! All staff numbers are listed on back page.



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Saint Luke's ARK Ministry

"Here am I. Send me." Isaiah 6:8

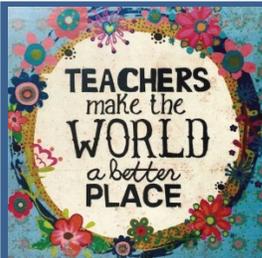
We are grateful for the generosity of the Saint Luke congregation in providing bottled water, individual bags of chips, and individually wrapped snack cakes. *We have plenty of those items now, so we'd like to add FRUIT to each bagged meal. Donations of bags of apples, oranges, or individually packaged servings of fruit are needed. Also, if you would like to help with the cost of purchasing the sandwiches, financial donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "ARK Ministry" on the memo line.*

All donations may be dropped off on Sundays during our drive-by time (from 10:30—11:30 am at the Williams Lobby entrance). Thank you for helping serve our community through this ministry!



SOAR with the Eagle's Nest!

Even though the Eagle's Nest Playground is almost complete, there are still opportunities to contribute monetarily in honor or memory of your loved ones. We have engraved bricks (which will be part of the playground walkway) available for a donation of \$500, engraved tiles (which will be part of the playground sign) for \$1000, and naming rights for a few of the pieces of equipment. *The deadline for donations for these items is August 26.* Contact Jan Hayes (919-770-4967 or jhayes@hayesgroup.org) or the church office (919-776-2012) if you are interested.



Send a Note of Encouragement to a Teacher!

Saint Luke will be providing refreshments for teachers at West Lee Middle School and JR Ingram Elementary when they return to school on Monday. We'd like to include notes of encouragement from our congregation to let the teachers know that we appreciate the extra lengths they are going to in order to educate our children during this difficult time. They face a daunting task to make sure the kids are able to learn during this time when they can't be together in the classroom and are sharing their lessons virtually. **Let's let them know we support them and that we care!** Please bring your notes to the drive-by time on Sunday between 10:30 and 11:30 am, or drop them in the box on the table just inside the Williams Lobby entrance Monday through Thursday between 8 am and 4:30 pm.

Saint Luke UMC Calendar of Events

August 5 — August 12, 2020

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live

Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

9:00 am **Outdoor Worship Service—
Lower Parking Lot**

9:00 am Worship Service—Facebook Live
and You Tube Live)

10:30 am Drive-by Offerings, Donations, and
Blessings — Williams Lobby Overhang
and Parker Chapel Overhang

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

Wednesday, August 12

9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live



Stay In the Saint Luke Loop!

To sign up to receive **informational text messages from the church** on an "as-needed" basis, simply text the message "@stlukeinfo" to 81010.

If you don't text and would like to receive this information via a phone call, please contact Laura in the church office.

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7 NRSV*

During a recent Fairway District zoom setup meeting, our District Superintendent, Rev. Dena White, made reference to the above cited scripture. After our time together had concluded, I reflected back to that scripture and spent a few moments thinking about that particular piece of the human anatomy.

Did you know that the human foot is comprised of 26 bones, consisting of eight distinct types? This incredibly intricate part of our body obviously plays an enormous role in our ability to balance, move about and for some of us coastal people, even catch clams.

But for all of the fun and wonderful activities that our feet allow us to do – run, jump, dance, play footsies – for the majority of the people walking upon this earth, our feet are not usually the objects of our admiration. For that matter, most of the people I know tend to think of their feet as not being very attractive at all. I know for yours truly, when I take a look at my tootsies, I see these long, skinny, and relatively speaking, unattractive things.

Yet, the prophet Isaiah tells us that the feet of the messenger are beautiful. Those bunion-decorated, sometimes stubby or maybe even oversized parts of our body are called beautiful, pleasant to behold. And as far as the prophet is concerned, the key to this perception of beauty is not so much in how they are made, but instead, by what they accomplish. For Isaiah, it is the fact that the feet ultimately carry the messenger and it is the messenger who brings good news, announces peace and salvation and who serves to remind us that God is in charge.

So my friends, I invite you to turn those feet of yours into things of beauty. I invite you to be the one who brings peace, the person who shares the good news. I invite you to abide in God's love so that through your life, others will come to know how awesome God is. And in these chaotic and seemingly uncertain times, I invite you to be the one who helps to remind others that God is still in control and that our God reigns.

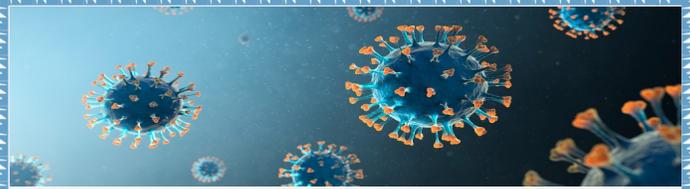
Preacher Eddie



 **Due to the Covid-19 crisis, children are out of school, and those who receive free and reduced cost lunches may not have enough to eat at home. Therefore, CUOC has resumed the "summer" schedule for Backpack Pals. Volunteers are needed to deliver Backpack Pals backpacks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Terri Kirkman at 919-774-2779 or terrikirkman@allstate.com if you would like to volunteer to be part of a delivery team.**

Donations of non-perishable food for Christians United Outreach Center are needed! Due to the Covid-19 crisis, many families have lost income, and therefore need help with food. Please remember the needs of our less-fortunate neighbors and add a few items to your grocery cart for them. Suggested items are: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, canned vegetables, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauces, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, grits, canned soups, and crackers. **Donations may be brought to the Williams Lobby Entrance (lower covered drive-thru) of the church on SUNDAY morning between 10:30 and 11:30.** Someone will be there to receive your donations. Also please save your plastic grocery bags and bring them along with your food donations.

"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



How to Stay Connected During the COVID-19 Crisis

1. **You Tube and Facebook**—Our Sunday worship services will be broadcast via YouTube Live and Facebook Live. The link to these services can be found on the home page of our website (www.saintlukeumc.org) and on our Facebook page (Saint Luke UMC—Sanford NC). Sunday worship services are at 9:00 am. If you miss the live broadcast, it will still be available online. Also, be sure to watch Facebook for updates and announcements.
2. **By Phone**—If you need to speak with a staff member, please feel free to call. Most of us are working in the office now, or you can use the numbers on the back of The Acts.
3. **The Acts**—The Acts is sent out on Wednesday of each week. If you don't receive The Acts by email and would like to, please contact Laura at laura@saintlukeumc.org or 919-770-7768 to be added to the list. The Acts is also posted on our website (www.saintlukeumc.org).
4. **The Info Line**—Those who have signed up will receive text messages with information and updates. Please see the article "Stay in the Loop" on page 2 to see how to sign up.
5. **Our Website**—www.saintlukeumc.org.
6. **NEW!! PHONEVITE**— Be sure to let us know what number you prefer to be contacted on!



Update from the Trustees

The Trustees met via Zoom on Monday, July 27th and after much prayer and discussion, feel that it is still in our best interest for the building to remain closed to limit the potential exposure of our members to the Covid-19 virus. The Trustees are continually monitoring the situation. We all want to be together—safely! Thank you for your patience.



Blessings, Upper Rooms, Contributions & Donations

Sunday from 10:30 am - 11:30 am

*Come and receive a Blessing
from Preacher Eddie and Pastor Marisa*

To avoid congestion on Wicker Street, please enter the parking lot from Currie Drive. At the Williams Lobby Entrance, you will be able to pick up your Upper Room devotional book for July and August (suggested donation \$1), bring your tithes, offerings, and donations for CUOC, The ARK Ministry (see related article on page 2), the coupon ministry, and your plastic grocery bags. Then drive up the hill to the Parker Chapel entrance, where Preacher Eddie and Pastor Marisa will offer a blessing for you and your family.

Please be sure to observe social distancing practices by staying in your vehicle at all times.



Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator Needed

After serving for several years as our Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator, Bud Schlademan is moving to Southern Pines, and we need someone to step into this role. We greatly appreciate Bud's passion for this ministry, and his leadership and dedication to this worthwhile cause. **Thank you, Bud!**

If you are interested in this opportunity to serve as Coordinator, please contact Laura in the church office (919-776-2012). Responsibilities include coordinating blood drive dates and appointment times with the Red Cross, serving as the liaison between the church and the Red Cross, and being here on the day of our blood drives (generally held every other month on a Tuesday from 1:30—6:30 pm) to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Will you give the gift of your time so that others can give the gift of life? Volunteer today!



Saint Luke's DAILY PRAYER

Don't miss out on Saint Luke's **DAILY PRAYER!** To sign up, go to saintlukeumc.org, look on the homepage for the header that reads *Daily Prayer*, click on the link under the header, and enter your information. Or text the message @stlprayer to 81010.



Let's Stay In Touch with **Phonevite!**

We are pleased to introduce **Phonevite**, a new tool for communication and outreach! Phonevite will give us the capability to quickly and easily send out recorded messages to the congregation, or to groups within the congregation, when we have information that you need to know. To help make this system the most effective it can be, we ask you to please tell us what number you prefer to be contacted on (landline or cell). If for some reason you prefer not to receive these calls, please let us know that, too. To let us know the number you would like to use, please call or email Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 5—August 12

Birthdays:

(8/5) Dan Cowan
Keaton Forbes
Ashley Inman
Bob Joyce
Gia Martin
Jane Murphy
Jessica Sheppard

(8/6) Martha Borrell
Jean Gaertner
Harris Post

(8/8) Elias Ballew
Susan Davis
Maggie Womble

(8/9) Kim Chandler
William Grant

(8/10) Helen Dusenbury

(8/11) Ben Armstrong
Logan Borrell
Phil Bradley
Cassie Gay
Kay Stout
Jay Tatum

(8/12) Taylor Bryant
Jennifer Perry
Cindy Rannells
Carter Vernon

Anniversaries:

(8/6) Alan & Elizabeth Register

(8/7) Ted & Claudia Key

(8/10) Mike & Susan Laudate

(8/11) Stewart & Sheila Forbes

(8/12) Ronnie & Kathy Jones
George & Molly Whitaker



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING as of August 2, 2020

Gen. Fund Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	\$27,225.00	
General Fund Income YTD	\$597,680.93	
General Fund Expense Paid YTD	\$663,810.64	
Loan from Sustaining Fund		\$0.00
Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund	\$18,125.45	

August Attendance

Total August Attendance 31-35	2018	2019	2020
Week 1	133	179	917
Week 2	164	163	
Week 3	133	160	
Week 4	224	197	
Week 5	144	128	
August Average	160	165	917
Annual Average	342	333	370

Average Internet Views	1200	1600	1198
Through July 6, 2020	281	189	1112
Before / After 24 Hours Streaming: Note that all 2020 is impacted by streaming.			

A New Way to Give give online

GOD'S TITHES & YOUR OFFERINGS

In this time of social distancing, the United Methodist Church is finding solutions to help our missions and ministries continue. They have created the link below to make it easy to send a tithe or offering to your local church without ever leaving your house. Visit the link below to learn more or to make a donation.

<https://nccumc.org/giving/church>



Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Prayer Requests

Received as of August 4, 2020

Our Known Prayer Needs

Herb Armstrong	Helen Dusenbury	Dot and Larry King	Ron Perkinson
Edna Atkinson	Christy Garner	Sarah Lawrence	Ellen Potter
Holly Baker	Keith Garner (US Navy)	Rev. Frank and Dorothy Lloyd	Alexis (Vaillancourt) Rivera
Judy Baker	Shirley Gwaltney	Annie MacKay	Sara Steinert
Earl Ballinger	Harry Hattman	Chrissy Childress Maginnis	Mackenzie Stinson
Carolyn Ballinger Beisler	Ginnie Hawley	Jim Martell	Georgia Kate Tatum
Dicki Caines	Marsha Havens	Nancy McBryde	Berta Thomas
Kim Fasick Chandler	Jason Heiser	Tyson McCoy	Eugene Thomas
Jack Clements	Oliver Hughes	Hayden McDuffie	Carole Troutman
Doris Cox	Lloyd Jennings	George Miller	Esther Wicker
Sarah Curry	Roy and Billie Jernigan	Herman Neal	Emma Gray Wilson
Priscilla Dollar	Ronnie Jones	Dave Neff	Carl Woodard
Barry Dowdy	Mary Kesler	Parker Normann	Helen Yarborough
Beth Dowdy	Claudia Key	Jean Nisbet	

Other Known Prayer Requests

Tony Brown	Joan Griswold	Ronnie Kaser	Susan Ritchie
Lonnie Bunch	Gene Harris	Joe Lawrence	Lori Rouse
Kim Clarey	Jordan Harris	Fernando Rochin Lopez	David Sowards
David Clements	Tim Harward	Hubert and Judy Maples	Jake Sowards
Andrew Dickens	Debra Hughes	Richard (Dick) McDonie	Tony Staninas, Jr.
Paul Dickens	Jean Jernigan	Mary McGrath	Jackson Stanley
Pat Dillon	Brittany Jeter	Ellen O'Malia	Doby Touchton
Brian Drye	Charlie Johnstone	Wade Peele, Sr.	Mitchell and Shelba Watson
Jeff Felthaus	Becky Jones	Phoebe Phelps	Charlie Welborn
James and Rhonda Gordon	Deborah Jones	Matthew Richardson	Sandy Wilson

Sympathy to . . .

Daniel and Sarah Barber in the loss of one of their infant daughters, Olivia Rae Barber, who was born June 20, 2020.

Preacher Eddie and Nita Hill and family in the loss of Eddie's cousin, Tommy Hill, of Atlantic, NC.

Mike and Linda Fowler and family in the loss of Mike's grandmother.

Keith Garner and Matthew and Stephanie Garner and family in the loss of Keith and Matthew's grandfather, Hubert Garner, of Sanford.

Our Known Births

Clara Mae Barber, Evan James Barber, and Jace Nolan Barber, children of Daniel and Sarah Barber, were born June 20, 2020.

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.

Saint Luke UMC
2916 Wicker Street
Sanford, NC 27330



Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Times

8:45 a.m.—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 a.m.—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

Lead Pastor	Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder	910-612-3184	eddie.hill3184@gmail.com
Associate Pastor	Rev. Marisa Copeland	863-279-7798	mcopeland@nccumc.org
Minister of Visitation	Rev. Judy Drye, Elder	919-545-6780	judydrye@nccumc.org
Children and Family Ministry	Katherine Holt	919-356-7285	katherine@saintlukeumc.org
Youth Ministry	Elias Ballew	252-578-1090	elias@saintlukeumc.org
Organist / Choir Master	Dianne Stanley	919-622-2779	dianne@saintlukeumc.org
Coordinator of Contemporary Music	Curtis Moore	336-209-3289	curtis@saintlukeumc.org
Financial Controller	Lisa Wilson	919-353-0281	lisa@saintlukeumc.org
Office Manager	Laura Alverson	919-770-7768	laura@saintlukeumc.org
Receptionist	Rebecca Little		rebecca@saintlukeumc.org
Receptionist	Beatrice Smith		beatrice@saintlukeumc.org
Preschool Director	Linda Morton	919-774-6224	preschool@saintlukeumc.org
Afterschool Director	Carolyn Lee	919-777-5444	afterschool@saintlukeumc.org
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous	James Dixon Kimball		



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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday; Closed Friday

