

# The Acts

October 28, 2020

## "Stuff a Pumpkin Night!"

This past Sunday, October 25th, our K-5th grade children participated in an outdoor "Stuff a Pumpkin" event. They stuffed 75 plastic pumpkins full of items that our ARK ministry volunteers will distribute to our friends that we serve in the community. Each child also got to decorate a real pumpkin that they were able to deliver to church members in a "pumpkin run" at the end of the event. With their families, children went and qui-



etly dropped off their decorated pumpkins on the porches of some of our church members, along with a note that expressed how much they are missed and loved. A very big thank you to all who helped with this project by donating items, pumpkins, and their time! As one of our sweet children said Sunday night, "we were able to fill pumpkin buckets with items that will hopefully fill the buckets of those who receive them!" A fun time was had by all and many buckets (literally and figuratively) were filled!



See more pictures inside!

### 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 Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday. Closed on Fridays.



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**Saint Luke UMC  
Calendar of Events**

**October 28—November 4, 2020**

**Wednesday, October 28**

7:30 am Prayer Time—Casey Chapel  
8:00 am After School Care All Day Learning  
8:00 am Preschool—Preschool Wing  
9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live

**Thursday, October 29**

8:00 am After School Care All Day Learning  
8:00 am Preschool—Preschool Wing  
10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study—  
Room #222/224  
7:00 pm Asbury Class Gathering—DCLC

**Friday, October 30**

8:00 am After School Care All Day Learning  
8:00 am Preschool—Preschool Wing

**Saturday, October 31**

**Sunday, November 1—All Saints Sunday**

2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back!  
9:00 am Indoor Worship Service —DCLC,  
Facebook Live and YouTube Live  
11:00 am Indoor Worship Service—Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Drive-by Blessings—Parker Chapel  
Overhang  
5:00 pm Children's Gathering (K—2nd Grade)  
5:00 pm UMYF—Lawrence Outdoor Chapel

**Monday, November 2**

8:00 am After School Care All Day Learning  
8:00 am Preschool—Preschool Wing

**Tuesday, November 3**

8:00 am After School Care All Day Learning  
8:00 am Preschool—Preschool Wing

**Wednesday, November 4**

7:30 am Prayer Time—Casey Chapel  
8:00 am After School Care All Day Learning  
8:00 am Preschool—Preschool Wing  
9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live

We Are Writing an  
*Advent Devotional!*

Would you like to contribute a devotional  
to our church's Advent Devotional Booklet  
for 2020?

If so, contact Susan Laudate  
(mlaudate@windstream.net )

or Daltina Peele

(dpeele1964@gmail.com )

**by Monday, November 2nd.**

Writers may choose their own scripture.  
Your devotion will need to be completed and  
submitted by Monday, November 16th.



*Thank You*

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**GIVING**  
...  
GENEROUSLY

The Finance Com-  
mittee thanks you  
for your generous  
giving during this  
pandemic. We in-  
vite you to give gifts  
online (designate St

Luke and Sanford at [https://nccumc.org/giving/  
church/](https://nccumc.org/giving/church/)) or in person at the church during Sun-  
day morning outdoor worship. We are also re-  
ceiving ARK Ministry and CUOC donations be-  
fore 9 am and from 10:30 to 11:00 am on Sun-  
day mornings.

# The Pastors' Page

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*

*Hebrews 12:1*

The letter to the Hebrews has always been my favorite of the epistles. Its name alone has helped me get a cup of coffee or two while I was studying for finals or in the throes of writing a paper for seminary. I would lovingly turn to my husband, Michael, and ask, "Honey, would you mind making me a cup of coffee?" In all his wisdom, he would reply, "It looks like you could use a break, why don't you make it yourself?" Then, I would say, "But it says so in the Bible! See, HEBREWS it!" In the end, I got my cup of coffee made with love and a tremendous amount of eye-roll and sass.

I love the book of Hebrews because it seems to be the only place in the Bible where I can find clear-cut answers. The only place where an argument for faith in Christ is built through carefully constructed logic and momentum. This leads the reader into an almost mountain-top experience of understanding, where the lightbulb switches on and two plus two finally equals four.

In the first verse of chapter 11 an age-old question, "What is faith?" is answered. Well, *it is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen*, Hebrews says. Finally, an answer that I can understand! But the author does not stop there. They continue building their argument by offering evidence. They draw on the faith of people from our history, people who have gone before us, ordinary folks whose legacy lives on to this day. Abel. Abraham. Isaac. Jacob. Joseph. Moses. Joshua. Rahab. David. Samuel. The prophets. Layer after layer. Example after example is laid before us, to show us not only what righteousness and faithfulness looks like, but that it is attainable and accessible.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.* As I read these climatic words, I almost envision myself hiking up a steep mountain with my hiking pack secured on my back and my boots crunching the dirt beneath my feet. On either side of the pathway are these saints of the Lord, cheering me on and encouraging me to the summit. As I pass, I hear the voices of those who have gone before me saying, "I know it is tough, but you're doing great!" "Just keep going." "Have faith." "You can do it."

My friends, I believe that each of us have our very own cloud of witnesses. I believe that we have people who have gone before us who deeply impacted who we are. And I believe that these saints of the Lord are standing at the gates of heaven cheering us on as we walk this narrow path that leads to righteousness. As I think of the wonderful people who have left their mark on my heart, beautiful souls like Michael's grandma, Brenda, it makes me smile and, indeed, strengthens me, so that I might continue the legacy of love and faithfulness she set for me.

This Sunday is All Saints' Day. A day where we honor those saints of the Lord so dear to our hearts who have finished their race. It is a day where we remember the ways that they have left their mark on our hearts. When their names are read, their candles are lit, and the bell is rung, we can be assured that they have joined our great cloud of witnesses. We can rest easy knowing they are cheering us on and encouraging us as we continue on the path of faithfulness they have set before us.

So, let's lace up our boots, strap on our packs, and tuck their pictures in our pockets. Remember that this mountain is not one we climb alone, but we are strengthened by their love that pushes us onward. Thanks be to God.

*Pastor Marisa*



*At Saint Luke United Methodist Church, we are committed to loving God and loving others. One of the ways we show this commitment in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic is by wearing a mask. A mask is an outward sign of the love and care we have for others. As we continue to grow in grace, we want to ensure that we are doing our part to "do no harm" in this season. Thank you for doing all you can to Love God and Love Others at Saint Luke and in our community.*



## Is a QCD Right for You?

The Finance Committee appreciates your generosity during this Pandemic. We have been exploring various and unique ways to support a campaign of giving and came across one that involved distributions from pre-tax retirement accounts called Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). A QCD is a distribution from a pre-tax retirement account made directly to a 501(c)3 charity which can potentially provide year-end tax benefits to the donor. This option applies only to congregation members who have surpassed age 70 1/2 years old. The SECURE Act, which passed through congress late last year, pushed Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) from pre-tax retirement accounts to age 72 years old but left the QCD age at 70 1/2. Always review personal tax strategies with your tax advisor and please let us know if you need any additional information on any gifting options to the Church. We invite you to copy and paste the following website in your browser for additional information:

<https://www.putnam.com/literature/pdf/11828-4f1dd6ae22ab639c257bd72b39ae74ea.pdf>



## Saint Luke's ARK Ministry

### Blankets and Sleeping Bags Needed

Fall is in the air! This is a time that many of us look forward to feeling the crisp, cool air. But imagine what it would be like if you had no way to get out of the cold, or if you could not afford to heat your home. As colder weather approaches, we want to be prepared to provide sleeping bags and blankets to help keep our less fortunate, or even homeless neighbors warm. New or gently used blankets and sleeping bags are welcome, but please make sure that all donations are clean and in good condition.



We are also providing a hot meal for our hungry neighbors on Sunday afternoons. Items currently needed for our feeding program are:

- ♥ Bags of fruit (apples and oranges)
- ♥ Bottled water

PLEASE mark your donations "ARK Ministry" to ensure that items are directed to the right place.

Financial donations are always welcome. Checks may be made payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "ARK Ministry" on the memo line.

All donations may be brought to the Donation Closet in the Williams Lobby on Sundays, and during office hours on Mondays through Thursdays. Thank you for helping serve our community through this ministry!

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



**Volunteers are needed to PACK BACKPACKS for Backpack Pals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Two people are needed on Tuesdays and four people are needed on**

**Thursdays from 9—11 am at CUOC.** If you are able and interested in helping during these times, please contact Terri Kirkman at 919-774-2779 or terrikirkman@allstate.



**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 8:30 and 9:00 or between 10:30 and 11:00.** 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



**Meals for Life**  
 Saturday, November 14

**Donations Needed!**

Saint Luke is scheduled to serve lunch at Meals for Life on Saturday, November 14th. To limit potential liability with preparing food in the church kitchen or at homes, we will purchase food from a local business to provide the meal that day. **Donations are needed to help cover the cost of this meal.** If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "Meals for Life" on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate, or brought to the donation drop-off time on Sundays, mailed, or brought to the church office during the week. Let's share the love of Jesus by serving our hungry neighbors!

**Blessed** **UPDATE**  
 to Be a Blessing

Thank you for the many clothing donations that have been made to the BTBAB closet for those in need. We are truly a congregation that rises to the needs of others and keeps on giving as more needs arise. **At this point in time, our closet is overflowing, so please hold on to any clothing items except for clean coats, jackets, hats, gloves or mittens of any and all sizes.** We look forward to giving back to our community in the weeks to come articles of clothing to stay warm during the cold months ahead. Thank you all again.



**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.



## United Methodist Women Circle News

**Circle #8** will meet on Monday, November 9th at 12:30 pm in Room #222/224. **Please wear your mask and bring your own lunch and soft drink of your choice.** Please let Cathy McCoy (919-774-3015) or Joyce Edmonds (919-770-3269) know if you plan to attend. Our C4C project for this month will be to write postcards for teachers and staff at our partner schools. Bring a pen! Our program will be presented by Rev. Eddie Hill.

Members of other Circles are welcome to attend! Please call to let us know if you'd like to join us.

If you are interested in joining a Circle or starting a new Circle, please contact UMW President, Kathy Jones at 919-770-1158.

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who prepared Charge Conference reports and thank you to those who participated in our recent Charge Conference. Although a bit different in format this year, what remained consistent were the incredible ministries of Saint Luke that were acknowledged and celebrated. It never hurts to pause and reflect and our gathering Monday night served as a reminder of the good and wonderful things taking place at this church and through the ministries of Saint Luke UMC.



*November 1st at  
9 and 11 am*

## Ushers Needed

*Are you willing to serve?*

If you would like to serve as an usher at one of our worship services, please contact Laura in the church office.



## We Feel Appreciated

*On behalf of the clergy at Saint Luke UMC, thank you for the many kind words, cards, goodies and delicious food extended to us during this month of Pastor Appreciation. We have certainly felt the love! We consider ourselves blessed to have the opportunity and privilege to walk alongside of the Saint Luke church family. Thank you again and please know that your love does make a difference.*

*In Christian Love, Eddie, Marisa and Judy*



# UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men will not meet in November, and will not meet again until further notice. In the best interests of all of our members, we have decided that we should do everything in our power to limit exposure to Covid-19. *Stay safe, stay home, wear your masks, and wash your hands!*



**UMYF !!**  
Sundays from 5 - 6 pm  
Lawrence Outdoor Chapel

All youth (Grades 6—12) are welcome!  
Please be sure to wear your mask and be ready to have a great time of fellowship!



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. Checks may be made payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "Playground" on the memo line. Contact Jan Hayes (919-770-4967 or [jhayes@hayesgroup.org](mailto:jhayes@hayesgroup.org)) or the church office (919-776-2012) if you are interested.



Lucas Jason Gaertner

Born October 22, 2020  
8 pounds, 4 ounces  
20 3/4 inches long

Son of Jason & Berta Gaertner,  
of Greensboro

Proud Big Sister:  
Linda Marie Gaertner (age 2)

Proud Grandparents:  
Doug & Jean Gaertner,  
of Sanford  
and  
Abel & Irma Rivas,  
of Guatemala City, Guatemala

*"Children are a heritage from the  
LORD, offspring a reward from him."  
Psalm 127:3*

Welcome to  
the World!!





Shining with the  
Light of Jesus!

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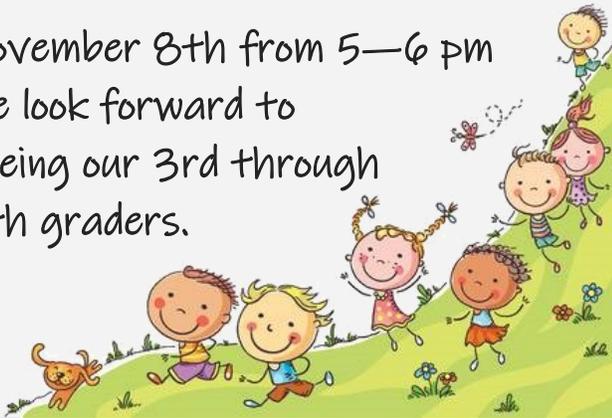
Pumpkin Run,  
Pumpkin Fun!





On Sunday, November 1st, we welcome our K—2nd grade children from 5—6 pm at the Picnic Shelter.

November 8th from 5—6 pm We look forward to seeing our 3rd through 5th graders.



*"Let the children come to me..."*

We now have designated areas reserved for families with babies and small children in the back of the DCLC during 9:00 worship and the Sanctuary during 11:00 worship. God put the wiggle in our children; we don't want you to feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house!

These safe and private spaces will be offered to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and connected to the Christian body. The presence of children is a gift to Saint Luke and a reminder that our congregation is growing. As Preacher Eddie said during worship recently, "I am the father of four boys, there are no sounds that bother me!" Our children need grace, and so do we. If worship involves entering the presence of God, then what better time than with our children to experience such a grace. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

## A Word To The Wise



In a recent News and Observer editorial, Dr. Carolyn Avery and Dr. Lisa Ferrari strongly recommended that children ages 2 years and older wear masks in child care settings. According to Dr. Avery, who is the medical director for Duke Children's Primary Care at the Duke Health Center, "social media myths that suggest that masks make it difficult to breathe, interfere with lung development or trap carbon dioxide have all been debunked by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)." Dr. Avery also stated, "In this pandemic we consistently have to weigh the risks and benefits of interventions and the benefit of mask-wearing in children far outweighs the risk, just as in adults. As leaders in the health care of children, we want families to know that it is medically necessary for every child 2 years and older to wear a mask in public settings, including day care or preschool."

Dr. Avery's commentary was also signed by Richard Chung, Duke Pediatrics, Kitty O'Hare, Duke Primary Care, Eliana Perrin, Duke Pediatrics, and Kyne Wang, Regional Pediatrics.

## The Saint Luke Marketplace

Free to any crafter who is interested:

Billie Jernigan has materials, fabrics, and instruction booklets for making church banners. If you'd like to have them, contact Billie at 919-776-2082.



Six metal folding chairs with cushioned seats are available for \$5.00. If you'd like to have them, contact Billie Jernigan at 919-776-8082.

If you have an item to buy, sell, or trade through the Saint Luke Marketplace, contact Laura in the church office to have it advertised here!

# Giving *is* Worship

Giving back to the **One** who first gave

*“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38*

We want to thank everyone for their generosity and giving during this Pandemic. Without question, 2020 has been a year of years, but because of your gifts we have been able to sustain our operations at the church, open up a virtual environment on Facebook and You Tube and reach out into the community with water, backpacks, food, and much more. The work of the church is continuing! As we prepare to end the year 2020, we are asking for your continued support and for you to prayerfully consider a recommitment to the Church by continuing your giving for 2021 at the same level as 2020—or increasing it if you feel so led. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and pray for everyone’s continued health and safety.

Keith Gallagher, Chairman  
Finance Committee

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## PLEDGE CARD for 2021 (please return by November 15, 2020)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  Check here if you would like information about direct deposit.

*Because I am happy to serve Jesus through Saint Luke United Methodist Church I will*

- Continue my current giving to Christ through Saint Luke United Methodist Church
- Increase my current giving to Christ through Saint Luke United Methodist Church by  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year
- Establish a new pledge to Christ through Saint Luke church of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year
- Speak with the Pastors about ways I can get more involved in the work of Jesus.
- Offer my very best in prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for Jesus and Saint Luke Church.



# Blessings, Contributions & Donations

**Sunday from 12:00 - 12:30 pm**  
**(please note changes**  
**to time and procedures!)**

As our worship services are now being held indoors, you may bring donations for CUOC, The ARK Ministry, and the coupon ministry to the donation closet in the Williams Lobby as you arrive for worship. Offering plates will be placed on a table as you enter and leave the worship spaces.

If you watch on Facebook or YouTube, we will still have a drive-by blessing time from 12:00 until 12:30 pm. Donations and contributions may also be given to Preacher Eddie or Pastor Marisa at this time. To avoid congestion on Wicker Street, please enter the parking lot from Currie Drive.

Sign Up Genius

Sign up for  
**WORSHIP!**



We are so glad to be having indoor worship services again, but seating is limited in order to allow for social distancing. It's easy to reserve seats for yourself and your family using Sign Up Genius. Just go to our website: [www.saintlukeumc.org](http://www.saintlukeumc.org), scroll down on the homepage under worship (in the center of the page) and click where it says, "Please click here or call (919) 776-2012 to make a reservation as seating is limited." Just follow the prompts to sign up! If you aren't tech savvy, or don't use the internet, you may call Rebecca or Beatrice at the church for reservations and they will be glad to add you to the list.

I was glad when they said to me,  
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
 Psalm 122:1

| Weekly/Monthly Income | 2%  | 3%   | 4%   | 5%   | 6%   | 7%   | 8%   | 10%  | 12%  |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| \$400                 | \$8 | \$12 | \$16 | \$20 | \$24 | \$28 | \$32 | \$40 | \$48 |
| 500                   | 10  | 15   | 20   | 25   | 30   | 35   | 40   | 50   | 60   |
| 600                   | 12  | 18   | 24   | 30   | 36   | 42   | 48   | 60   | 72   |
| 700                   | 14  | 21   | 28   | 35   | 42   | 49   | 56   | 70   | 84   |
| 800                   | 16  | 24   | 32   | 40   | 48   | 56   | 64   | 80   | 96   |
| 900                   | 18  | 27   | 36   | 45   | 54   | 63   | 72   | 90   | 108  |
| 1000                  | 20  | 30   | 40   | 50   | 60   | 70   | 80   | 100  | 120  |
| 2000                  | 40  | 60   | 80   | 100  | 120  | 140  | 160  | 200  | 240  |
| 2500                  | 50  | 75   | 100  | 125  | 150  | 175  | 200  | 250  | 300  |
| 3000                  | 60  | 90   | 120  | 150  | 180  | 210  | 240  | 300  | 360  |
| 3500                  | 70  | 105  | 140  | 175  | 210  | 245  | 280  | 350  | 420  |
| 4000                  | 80  | 120  | 160  | 200  | 240  | 280  | 320  | 400  | 480  |
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| 6000                  | 120 | 180  | 240  | 300  | 360  | 420  | 480  | 600  | 720  |
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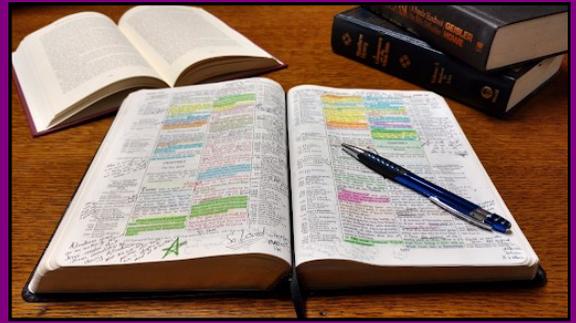
## Virtual Readers Needed!



## Storytime

Sign-up for virtual storytime with our children! Currently, our Pathfinders (K-2nd) and Summit (3rd-5th) children meet outside on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00pm on a rotating basis, every other week. While one group meets each week in person, the other group does not. Virtual storytime will offer our children who are not meeting in person the opportunity to virtually see their peers, build relationships with church members, and enjoy listening to a story. Those who are interested in participating in virtual storytime are invited to sign up to read a story that Ms. Katherine will provide. Don't have access to a webcam to do virtual storytime at home? No worries! You can come to the church to read the story and Ms. Katherine will provide you with a computer that has one. Contact Katherine Holt to sign up by emailing her at [katherine@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:katherine@saintlukeumc.org) or by phone at (919) 356-7285.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study Is Back!



Greetings! We are pleased to announce that the Thursday Morning Bible Study has resumed. Our first meeting was Thursday, October 15th. It's not too late to join us! This is an open invitation to all men and women! All are welcome to join us for study, for learning, and for fellowship. Bob Michaud will continue to co-lead the group and will be joined by Pastor Marisa Copeland. Due to social-distancing requirements and the need to meet in a setting with tables, we will meet in the Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones classroom (Room #222/224) on Thursdays from 10:30—11:30 am. Following the CDC guidelines, masks are required. We look forward to seeing you!

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Meals on Wheels (MOW) of Sanford program is seeking a new board member to assume the Treasurer position. This ten person board oversees the program to ensure Sanford residents receive a hot lunch meal every weekday throughout the year (including holidays). The high level duties for this position include: 1) producing and mailing monthly bills to clients, 2) processing client payments using Quicken (or similar accounting software), and 3) producing monthly and a year-end report. Basic knowledge of Quicken (or similar software), Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel are required. In some cases, training can be provided. Monthly time commitment is up to 8 hours. If interested in more information, please contact Ms. Sandy Lamm at (919) 776-0662.



## Casey Chapel Prayer Time

Wednesdays from 7:30 - 8:30 am

Join Jeanne Bethea and others who desire to pray for the needs of others, our city, our nation, and our world. Please remember to show your love for others by wearing your mask. We will pray together—from a safe distance!

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 28—November 4

## Birthdays:

**(10/28)** Clarice Atkins  
Joe Miller  
Carter Osborne  
Kandice Pedley

**(10/29)** Cam Smith

**(10/30)** Kaitlin Gotschalk  
Ashley Whitaker

**(10/31)** James Goins  
Nick Jones

**(11/1)** Liam Taylor  
Campbell Wheby

**(11/2)** Bud Schlademan

**(11/3)** Scott Cooper  
Ashley Melpolder

**(11/4)** Nancy Dugan  
Charles Hayes  
Christian Sheppard  
Callie Spitler  
Trey Spivey

## Anniversaries:

**(11/1)** Dan & Lisa Harrington  
Terry & Sharon Spence

**(11/2)** William & Meredith Carter  
David & Renee Dusenbury  
Bob & Barbara Hughes

**(11/3)** Eric & Lois Pittard

**(11/4)** Scott & Jennifer Phillips  
Ed & Linda Stanton



# membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

## FAITHFUL GIVING as of October 25, 2020

|   |              |        |
|---|--------------|--------|
| <b>Gen. Fund Beginning Balance 1/1/2020</b> | \$27,225.00  |        |
| <b>General Fund Income YTD</b>              | \$769,376.93 |        |
| <b>General Fund Expense Paid YTD</b>        | \$842,860.31 |        |
| <b>Loan from Sustaining Fund</b>            |              | \$0.00 |
| <b>Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund</b>         | \$18,663.12  |        |

## October Attendance

| Total October Attendance | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| Week 1                   | 301  | 294  | *777 |
| Week 2                   | 285  | 289  | *862 |
| Week 3                   | 259  | 251  | *530 |
| Week 4                   | 308  | 342  | *703 |
| Week 5                   |      |      |      |
| October Average          | 288  | 294  | *718 |

Before / After 24 Hours Streaming. \*Includes Facebook, You Tube and In Person

## 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's DAILY PRAYER

Don't miss out on Saint Luke's **DAILY PRAYER!** To sign up, go to [saintlukeumc.org](http://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.



*Saint Luke United Methodist Church*

*Prayer Requests*

*Received as of October 28, 2020*

*Our Known Prayer Needs*

|                     |                         |                              |                    |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Herb Armstrong      | Helen Dusenbury         | Claudia Key                  | Jean Nisbet        |
| Edna Atkinson       | Linda Fowler            | Dot and Larry King           | Ron Perkinson      |
| Holly Baker         | Christy Garner          | Sarah Lawrence               | Ellen Potter       |
| Judy Baker          | Keith Garner (US Navy)  | Rev. Frank and Dorothy Lloyd | Dicke Sloop        |
| Earl Ballinger      | Teresa Glasco           | Annie MacKay                 | Sara Steinert      |
| Dicki Caines        | Shirley Gwaltney        | Harriet Martin               | Mackenzie Stinson  |
| Kim Fasick Chandler | Harry Hattman           | Nancy McBryde                | Georgia Kate Tatum |
| Jack Clements       | Ginnie Hawley           | Tyson McCoy                  | Berta Thomas       |
| Doris Cox           | Marsha Havens           | Hayden McDuffie              | Eugene Thomas      |
| Sarah Curry         | Oliver Hughes           | George Miller                | Bill Towson        |
| Priscilla Dollar    | Lloyd Jennings          | Wilma Money                  | Carole Troutman    |
| Barry Dowdy         | Roy and Billie Jernigan | Herman Neal                  | Esther Wicker      |
| Beth Dowdy          | Mary Kesler             | Parker Normann               | Carl Woodard       |

*Other Known Prayer Requests*

|                  |                         |                        |                            |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jamey Allen      | Michele Ferro           | Deborah Jones          | Eric Powers                |
| Cheryl Bennett   | James and Rhonda Gordon | Ronnie Kaser           | Archie Reed                |
| Tony Brown       | Denise Gray             | Joe Lawrence           | Matthew Richardson         |
| Lonnie Bunch     | Joan Griswold           | Fernando Rochin Lopez  | Susan Ritchie              |
| Kim Clarey       | Gene Harris             | Hubert and Judy Maples | Lori Rouse                 |
| David Clements   | Jordan Harris           | Richard (Dick) McDonie | David Sowards              |
| Stephen Curry    | Tim Harward             | Mary McGrath           | Jake Sowards               |
| Andrew Dickens   | Rev. Al Hocutt          | Kennedy McSorely       | Shirley Thomas             |
| Paul Dickens     | Debra Hughes            | Daniel Newman          | Doby Touchton              |
| Pat Dillon       | Jean Jernigan           | Audrey Newton          | Mitchell and Shelba Watson |
| Brian Drye       | Brittany Jeter          | Ellen O'Malia          | Charlie Welborn            |
| Rev. Tom Faggart | Charlie Johnstone       | Wade Peele, Sr.        | Sandy Wilson               |
| Jeff Felthaus    | Becky Jones             | Phoebe Phelps          | Ricky Yarborough           |

*Sympathy to . . .*

*Our Known Births*

Lucas Jason Gaertner, born October 22, 2020; son of Jason and Berta Gaertner, of Greensboro, grandson of Doug and Jean Gaertner.

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### 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.

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