


Lectio Divina

Every Thursday at 8:00am in the Seeker Cassroom. Led by Rev. Rachel McConnell-Switzer



Centering Prayer

Wednesdays
10:00am & 5:15pm



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Tuesday Afternoons
5:45 - 6:45 pm

UMM

Tuesday, June 20th
6:30pm



Healthy Lifestyles

Sunday June 11
2:00 pm

UMW

will meet Thursday, June 15th. Everyone is asked to meet St. Luke's at 10:30 am to caravan to the Rock Chapel. Lunch will be at the Relay Station Diner on the way home.

Koinonia meets every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am for Breakfast and Bible Study.

If you have something to submit for the July newsletter or calendar, please contact Michelle Gaharan at michellegaharan@gmail.com or 318-451-0373. Our monthly newsletter can be viewed on our website at stlukesumc.community. If you would like to have a newsletter mailed to your home, please contact Hannah in the church office.

St. Luke's Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will be held on Saturday, June 17th at 3:00 pm. We will be concluding our discussion of The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People. The final meeting will cover the New Testament chapters.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

Friday, June 16th
6:00 pm



Coupon Class

Saturday June 10th
10:00am

Upper Third

Thursday, June 8th
11:30 am

Crafters

every Thursday morning at 10:00am

Crafters 4 Mission

Thursday, June 22nd
5:30pm

Crafters 4 Mission Special Event

This group will be having a Scrapbook Crop on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00am-7:00pm. Participants are encouraged to work on any craft they choose. Tables are available to rent. Forms are available in the hospitality area. The deadline to submit a form is May 30th. Concessions will be available and lunch will benefit the Methodist Men. Come and have a great time!

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

General Fund

In memory of Katherine Walker Bozeman from Deanne James
In memory of Tom Agee from Clyde Patterson
In memory of Gene Grant from Clyde Patterson
In memory of Tom Agee from Austin and Betty Templeton

Labyrinth Fund

In memory of Tom Agee from Mac and Marilyn Hardy



St. Luke's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Hours

8:30am & 10:45am

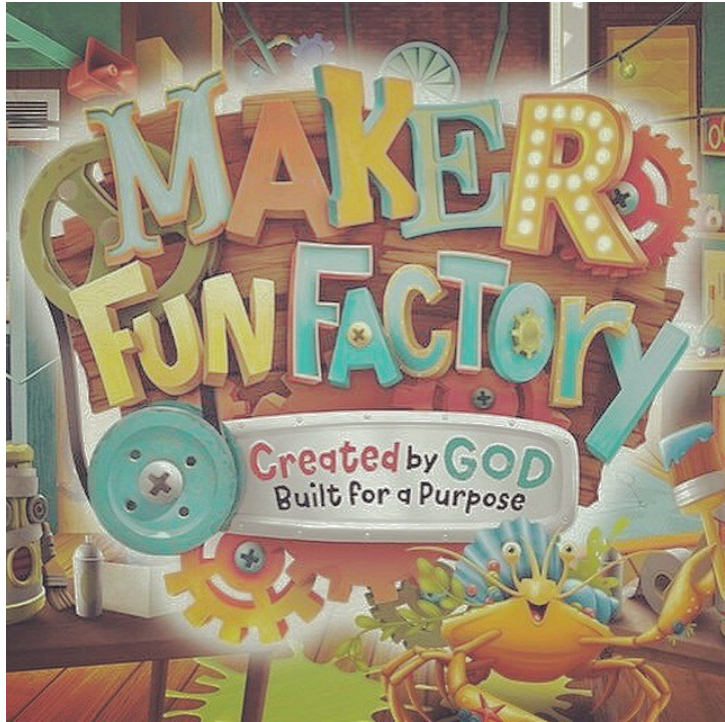
Traditional Service

9:30am

Sunday School

Love, not judgement, is found here.

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



It's almost time for Vacation Bible School!

Sunday-Wednesday
June 25-28
5:30-8:00 pm

Meetings are currently being held with individual group leaders

If you would like to help with decorations or assisting group leaders, contact Michelle at 318-451-0373

Mandatory meeting for all VBS workers—
Saturday June 17th at 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars for **"SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS"**

Friday June 9th 6:00 pm
Feature movie- "SING"

Friday, July 7th 6:00 pm
Feature move-
"THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS"

We will congregate for pizza and fellowship at 6:00 pm, and then begin the movie.

Popcorn and Beverages will be served. Invite friend, family and neighbors!



Devin.....by Rev. Betsy Eaves

It was early one Sunday morning. Hardly anyone was in the sanctuary other than Mac Hardy setting up the computer. A young man unfamiliar to me was sitting quietly on the second row when I walked through. Truth be told I thought it was probably needing something to eat or some gas money. I said "good morning" and sat down on the row in front of him ready to hear his story. He stuck out his hand and said, "Good morning. I'm Devin." He proceeded to tell me that he was looking for a church, that he didn't really want to be in church, but that his parents were "on his case" to go to church. He said he didn't like going to that church. He said he had seen our sign that said "Love, not judgment found here" and thought he would give us a try.

That was the beginning of my connection to Devin. I was glad when he told me that he liked our church and he would come back. I was glad that he felt welcome and thought we must be doing a pretty good job with our hospitality. I was glad when he kept coming. I thought it was a good thing that we were being the church that Devin needed. What I didn't know then that I know now is that Devin was going to be MY teacher and he was going to teach me what it meant to be welcoming.

Devin said one of the things that he really appreciated about St. Luke's was how we took time to listen to one another during the prayer time. He always had something to share. Sometimes it was very personal, maybe something about his family. But sometimes, his heart was breaking for someone he hardly knew and he wanted us to pray for him or her.

Devin is autistic. And part of the way that presents with Devin is his intense honesty with little or no embarrassment. If he is sad, he tells you. If he is excited, he shows it. If I said something in a sermon that he thought was funny, he laughed loudly. And if he really approved of something, he applauded regardless of whether anyone else did. If he wanted to pray, he knelt at the communion rail. If he needed prayer, he asked for it. And then he would ask what you needed him to pray for. And right then and there, he would pray. Devin taught me to say and feel what was real. And Devin taught me what it really means to share the road with a fellow Christian. And to stop worrying what anyone thinks.

There was the Sunday when I told the congregation that when women hear people attack other women who say they have been abused we wonder if anyone will stand with us if we speak out. And Devin got up out of his pew, walked up to where I was speaking and put his arms around me. "I'll stand with you," he said. It wasn't a quiet whisper after the service. It was a bold, stand up statement on the spot.

Devin came to everything. He didn't drive. He rode his bike. He joined us for young adults. He came to Sunday School. He worked in the Pumpkin Patch more days than I can count. He helped with the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. He attended Lectio Divina and book club and the enneagram small group. He texted sometimes to find out if anything was happening at the church because he wanted to be with us. If Michelle didn't have many children to come down for the children's sermon, he came up to sit before her and listen to her teaching.

Devin called me his mentor and teacher. But, Devin taught me so much more than I ever taught him. He taught me to listen to people long enough to hear their stories. He taught me to tell people that you love them and to offer your help when they need it.

Devin's family moved today. They are going to Arizona. Before he left, he brought bits and pieces of his worldly possessions to share with anyone who wanted them. A comic book. A piece of a costume. A board that he named Plank. I took Plank.

I will miss Devin. He kept me honest. He made me feel safe and supported and loved.

We love you Sheri!



Dear St. Luke's Family,

I can't begin to express my deep gratitude for all you've done for me and my family during my time serving in the church office here. I have been so blessed by your friendship, encouragement, and devotion to the Lord. I especially want to thank you for the incredible luncheon last week to honor my time with you and the generous gifts you gave me. As my family relocates to Kentucky to minister to a congregation there, I take so many sweet memories from St. Luke's with me. I will continue to pray for each of you and trust that you'll pray for us as we make this transition.

Thanks for all your love, Sheri Hicks

PS. On a lighter note, I'll never look at a pumpkin the same way again!

Youth News from Momma T

School is finally over for the year! You are either :) or maybe you are :(or maybe you're a little of both. What are you looking forward to this summer? Swimming, vacation, wa-termelon, sleeping late or just hanging out with friends? Whatever summer means to you don't forget there is no vacation from living as a disciple of Christ. Christians should always strive to bear the fruit of the spirit to the world around us. (See Gal 5:22) As we enter the summer months, make every effort to shine the light of Christ!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 4- Set up for the Louisiana Annual Methodist conference concession:

June 8 and 9- Work at the Concession Stand at Louisiana Annual Methodist Conference (we need helpers)

June 25-28- Vacation Bible School

We are starting the summer out with a big splash! Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 3rd, 4-6pm. We will have a SWIM PARTY at Mary Darby's home. The address is 5176 Dixie Garden Drive

Grant me the ability to speak kindly, respond gently and at times, to hold my tongue. I want my actions and reactions to please and reflect you and your love, oh Lord! Amen

Music News from Hannah

Low Key is set for June 16th at 6:00pm! We've been having a wonderful time and hope you'll join us this month!

Handbells will be taking some time off from rehearsal. The group will not rehearse for the remainder of May or the first three weeks of June. We will return to our regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, June 28th, and will be playing again in service on July 2nd. On August 19th there will be a one-day intensive handbell workshop led by Barbara Williams (Adult Handbell Choir Director at FUMC Slidell) where we will learn new techniques and new music. Any and all are welcome to join us- no experience or ability to read music required!

Mark your calendars for the last Sunday in July! On July 23rd we will be having a hymn-sing! I look forward to creating music with you!

