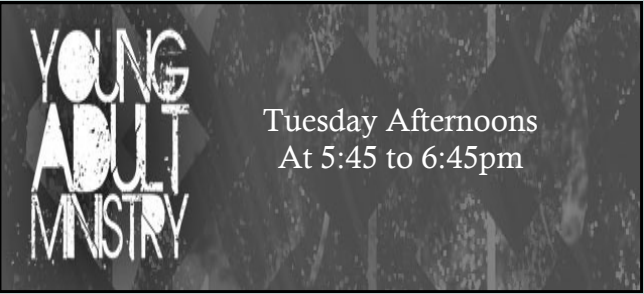


NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, January 28th at 12:00 pm
Soup & Salad
Activities for Children provided.
Come learn more about what it means to be United Methodist, the story of St. Luke's, and how to get involved.

Koinonia meets every Wednesday morning at 7am for breakfast and Bible study.



Crafters 4 Missions
Meet January 25th

Crafters every Thursday morning at 10 am

Upper Third
Thursday, January 11 at 11:30am.
Program: Hope Connections
Please bring a covered dish to share.

If you have something to submit for the February newsletter or calendar, please have it in the office by January 22nd. Our monthly newsletter can be viewed on our website at stlukesumc.community. To have a newsletter mailed, please contact Hanna Rachal.

 **Jan 14th & 28th**
2:00 pm

UMW
Thursday, Jan 18
at 12:00

UMM
Tuesday, Jan 23 at
6:30 pm

Book Club
St. Luke's Book Club will meet on January 21st at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

Scrapbooking/Cropping
9:00 to 6:00 in Gym—Sat, January 27th

Worship Committee meets on Tue, Jan 9th at 7:00 p.m.

 **Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.**

Missions Committee meets Monday, Jan 8th at 5:30

Trustees meet Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

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Worship Hours

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Service
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

A Ministry of Recovery
St Luke's United Methodist Church

Sisters and Brothers of St Luke's,

The peace of Christ.

Advent was a time of anticipating “The Coming” of something yet to be revealed. Christmas was the celebration of the Birth of God's gift. Now we are in the season of nourishing this new life among us, and of watching it grow. It is a privilege to serve the Ministry of Recovery of St Luke's as one manifestation of this new life.

We begin the new year developing the principles of our ministry to neighbors in recovery and those who serve them. We will continue to strengthen the work we are currently doing in the Low Key recovery service and our hospitality given to the six 12 Step meetings that meet at St Luke's.

A Ministry of Recovery at St Luke's serves people who are in recovery. It is also an opportunity for those of you who want to be in service as a measure of your Christian discipleship. If you want to share in this ministry, please get in touch with me. By phone – (731) 267-3814, or leave a phone message at the church. By email – recovery@stlukesumc.community

The Advent and Christmas seasons have been full of joy and gratitude. I am not able to express in words the rich blessing it is to serve this congregation . I hope to express my gratitude in serving. I ask that you keep this ministry in your prayer.

Grace and peace,
Bing



From Betsy...

We are excited to welcome David Bingham as our new Lay Pastor for Recovery Ministry. David brings experience with the Twelve Step program, seminary training, experience and training in spiritual direction and pastoral care, along with a passion for serving the needs of people in recovery. Considering the growing number of people seeking support as they make choices for healthy lives and relationships through the powerful work of Twelve Step Recovery, St. Luke can be proud to host groups six of seven days each week. We welcome our friends working the Twelve Steps as part of our St Luke family and look forward to how God will lead David as he leads us in this ministry.

David reminds us to wear our name tags as he and his wife Cyndy get to know us.

Memorials/Honorariums

- Roland and Nan Wibker from Elizabeth Wibker
- Leta Ann Eaves from Clyde Patterson
- Mary Gleason from the Gleason Family
- Leta Ann Eaves from Frank and Mary Hughes
- Leta Ann Eaves from Lexine Adams
- Mary Gleason from Lexine Adams
- Mary Gleason from Elizabeth Beck
- Mary Gleason from Cheryl and Thomas Rowen
- Mary Gleason from Ed and Kathy Chase
- Mary Gleason from Mac and Marilyn Hardy
- Mary Gleason from Audrey and Jerry Riser
- Mary Gleason from Austin and Betty Templeton

Children's Ministries

Christy Terrill

Happy New Year! The children had a wonderful time celebrating at the birthday party for Jesus! Thank you to all who have helped with our nursery, Sunday school and children's church activities. We will start off our year with learning with the Deep Blue Kids about the magi's visit, Jesus' baptism, his love for children and the feeding the multitudes. Lots of fun activities and crafts as we learn. Please plan a time to join us and get to know our wonderful children.



Hannah Rachal

I recently heard a sermon on the importance of singing with conviction. If we serve a risen savior and wholeheartedly believe we are absolved of all our sins, how can we be stoic or half-hearted in our worship of Him? I invite all of us to participate fully in worship and be mindful of what we are saying and singing– these are not just words typed on a bulletin or projected on a slide– it is us living out our faith as we worship in fellowship with our church family. John Wesley shared this belief; his “Directions for Singing” are listed in the hymnal before anything else. Note his rules number 4 and 7, respectively: 4 **.Sing Lustily – and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.** 7. **Sing spiritually – have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.**” I encourage you to read the remaining 5 rules and challenge you to make being fully present and involved in worship a resolution for 2018. Praying this year brings you all joy and blessings.

Youth Ministries

Momma T

Joy can only be measured by the moments that touch your soul! Joy can only be measured by the laughter of a child or for me from a gift of a Panda Bear. It wasn't just the gift but how the gift came to me that brought un-measurable Joy!! See it was from one of those vending machine you play for a quarter and never win but keeping on till you exhaust all your quarters. Not only was it from a vending machine but the money use to "win" the Bear was borrowed from me!! Such is the joy of serving a group of fabulous young people at St Luke's. We may be small in number but our youth have the biggest hearts. I watched as they helped each other ice skate at the Marshall outdoor skating rink. Each one was patient with the other making sure they were okay and also challenging them to at least try. I heard one youth tell the other "just let go of the rail and I will be right by your side to catch you if you fall!" Christmas Joy!!! Hear those words with in your soul "let go of the rail I am with you"....Merry Christmas from the Youth Dept.