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BIRTHDAYS

Mildred Dorman	05/04
Breanna Lanning	05/06
Mike Parrish	05/07
Susan Riddle	05/08
Sissie Gillie	05/14
Matthew McKinney	05/20
Deb Smith	05/20
Debbie Fox	05/21

Anthony Phillips	05/21
Danny Gammon	05/22
Paula Marshall	05/28
Jim Fleming	05/29
Kaye Johnson	05/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Carol Caplan	05/15
Duane & Shirley Rohlfen	05/25
Philip & Virginia Winstead	05/30

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**May 2024
 Issue**

The Covenant

Beloved,

I have been thinking a lot lately about how one is called to use their gifts and graces to build up Christ's Body. What spurred all this was a phone call I got last week. A friend of mine had one of her accounts hacked. This account was tied to everything: debit cards, her calendar, email, and the ability to "lockdown" her computer and cell phone. She felt devastated by this.... and she called and asked for my help. Then, I worked as a mediator between the tech company and her equipment to get her technology back online. Not everyone has the skills or the know-how to walk someone through the menus of a computer system hours away from the other. Here's the point...she is a gifted person in other ways. She has the unique ability to build up people who live on the margins and to create a sense of community.

These two gifts, one technological and one of community-building, are not at odds with each other. We often consult each other, build one another up, and offer our wisdom to one another. Hebrews 10:24-25 says "Let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near."

As your pastor, my role is not just to lead, but also to listen. I am here to hear your wisdom, to understand your needs, and to guide us forward as a church. I am here to help you discern your areas of passion and place you with others who have the gifts to bring forth ministries that speak to those passion areas. Together, we possess the gifts and graces to not only strengthen the body gathered on Sunday mornings but also to transform the world by reaching out to those marginalized within our city. I encourage you to reflect on your own gifts for ministry and to use them as we work together to share the love of God with the world.

In the coming months, our church will be busy with everything from Membership Sunday to the youth mission trip to Vacation Bible School. I want to thank you for the gifts, funds, prayers, and all the ways that you contribute to the work of the church. Please consider how you might further give to the church's needs so that we might continue in our mission. Maybe you can volunteer for VBS; maybe you can bring supplies or offer your prayers; maybe you have the ability to give towards upcoming roof repairs...perhaps, you have the ability to do many things. Please get plugged in! Encourage one another to try something new and different, offer space, to spark love and push one another to transform the world!

Blessings,
 Pastor Tim

At the directive of the Trustees, an assessment of the sanctuary's roof was completed. The contractor said the roof would need to be replaced in about three years. Estimated repair is around \$90,000. If you are able, please consider making an extra donation to the building fund for future roof repairs.

May Volunteers

Nursery Volunteers

- 12th Kathy Jordan & Kaylee Odell
 19th Bev Nixon & Mac Christian
 26th Teresa Gammon & Hunter Phillips

Scripture Readers

- 12th Bill Cook
 19th Marie Marlowe
 26th Phyllis Fisher

Children's Church Volunteers

- 12th Juli Odell & Hunter Phillips
 19th Leslie Christian & Hunter Phillips
 26th Vicky Aherron & Kaylee Odell

Worship Volunteers

- Greeters: Chuck & Lisa Thomasson
 Bulletins: Marie Marlowe & Perry Taylor
 Offering: Janice England
 Communion: Worship at the Park

Hall Monitors

- 12th Bill Raines
 19th Rhonda Tucker
 26th James & June Scheier

If you are unable to serve in the children's area on the day you are assigned, please see Juli to switch with someone.



Back Pack Program Happenings...

We are in the home stretch of feeding 118 students at GLH Johnson, and as I look back on my first school year one thing is certain, this would not have worked without all the help of our volunteers. From donating food, to delivering or picking up boxes, to packing bags on Wednesday, it has taken a village to feed the children.

We are not done yet! We will still be packing bags in May and we can always use an extra hand or the donation of single serve vegetables or fruit snacks. And we will continue to prepare over the summer so we can continue to reach those children that need a meal on the weekends when school resumes in August.

Please consider how you can help these young children in the next school year, be it in prayer, through donation, or by helping to pack bags or deliver boxes.

Thank you,
 Courtney Eggleston

Gracious God, I thank you for those that take the time to help these children. I pray that the kids will have a safe summer break and return to school in August ready to learn and knowing that St Luke's UMC cares for them. Amen

ECHOS

ECHOS will meet on Tuesday, May 16th at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be hot dogs, with all the fixings, baked beans, and chips. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Cost is \$6.00.

You do not have to be **"RETIRED"** to be a member of ECHOS.

Theology on Tap

Thursday, May 16th

6:00 pm dinner

6:30 pm conversation

2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.

209 Trade St.



The Agape Fund Committee is pleased to announce our 2024 Scholarship recipients:

Christian Blackstock, Emily Blackstock, Kaylee Davis, Katlyne Ellis, Alexa Farmer, Ashtyn Foddrell, Ethan Goldean, Elliot Grayson, Reese Lee, Ethan Parker, Zach Parker, Christopher Taylor, Brittany Terry, and Jacob Thomasson.

We wish each of these students much success as they continue their academic endeavors.

Coming Soon

"Baby Girl" Alderman



Baby Shower

George and Meritha Alderman are expecting "Baby Girl Alderman" in July and we want to shower them with our love and best wishes. The entire church is invited to attend this celebration on May 19th at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered on Baby-list.com.

May Meetings

- 7th 6:00 pm Church Executive Board
 9th 6:30 pm Finance Committee
 13th 6:30 pm Children & Youth Team
 14th 6:30 pm Staff Parrish Relations

COFFEE

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MONDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM

LINKS COFFEE HOUSE 319 CRAGHEAD ST





We appreciate the hard work of the members of the United Methodist Men in getting the landscaping completed for Ms. Fountain's home dedication in England Trail.

A Day at the Cabin

The United Methodist Men will gather at the Winstead cabin on Saturday, May 25th for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and recreation. The menu is chili beans, and ice cream curtesy of Philip. The bus will leave the church at 2:00 pm. Please sign up on the lighthouse if you plan on attending.



GRADUATION sunday

May 26th will be Graduation Sunday. If you are a graduate of high school, undergraduate or masters or if you know a graduate that is part of our congregation, please contact Juli Odell. We would like to recognize these persons in worship on that day.

Easter Celebration

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs and those who came out to help. A wonderful time was had by everyone!



May Schedule

- 5th Worship at the Park
- 12th No All God's Children or Youth
- 19th Mission Team Meeting after Worship
No regular All God's Children or Youth
- 26th No All God's Children or Youth



May 19th is Confirmation Sunday. We are excited to share this occasion with our wonderful class that has been on this journey!



On May 19th, Saint Luke's will celebrate Pentecost by witnessing God's actions in the baptismal waters, in confirmation, and welcome the confirmands who choose to join St. Luke's into professing membership within the United Methodist Church.

We acknowledge there may be others who are feeling the prompting of the Holy Spirit to faithfully participate in the life and ministry of our local congregation as professing members.

Whether you worship with us online or in person, we want to offer you the opportunity to commit yourself to the work, ministry, and covenantal relationships of the church. If you are interested in joining or transferring your membership to Saint Luke's, please call, email, or chat with Pastor Tim.



On July 13-14 the youth of Saint Luke's will host an event called "Choose Kindness". This is an overnight lock-in-style event. We will meet at church Saturday morning and have worship. Then, we will break into teams and do random acts of Kindness around Danville. In the past, Juli has led the youth to hand out gift cards to people who are shopping at Walmart, Food Lion, and gas stations, taping quarters to bending machines, and taking gifts to police and EMS. Later, the youth will meet back at church that evening to talk about their day doing random acts of kindness throughout the city and how God showed up in those acts.

This day is designed to be missional-minded in a Wesleyan way as it teaches the youth that giving is rooted in God's very being. The ability to give is a gift from God and giving is part of what it means to strive towards holy living. The mission committee has donated \$1,000 towards the cause and wants to challenge the congregation to match us in giving towards this day to make the random acts of choosing kindness possible. Our missional emphasis for this quarter is donations towards the event, whether in the form of gift cards to Walmart, Food Lion, or a check, are crucial in making this event a success and spreading kindness in our community.



United
Women
in Faith

Circle Meetings

Circle 3	2 nd	@ 6:00 pm	Me's Burgers
Circle 4	13 th	@ 2:00 pm	Library
Circle 6	6 th	@ 1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall



Members of Circle 6 celebrated the March birthdays of the residents at Brookdale Piedmont with cake and bingo.



The UWF Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. We would love to have to join us!!

Reading List

- May 13 *The Librarian of Burned Books* by Brianna Labuskes
- June 10 *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray
- July 8 Book not yet selected

The United Women in Faith are collecting items to provide Menstrual Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). All of the kits collected will be ready to deploy to help communities affected by different disasters. Once we have a drop off location and date, we will have a packing event. Once all the kits have been collected and counted, they will be picked up the week after the Annual Conference event in June and sent to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA, which is one of UMCOR's Supply Depots. From there, they will be ready to serve those most in need when the next disaster happens. Listed below are the items to be included in the kits. There is a donation bin in the narthex, if you would like to contribute.

Menstrual Hygiene Kit Materials

- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of wet ones
- 10 Tampons (5 regular and 5 super absorbency, unscented)
- 10 Sanitary Napkins (unscented and long super ultra-thin)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger, unopened. Please no Ivory or Jergens soap)
- One pack of flushable, unscented wipes (42 count)
- Six laundry detergent sheets placed inside of a small plastic storage bag prior to being added to the kit.