Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that the Gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection – is the “power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). We, at St. Luke, definitely believe and proclaim that truth in all that we do. The Gospel informs and empowers all we do, from worship on Sundays to missions in Kenya to outreach here in Columbus. We also believe that the life transformed by the Gospel of Christ is best lived out in community. That is why we are excited to announce a new course to help followers of Jesus Christ to connect to St. Luke Church called Life @ St. Luke.

Life @ St. Luke is a six-week membership course that teaches life transformation of the Gospel, life formation of our Wesleyan/Methodist tradition, and life connection of St. Luke. Over those six weeks, we will be discussing the most fundamental points of the Gospel and the Christian Faith, foundational and historical doctrines of the church, denominational/Wesleyan distinctives, congregational commitments, and how to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ at St. Luke.

We want to invite you – whether you are a new member, established member, inquiring about membership or searching for that next step in your faith journey – to join us at 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 8th in the Large Dining Room of the Ministry Center for a time to gather, mingle, connect, and to learn a little more about the Life @ St. Luke membership course. Then, on September 15th at 10:00 AM in the Large Dining Room of the ministry center we will start with the first session.

It is our hope and desire that through these sessions you will not only find your place of belonging at St. Luke, but that you would experience the life transforming power of the Gospel as you grow in your discipleship journey.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Rev. Brett Maddocks (706-327-4343; bmaddocks@stlukeum.com).

Blessings

Brett Maddocks
bmaddocks@stlukeum.com

Important Dates and Times: September 8 @ 10 AM (Ministry Center Large Dining Room) – Informational gathering discussing membership class, ways of connecting, and next steps.

September 15 @ 10 AM (Ministry Center Large Dining Room) – First session of Life @ St. Luke.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM
Rebroadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

September 1, 2019 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Color: White

Prelude........................................... “Prelude and Fugue in F minor” ............George Frederick Handel

Welcome and Opening Prayer...........................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn............................................. “When Morning Gilds the Skies” ..............Number 185

*The Affirmation of Faith........................ “The Apostles’ Creed”.............................Number 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick*** and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father).........................................................Number 70

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.........................................................Rev. Burgess

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Choral Prayer Response.................... “Danish Amen” .............................................anon.

The Children’s Sermon.................................................................Rev. Burgess

After the Children’s Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to Corner Kids for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

*Hymn............................................. “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” ..............Number 340

Offertory Prayer...........................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Burgess (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

**Offertory Anthem ............................... “Depth of Mercy” ..............................David Rasbach

*The Dedication of Offerings................ “The Doxology” ......................................Number 95

The Written Word.................................................................John 15:1-8 (p. 103, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..........................

*The Invitation and Confession..............(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Burgess (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with out whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. (All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.................................................................Page 23; Hymnal

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn............................................. “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” ......................Number 557

*The Benediction.................................................................Rev. Burgess

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)...... “Sevenfold Amen” .........................Peter Lutkin

Postlude........................................... “When Morning Guilds the Skies” ..............Improvisation

* Standing as able. ** Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

Acolyte: (11:00 a.m.): Trinity McAfee.
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Menu: Fried Chicken, smoked roast beef, green beans, fresh broccoli, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: ____________________________________________

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Email: ____________________________________________

Monday, September 2 Campus Closed for the Labor Day holiday

HOLY COMMUNION

All persons who confess Christ as their Savior, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward by the center aisle at the invitation of the ushers and stand or kneel in prayer at the chancel rail for as long as you like, then cup your hands to indicate your readiness to receive the Sacrament. After you have partaken of the cup, you may remain in prayer or return to your seat by means of the side aisle. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion in their seats should so indicate to an usher or pastor. Gluten-free bread is available. The offering plates at the head of the center aisle are to receive gifts for the Samaritan Fund, our emergency financial outreach ministry. Please give generously as God gives you the ability.

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ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. LUKE
Circles Two, Three, and Nine have combined as one circle. The name of this group is New Beginnings. We invite St. Luke women to be part of this new experience. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month (September-May) at 10:30 a.m. in room 110. Our first program will center on meaningful experiences in the lives of four individual women. Our missions will concentrate on the needs of children in our community. Our first project will be helping Fox Elementary School by donating money or purchase school supplies and/or books. Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m. in room 110. For more information call 706-329-4683.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?
You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:
1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
   For more information please contact Rev. Brett Maddocks, bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

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**Music Box**

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

The Chancel Choir now sings at 8:30 and 11am! High School age youth and adults from any service are welcome to join the Chancel Choir. Contact Marc Boensel for more information at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682.

There are 4 designated funds to which you can donate to support the Music Ministry: Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Organ Fund, and Orchestra Fund.

Please mark your calendars for the following:
- October 13, 2019 at 4PM in the Sanctuary for a Great Afternoon of Methodist Singing, with members of area UM, AME, and CME church choirs singing ‘Great Anthems of the Faith,’
- February 23, 2020 at 4pm in the Sanctuary for the St. Luke Chamber Players in concert performing classic works for strings.

Today’s Anthem: “Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear, me the ‘chief of sinners’ spare? There for me the Savior stands holding forth His wounded hands. God is love! I know, I feel Jesus weeps and loves me still. He loves me still.”

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SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the main church building. We will be having a combined Sunday School in Stockwell Hall this Sunday only.

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THIRD GRADE BIBLES will be presented September 8th at the 11:00 a.m. service. We want all 3rd Graders included! Below are the names we have on file in alphabetical order. If your child’s name is missing or incorrect please contact twilliams@stlukeum.com.

Henry Louis Adams, Jacob Scott Burkhalter, Caleb Preston Cason, Max Hays Slaton Champion, Thomas Christopher Coakley, Emily Margaret Deal, Aida Helen Dean, Sara Glenn Fowler, Evelyn Kay Fuller, Gray Patton Holt, Faith Abigail Hubbard, Caroline Lindsey Keller, Eleanor Grace Ladson, Bradley Chancellor McCarley, Hadley Mae Murray, Brett Alex Patterson, Carter James Phillips, Maxwell Lee Ruehl, Avery Elisabeth Seals, Mason Brody Taylor, George Hill Thomas, Woodrow Xavier Wells, Ruby Rose Williams.

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If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Higher Education Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Helen Flournoy Huff Hudson and Mr. James B. Huff, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Huff.
Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Rennie Bevers by Mrs. Jeraldine Tinkler.
UMCOR: In honor of Mr. Jimmy Barker by Dr. Spencer and Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard.
Organ Fund: In memory of Rev. St. George Crosse by Mrs. Annette Pollock.
Naomi’s Village: In honor of Ethan and Ivey Johnson by Mr. Patrick Robinson.

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-Respite Care-
“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”
Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117, dhett@stlukeum.com

Are you looking for a place to serve others? St Luke Respite Care Ministry may be right for you. Whether playing cards, making up a batch of cookies, or singing familiar hymns…it’s always a great day at Respite!

We need volunteers! Please phone and schedule a time to visit.

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

No scheduled student ministry events on September 1, Labor Day weekend!
Enjoy the night off and spend some time with family!

Sunday night lights is almost here! September 8, September 15, September 22, September 29, and October 6 are going to be epic! Get ready to pack out the large dining room and invite, invite, invite every person you know to the biggest event of the year! 7 teams, 14 families, hundreds of students, tailgates, theme nights, football jerseys, worship, guest speakers, and so so much more!

Let’s get ready for the best year ever!