A Loving Farewell for Adriane Burgess

2020 has been a year of dizzying change, and we are not fully half way through the year. One of the changes for our St. Luke family of faith is the new appointment of our Associate Pastor, Adriane Burgess. In April, Bishop Lawson Bryan announced Adriane’s appointment as the new Senior Pastor at St. Mary’s Road United Methodist Church here in Columbus, effective in June. Adriane’s first day in her new pastoral responsibilities is June 24 and her first Sunday at St. Mary’s Road is June 28.

Like the rest of this year, these are days of mixed emotions. We will miss Adriane desperately. We will miss her engaging relational style by which she made herself at home quickly among us. We will miss her many gifts for ministry—her gifts for teaching, preaching, leadership and pastoral care. Personally, all of our staff will miss her warm smile, her great sense of humor and her loving presence. In all that we will miss we grieve. Through all, however, we rejoice. We rejoice over the blessing of having had this year together in ministry. We rejoice at the opportunity before Adriane as the new pastor of a vibrant congregation in our community.

Like worship services, weddings and funerals, a loving farewell to one of our pastors in the age of COVID will be different. We cannot gather in a large group for a reception or testimonial dinner to express our love and appreciation. There are other means for that loving expression. Let me encourage you to utilize those means: emails, cards and letters, texts and calls, to offer tangible expressions of your love for and appreciation of Adriane and to offer your prayers for her and her family, Craig, Zach and Zander, in these days of change, transition and opportunity. The clergy and program staff will be having an appreciation luncheon for Adriane and Craig in the ministry center at noon on June 22 (just 20 people well socially distanced in the large dining room). You can send cards to Adriane personally or to the church and we can present them on June 22.

For all the blessings that have been ours through Adriane in this year, and for all the blessings that will come through her to her new congregation, to God be all praise and glory! Amen.
June 14, 2020                                      2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (Ken Bailey).................................. “When Morning Gilds the Skies” .................Don Wyrten

Welcome and Opening Prayer.................................................................Rev. Robert Beckum

Hymn............................................. “Holy, Holy, Holy” ..............................................Dr. Marc Boensel

Romans 5:1-8......................................................Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess

The Affirmation of Faith.............. “The Apostles’ Creed” ................................Rev. Burgess
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.

Anthem............................................... “Love Divine, All Love Excelling” ......................John Stainer
(Victoria Leggett-Adams and Gabriel Grant, with Ken Bailey)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer...............................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks
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.

The Children’s Sermon..............................................................................Mrs. Mary Pat Beckum

Hymn................................................. “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” ............Dr. Boensel

News on A Way Forward..................................................Rev. Beckum and Rev Maddocks

The Written Word.........................................................................................Isaiah 6:1-8

The Spoken Word........................................... “THE TURNING POINT” .........................Rev. Beckum

Hymn................................................ “Here I Am, Lord” ..................................................Dr. Boensel

The Benediction............................................................................................Rev. Beckum

Postlude (Ken Bailey)........................................... “Holy, Holy, Holy” ..................................Improvisation

*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

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COVID-19
We are all in this together. Just 6 feet apart.

Stand Together. Stay Apart.
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE
Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who, upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

HERE I AM, LORD
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord,
if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain
Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

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There are four designated funds to which you can contribute to support the Music Ministry: The Music Fund, The Music Scholarship Fund, The Organ Fund, and the Orchestra Fund. Contact Marc Boensel for information on how you can support the Music Ministry with your gifts.

The Music Ministry welcomes new vocal and instrumental members throughout the year. No auditions are required. Please contact Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Encompass Rehabilitation: (Newnan, GA 30265) Marian Young, 142.

IN MEMORIAM
Mr. Richard “Dick” Butner Jones
June 7, 2020
Mr. Frank “Sonny” Clements
June 10, 2020

Prayer Calendars
If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call 
the church office @ 706-327-4343.

Ministerio Hispano “La Cosecha”
Saint Luke U.M. Church
Columbus, Georgia

Palabra Escrita: Romanos 5:1-8
Palabra Hablada: “Resultados de la Justificación”

El Apóstol Pablo señala en este capítulo que nosotros los que hemos creído en el Señor Jesucristo, fuimos justificados delante de Dios por medio de nuestra fe en Jesucristo. La justificación que es por la fe de haber aceptado el sacrificio de Cristo que hace mas de 2,000 anos el pago el precio de entregar su vida en sacrificio vivo para que Dios el Padre nos mirara favorable después de la caída de Adán y Eva.

Para poder reconciliarnos con Dios se necesita un sacrificio perfecto y no de animales sino de un ser humano y solo Jesús fue el cordero perfecto. El voluntariamente se ofreció a favor del hombre y al completar su sacrificio en la cruz del Calvario, y favorecemos ante Dios y volver a tener una relación y comunicación directa con el Padre.

Debemos tener un agradecimiento ante perpetuo ante Jesús por haber dicho “heme aquí envíame a mi”.

Somos afortunados por haber sido reconciliado y justificado ante Dios por medio de la vida y muerte de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo.

Amén

Rev. Dr. Jose Resto/ Pastor
Call to Daily Prayer
at 12:19 p.m.

St. Luke Church will be joining other churches in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church in a time of daily prayer for our communities, churches, country, and the world.

You are invited to join this daily prayer time at 12:19 p.m. every day. This time is purposeful in helping us remember for what we are specifically praying. Remember the words of Scripture from Philippians:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

Let us be faithful to our call to pray in these days. We will be posting prayer points for the day on Facebook each day in preparation for the 12:19 prayer time.

Tithes and Offerings

Our physical doors may be closed for the time being but the mission of St. Luke Church continues. You can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by going to the St. Luke website, https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/, and clicking on “SecureGive” and then clicking on the “Church” button. If you need help with this option, please contact Renee Wilkinson at renee@stlukeum.com or Brett Maddocks at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

Please do not use the physical address of the church for mailing. The church mailing address is PO Box 867, Columbus, GA 31902. The Post Office will no longer deliver items that are addressed to our physical address. Thank you!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of St. Luke Church.
ABIDING GIFTS

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 acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mrs. Jane Paul by Mrs. Sylvia Powell.
Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Arnold McCall by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Porter. In memory of Dr. Harry Brill by Mrs. Jerrie Tinkler.
Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Arnold McCall by Mrs. Sylvia Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Montgomery.
Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Jim Sigmund by Ms. Nancy Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bullock, The Adelphian Study Club, Mrs. Sylvia Powell, and Mrs. Gloria Elzworth.

We have been busy in our student ministry! Thank you to Hailey, Erica, Mallory, Ashley, Lisa Moore, JMO, JJ, Christian, Joseph, and Gabe for continuing to fight for the souls of students in small group discipleship during these days of Quarantine. We are grateful for these and so many volunteers that serve in this student ministry out of a love for Jesus and a love for His Students!

Lisa Moore has coordinated 15 small groups of Middle School Girls for this Summer and Fall! Big Sister D-Groups have already begun and some are meeting in person! All 15 groups are led by High School girls and include up to 5 Middle School or incoming Freshmen in High School! We have the greatest High School Girls in the world and I know this is going to be an awesome initiative. These HS girls will be mentors for our MS girls throughout the summer as well as this next school year. If you would like for your MS girl to dive into one of these please contact Peggy at pstanley@stlukeum.com and she will connect you with Lisa Moore. Shout out to my wife, Lisa, for always working so diligently behind the scenes!

JJ and JMO are putting together MS boys Small groups right now and will be implementing a similar strategy for our guys NEXT WEEK! We believe in Discipleship at The Corner and Crosswalk and we are committed to it!

High School Girls and Guys D-Groups are beginning to meet IN PERSON with Social Distancing and it has been awesome to see everyone’s face again!

The Corner Crosswalk TV has been reaching literally HUNDREDS of Students and Adults on YouTube and Facebook LIVE! Praise God. We are committed to YOU and YOUR FAMILIES. Exciting days are ahead!

Please keep your eyes and ears open as the world begins to open up! We are chomping at the bit to see you and invest our lives in you in person. WE LOVE YOU!

BLESSINGS FROM JMO, LISA, PEGGY, MALLORY, JJ, AND CHRISTIAN