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St. Luke - A Spiritual Redwood

One hundred ninety-three years ago Andrew Jackson defeated John Quincy Adams in an election for the American Presidency. A revival movement called the Second Great Awakening was sweeping across a young nation and Methodism was spreading like a wild fire. In this fire of evangelical passion a congregation named St. Luke was planted on the edge of the Georgia frontier. For nearly twenty decades, through thirty-nine changes in the U.S. Presidency, ten wars, numerous economic ups and downs (including a great depression), and four different denominational alignments, St. Luke has been a witness to the heart of Christ in the heart of Columbus. St. Luke has a storied history---creating a "line of splendor."

Beginning as a small gathering in a makeshift lean-to, St. Luke has progressively grown into an amazingly diverse ministry comprised of 3600 members, 260 staff members, and beautiful facilities spreading over three city blocks valued at some seventy million dollars. St. Luke has grown from a tiny seedling into a spiritual redwood. The size, scope and impact of its ministries rank St. Luke among the top United Methodist congregations in the nation.

When Mary Pat and I visited the Muir Woods on a vacation, we had the privilege of experiencing some awe inspiring redwoods in person. The park ranger said the most amazing thing about these trees is not their age or incredible size but the fact that they are living organisms that are still growing adding some fifteen hundred board feet of new growth each year. Wow! The most amazing thing about St. Luke is not its long history or incredible size, but that it is a living, vital church of Christ in the present and for the future. At the latest South Georgia Annual Conference on June 7, St. Luke was recognized for the largest amount given for missions (\$397,800) and for the largest number of professions of faith in Christ (51). Generosity, mission and faith sharing have been the heart values of St. Luke for nearly two hundred years.

It has been the greatest of privileges and blessings to have shared a decade in the life of this amazing redwood congregation. In Paul's words to the Philippians: "I thank God every time I remember you...praying with all joy...for our sharing in the gospel...I am convinced that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of Christ Jesus."

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, June 13

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
9:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)
College Small Group (College House)
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.saintlukecolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
5-6:00 p.m. Crosswalk/High School (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, June 14

Tuesday, June 15

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Room 110)

Wednesday, June 16

- 6:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, June 17

Friday, June 18

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, June 20

Welcome Rev. Thad Haygood/Father's Day

Monday, June 21

- 9 am-Noon Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 22

- 9 am-Noon Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 23

- 9 am-Noon Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 24

- 9 am-Noon Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 25

- 9 am-Noon Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 28

- 10:00 a.m. District Clergy Meeting (LD, MIN)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is) MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

JULY 4, 2021

ONE GREAT SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(no 8:30, 9:00, or 11:00 a.m.)

10:30 A.M. IN THE ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lunch will be provided by the church!

Preschool Nursery provided.

Ministry Center is wheelchair-accessible.

MUSIC BOX

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

You are invited to find your place to serve the church through music. New members of the Choir and Bell Choir are welcome throughout the year:

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.

Please consider a gift to the Music Ministry. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, or Organ Fund.

Today's anthem: "When I gaze into the night sky, and see the works of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space, O what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels, you have put him in charge of all creation; the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!"

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Robert Beckum, preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of Robert and Mary Pat Beckum for their 10 years of ministry at St. Luke by the Altar Guild.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: September 12, October 10, October 31, November 21, November 28. For more information contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. David (Whitney) Clayton, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Cooper Floyd Clayton, born June 1, 2021, in Columbus, GA. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dana (Leigh Anne Willis) Nix. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Mitch (Tammy) Watts and family in the death of his father, Mr. Chester Watts, on June 5, 2021, Columbus, GA.

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!
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Corner Kidz is back! Children who have completed Kindergarten through completed 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o'clock services. Additionally, Sunday School for all children completed K through completed 5th meets in Stockwell Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. Hope your children will join me!

Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with our IN PERSON Preschool Camp and VBS the week of June 21st through 25th! Please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register to volunteer! We can't do it without your help!

STAYING UPDATED: Please remember to call the church office and let us know when you have a change of address, phone, or email, etc. We also love to hear about births, marriages, etc. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date!

Reception for the Beckums

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a reception this Sunday, June 13, to honor Robert and Mary Pat Beckum for their 10 years of ministry at St. Luke. The come and go reception will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the large dining room of the Ministry Center. Covid protocols will be followed. We look forward to seeing you there!

MILITARY MINISTRY

Men: Join us at Lakebottom Park at 5:15 a.m. Tu/Th and 6:00 a.m. Sat for F3: Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith. Contact Tony Mayne for details at tony@gallantfew.org and check out the F3 Nation website at www.f3nation.com.

A virtual weekly men's Bible study is available Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. Contact Tony Mayne for more information

Summer Camp Scholarships: The Military Ministry is pleased to offer a limited number of partial scholarships to active duty military children to attend Saint Luke Church and School summer camps this June! Scholarships will be given first come first serve, with priority to need and rank. Please contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com for more information.

Tithes and Offerings

Offering plates/boxes are placed at entrances and exits at all of our in-person worship services. Of course, you can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by mail, bank draft, or 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 P.O. 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.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mae Spencer by Ms. Ann Spencer. In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Barbara Smart by Ms. Beth Herndon.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Don Kleiber by the Now Class. In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall.

Bereavement Ministry: In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas.

Telephone Class: In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mrs. Mary Bass.

ST. LUKE PRESCHOOL is looking for an Assistant Teacher in our half day (9:00-1:00) program! If you have a love for young children and a desire to minister to them through Christian education, please send your resume to Allison Beatty – abeatty@stlukeum.com or give us a call at 706-327-4343.

Family Camp 2021 is a Go!

Save the Date

October 8-10, 2021



THE CORNER

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

Souled Out was absolutely INCREDIBLE! We had so many salvations, rededications, and life changing decisions for Christ! Praise God, He is SO GOOD!!!

Join us this Sunday night, 5:00-7:00 p.m., where Robert Evans will be sharing his senior sermon! We can't wait to see you there!"

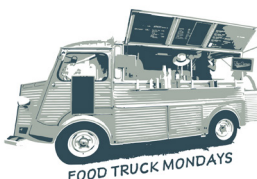
FIRST FOOD TRUCKS FOR MONDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 14TH:



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&
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**MONDAYS DURING THE SUMMER! LUNCH STARTS AT 12PM! HUGE GAMES!
MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY AND SMALL GROUP TIME EVERY WEEK!
MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS: PICK UP YOUR KIDS AT 4PM!**



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Come at 12 p.m., pick up is at 4 p.m.!!! Food, games, middle school bible study, and more!! SEE YOU THERE!!!!!"
