CHRISTMAS GIVING

“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5)

One way the light of Christ continues to shine in the darkness of human need is through our Christmas giving. In this season of sharing, there are several important ways you can direct the generosity of your heart through the ministry of St. Luke Church.

1) St. Luke Budget for Ministry and Mission for the current year: Each year about 25% of the annual support for ministry and mission at St. Luke is given by St. Luke members in December. December is always an important month for our annual giving. If you are behind in your giving for this year, or if it is your tradition to give your annual support in the month of December, I hope you will prayerfully consider completing your giving commitment for this year.

2) Your estimate of giving (pledge) for 2022: So far 207 families have pledged $2,442,388 for ministry and mission in 2022. There are still 80 families who pledged and gave last year who have not made a commitment for 2022. If you have not returned your 2022 estimate of giving, please know your commitment is crucial for our planning to serve Christ in the year ahead. Commitments we make in this Christmas season can ensure that the light of Christ shines brightly through all the months of the year.

3) Your special Christmas gifts in support of particular ministries at St. Luke: Special gifts of love, above and beyond our support of the overall ministry represented by our budget, can be especially meaningful at this time of year. Instead of struggling to find or buy gifts we don’t really need this Christmas, consider a special gift to St. Luke ministries of compassionate assistance: The Samaritan Fund, The Food Pantry, Servants At Work (S.A.W.) repairing homes and restoring lives, helping those in need develop community and move from hunger to food sufficiency for their family, First Saturday (remember, we celebrate First Saturday every month not just in December).

In any or all of the ways above, you can be the “light of Christ” through your Christmas giving. I pray that Christ will richly bless you and your family in this season of love and sharing.

Thad Haygood, Senior Pastor
thaygood@stlukeum.com
December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

*Prelude (piano/organ duet)... "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ....J.S. Bach, arr. Jack Schrader

Welcome and Opening Prayer...............................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"Hymn........................................ "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" .....................Number 216

***The Affirmation of Faith............ "The Apostles’ Creed" .................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

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)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

**Anthem (The Chancel Choir)............. "Come, Messiah!" ..............................................Lloyd Larson

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

Choral Prayer Response.................. "Danish Amen" ..................................................anon.

The Children’s Sermon.................................................................Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn........................................ "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" .....................Number 218

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

Offertory............................................ "Mary Did You Know" .........................Lowry and Greene

(Shana Monteith and Shara Bryan-Torsiello sopranos)

*The Dedication of Offerings.................. "The Doxology" .....................................Number 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Written Word.................................................1 John 4:7-12 (p. 226, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word........ "PREPARE HIM ROOM: LOVE" ..................Rev. Haygood

*Hymn........................................ "Angels We Have Heard On High" ......................Number 238

*The Benediction.................................................................Rev. Haygood

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.).... "Love Came Down At Christmas" ......John Purifoy

Postlude.................."Angels We Have Heard on High" ...........................................Improvisation

*Standing as able.

**See Music Box

*** quick means "living"; catholic means "universal"
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 12

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
10:00 a.m.  Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)

College House Worship Service (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
12:30 p.m.  Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
2:30 p.m.  The Polar Express Movie (National Infantry Museum)
5:00 p.m.  Youth Christmas Party (The Corner, MIN)
6:00 p.m.  Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110, Main)
11:30 p.m.  Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, December 13

6:00 p.m.  College House Worship (College House)
7:30 p.m.  New Testament Study (College House)

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 a.m.  College House Men’s Small Group (College House)
9:30 a.m.  Women in the Word (Youth Room)
10:30 a.m.  New Beginnings Christmas Luncheon (Small Dining Room, MIN)
1:30 p.m.  Soul Sisters Bible Study (Respite Care)
7:30 p.m.  Bible Study Fellowship (Evening Women/Ministry Center Youth Room)

Wednesday, December 15

3:30 p.m.  Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m.  Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)

Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
6:30 p.m.  High School Bible Study
7:00 p.m.  Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
7:30 p.m.  Bible Study (College House)

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

Prayer Calendars
If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call the church office @ 706-327-4343.
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Thad Haygood preaching.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha King Cunningham, Martha and Ralph King and Mary King Smalley by Billy Cunningham and Brooks Cunningham Dykes.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Sharon) Snapp in the death of his sister, Carla Mavis, on December 2, 2021, of Circleville, Ohio.

TO Mrs. Catherine Trice and family in the death of her nephew, Mr. Jarvis Durham. “Cat” is a St. Luke employee.

NEW MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. William (Marlee) Clifton and their daughters, Landee Ann and Analine Lee, come by transfer of their membership from another Methodist church. Their daughter, Stevee Leeanna, will be added to our constituency roll.

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Louie Thomason Crawford
December 6, 2021

December Events

December 12  Polar Express Movie at National Infantry Museum
(2:30 pm) Hosted by St. Luke

December 19  Chancel Choir Christmas Music (8:30 & 11:00)

December 19  Longest Night Service & Reception
(4 pm, Chapel, Reception in Rm 110)

December 24  Christmas Eve Services
11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary w/ communion)
   This service will practice covid protocols
   (Registration required, mandatory masks, social distancing, limited attendance)
3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary w/ communion)
5:00 p.m. (Ministry Center w/ candlelight communion)
5:30-7:30 p.m. (Live Nativity, front of Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary w/ candlelight communion)

December 26  One Service at 10:00 a.m. in Ministry Center (No Sunday School)
Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services for Corner Kidz. Also, Kindergarten Sunday School meets in room 108, 1st and 2nd grade in room 106, 3rd grade upstairs in the Commons area, and 4th and 5th grade in Stockwell Hall.

On Friday, December 24th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. St. Luke Children’s Ministry will bring the nativity to life. If your child (K -5th grade) is interested in participating, please email me at mhubbard@stlukeum.com.

PHONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
If you have 3-4 hours a month to volunteer and would like to be more involved at St. Luke, consider being a phone volunteer. Kym Harden (kym@stlukeum.com) will train you!

For all ladies!
New Beginnings Christmas Luncheon
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
10:30 a.m. (SD,MIN)
Cost: $10
Reservations to Julie at 706-256-1017 by Tuesday, December 13
Share the Christmas Spirit with Laura and Thad Haygood.

St. Luke Cookbooks on Sale this Sunday!
Just in time for Christmas!
Cookbooks will be available this Sunday, December 12, in the church parlor.
Cost is $15. Proceeds benefit the Choir Robe Fund.
Cookbooks also available at the church office.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
Turner Chapel
4:00 p.m. • Sunday, December 19
This service of peace, hope and consolation will be followed by a reception and is sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry. All are welcome.

MILITARY MINISTRY
For information about volunteering with St Luke’s CRU Military team to serve basic trainees on post or to volunteer with the military ministry, please contact Nicole Mayne nmayne@stlukeum.com.

Ft Benning Post Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony
December 18th, 2021 • 12pm
Those interested in volunteering or donating to the local Wreaths Across America event at Fort Benning, please contact Nicole nmayne@stlukeum.com or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/GA0103P for more information.
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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mrs. Janice Loper. In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Reid, Jr., Judge and Mrs. Gil McBride, and Ms. Barbara Rivers.

December First Saturday Fund: In memory of Mr. Wayne Houston by Dr. Carol Houston.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by the Bereavement Ministry Committee. In honor of the Music Ministry Participants by Ms. Nancy Pedersen. In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richardson and Ms. Susan Barron.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mr. and Mrs. Mote Andrews.

Naomi’s Village: In honor of the Assad Ali Raza Family by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mr. Billy Cunningham.

Bessie Howard Ward Handbell Choir: In honor of Ms. Nancy Pedersen by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony.

Bereavement Ministry: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mrs. Melinda Hunter.

December First Saturday: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed and Mr. Bill Whatley by Mrs. Peggy Gindville.

Mary Reed Garden Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

College House

Passion 2022
January 2-3
Atlanta, GA

Sign up by 12/13!!

$175 covers your ticket into the conference, your hotel, bus, t-shirt, and 1 meal!!

A $50 deposit saves your spot!!

Sign up at www.collegehouse ministries.com

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

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!!

Join us for our Corner Crosswalk CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS SUNDAY, December 12th, 5pm-7pm!

Ugly Christmas sweater contest, Christmas PJ contest, Christmas cookie decorating, great food, HUGE $10 GIFT EXCHANGE led by Hailey Hinson!!

AMAZING BREAKFAST BAR!!! Casseroles, waffles, bacon, sausage, munchkins and more!!!

Make sure to bring a $10 gift!

WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

YOU DON’T WAIT TO MISS IT!!