St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

October/November 2019

Sunday

Worship Schedule

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

Office Hours

9:00am to noon

Monday-Friday

St. Luke's Staff

Ministers

All members

Pastor

Rev. Trisha Gilbertson

Music Director

Neva Polley Scott

Accountant

Cindy Scroggins

Custodians

Carole Watson

Eunice Oakes

Council President

Gary Maloney

Church Administrator

Becky Herald

Blessing of the Animals

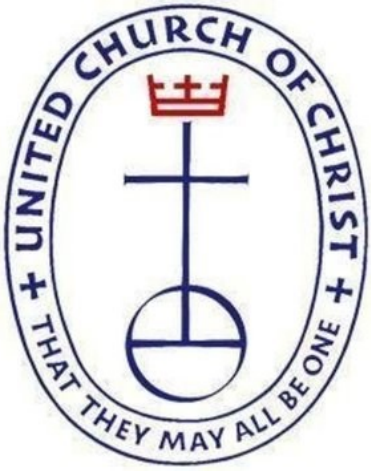
The Blessing of the Animals, led by the pastors of the Downtown Council of Churches, will be on Sunday, October 6, at 5pm at First Presbyterian Church. Hope to see you and your furry friends there!

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 6. You are invited to join us in worship at St. Luke's at our usual time. After the service, we will make our way to Wall Street United Methodist at 11:15am to receive Holy Communion with our siblings in Christ from the other downtown Jeffersonville churches.

A Saturday Retreat

This fall, St. Luke's is invited to attend the "Connecting to God and Others World Communion Weekend Retreat" at the beautiful St. Meinrad Monastery on Saturday, October 5 from 10am-4pm. Led by local UCC pastors, this is an incredible opportunity to connect with UCC sisters and brothers from other congregations and enjoy a day of worship, prayer, creative expression and quiet reflection. See Pastor Trish for details.



Pastor's Corner

Friends in Christ,

Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations.

During this next season, our church community is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us along in our faith development.

Jesus invites us to bring all that we are and all that we have when we become a follower, a disciple of Christ. It is a sojourn that is meant both to form us more into the image of Christ through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity; as well as to strengthen us in becoming powerful agents for the good that God is doing in our world.

When we make an intentional decision about what we bring before Christ, we extend a blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation, because we are certain that this is ultimately what God desires. The world is broken and hurting and we at St. Luke's are called to meet the needs around us by being a nourishing community, where people are fed in body, mind and spirit. We can be agents of grace if we are generous in our response to the invitations that are presented to us.

Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to Christ's invitation. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry that we are deploying as a sign that God's Realm is among us. In October, we will begin an intentional reflection entitled Devoted to Generosity as a preparation for determining our investment in the ministry and mission of St. Luke's UCC.

The time of study and reflection will culminate on Commitment Sunday as part of worship on Sunday, October 27, and I hope you will join us, not simply to offer your estimate of giving card, but to engage in meaningful worship led by the children of Family Music Night.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further on the pathway of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (Acts 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us.

I look forward to considering with you what it means for us to be Devoted to Generosity, as we seek to be faithful disciples in this place. Thank you for walking alongside me as a part of St. Luke's.

Blessings,

Pastor Trish

St. Luke's UCC
Family Music Night
Fall 2019

Family Music Night Schedule

September 4
5:30-6:30 Children's Activities
God Loves Us – 1 John 4:19
Craft Stick Basket
6:30-7:30 Choir Practice

September 11
5:30-6:30 Children's Activities
Let Your Light Shine Isaiah 58:10
6:30-7:30 Choir Practice

September 18
No Music Activities

September 25
No Children's Activities
6:00-7:00 Choir Practice (note earlier time)

October 2
5:30-6:30 Children's Activities
No Fear – 1 John 4:18a
God Is With Us Bookmark Craft
6:30-7:30 Choir Practice

October 9
No Music Activities

October 16
5:30-6:30 Children's Activities
God Loves Everyone – Acts 10:34b-35
Welcome Mat Craft
6:30-7:30 Choir Practice

October 23
5:30-6:30 Children's Activities
Building God's Neighborhood – Romans 15:2
Musical Rehearsal
6:30-7:30 Choir Practice

Sunday, October 27th 10 am
Children's Musical Watson Hall

October 30
6:00-7:00 Choir Practice (note earlier time)

Family Music Night Fall Session 2019

The Fall Family Music Night 2019 Session is underway! The children will meet on five Wednesdays (9/4, 9/11, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23) from 5:30 to 6:30. Each evening will include a Bible lesson centered on a theme from "Who Is My Neighbor?," a children's curriculum published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The children will learn about God's love for them and for others. The session will culminate with a musical that the children will share on Sunday, October 27th at 10 am in Watson Hall. Each week will bring fun, fellowship, a snack, and music the children will love. Please come for all or some of the sessions!

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship has experienced light to poor attendance during the last year. If the interest and attendance continues at the present level or less, then a decision will be made by the remaining members to dissolve Women's Fellowship. If you are interested in keeping this group alive, please contact Linda Reinstedler or Denise Hicks. We are open to doing what it takes to build membership and keeping this group a viable part of our church. Another thing you can do is attend meetings and voice your opinion. Mark your calendar, meetings are currently the third Wednesday of the month at noon.

Grace and Peace,

Denise

Sausage Supper Auction

Auction baskets/items for Sausage Supper are being collected. If you know of a business that will donate items please contact them or let me know so we can contact them. I'm looking for large items to auction ex: bike, TV, coolers, etc. Some basket items are baby, baking, camping, holidays, small kitchen appliances, golf, children, bath, wine, tailgating, sports, crafts, auto detail, movie night, gift cards etc.

Bev Hennegan

Totenfest

Sunday, November 3, is Totenfest, when we remember and honor St. Luke's loved ones who have passed away in the past year. If there is someone you want to ensure is included, please contact the church office. We hope you can join us for this meaningful service.

Preschool

The church is again hosting a preschool class taught by Margaret Hammond. Last year was the inaugural year. Margaret has children each morning, ages 4 to 5. Margaret wants to thank all the members and staff of St. Luke's for their kindness and thoughtfulness in this venture.

Children & Youth

On October 27 we will have Trunk or Treat after church. Bring your candy and costumes, open your trunks and have some fun. This will be opened to the public so plan on keeping trunks open from 11:30-12:30

Rehearsal will begin for the Christmas pageant on Wednesday, November 6. The Christmas pageant will be presented on December 15.

Pre-election Prayer Vigil

The Downtown Council of Churches' Pre-election Prayer Vigil will be on Sunday, November 3, at St. Paul's Episcopal. Come pray with your neighbors for peace, unity and justice to prevail in our elections.

Missions & Growth

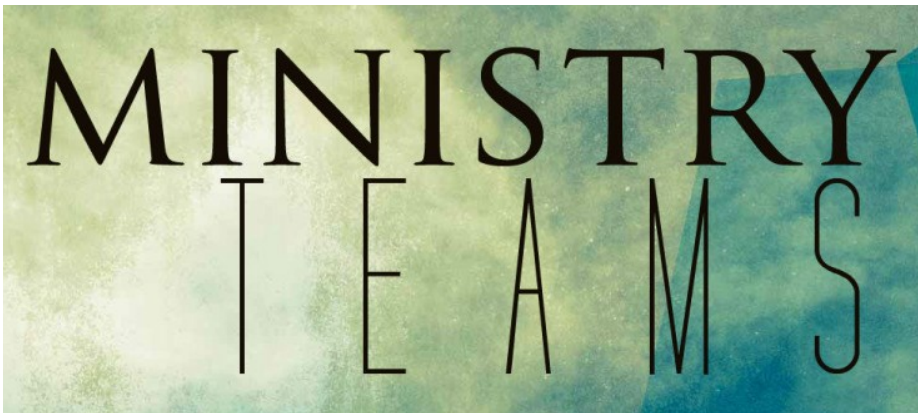
The Missions & Growth Team is continuing to collect vases for RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) flower program for Hospice. On October 6th we will be collecting for Neighbors in Need. As always, we are collecting for Center of Lay Ministries

Ken Turner

Ministry Team Meetings

The St. Luke's ministry teams are encouraged to meet after worship on the third Sunday of each month. If you are not currently serving on a ministry team, this is an ideal opportunity to sit in on these meetings to see which ministry team you'd like to be part of. Mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings:

- October 20
- November 17
- December 15



St. Luke's United Church of Christ

The Secret Sister program will begin soon at St. Luke's UCC. It's an outreach ministry for women in our church. If you choose to participate, you will become another lady's silent prayer partner and her secret up -lifter. She doesn't know who you are. Secret Sisters are about encouraging, praying for, and supporting each other in small ways. Starting on October 13th-October 27th, an Informational sheet and an "All About Me" form will be available for you to fill out. Please return these forms on or by October 27th.
All ladies (post high school) are invited to participate.

What responsibility do I have as a Secret Sister? Once you receive your name, you can immediately begin sending notes, cards, or special secret greetings that can continue throughout the year. If during the year you wish to give a special gift to your Secret Sister, you may leave it in the Watson Hall with your sisters' name and we will make sure she gets it. We haven't set a maximum dollar amount for gift giving. However, it is important that we be modest since not everyone is able to afford gift giving. Keep in mind that it is the thought that counts. Something homemade, a sweet treat, or a simple gift is an appropriate way to say "You're in my thoughts".

Make an effort to get to know your Secret Sister. (In secret of course). Get acquainted during Fellowship Time, at meetings, or church activities. If you don't know who she is, ask someone to point her out so you can get acquainted.

Pray for your Secret Sister. Keep her in your thoughts. Please send a message at least once a month. Remember those special holidays, or occasions like her birthday or anniversary. Send a get well card if you know she is ill.

Thinking about our Secret Sisters daily, and sending a little "hello" card at least monthly is why the program is so enjoyable. It's especially nice to receive those notes saying you're being thought about or remembered in a special way, or for a special reason. Your faithfulness in doing that is what will make the program successful.

For more information, please contact Beth Maloney at 812.989.7405.

October Birthdays

2nd	Faye Harting	20th	Kathy Webster
6th	Ian Ellis	26th	Rhonda Edwards
7th	Nick Steele	29th	Autumn Turner
11th	Robb Sorrell		
	Keith Emly		
13th	Steve Shetter		
18th	Arden Thornberry		
19th	Gary Maloney		
	Doris Trinkle		

October Anniversaries

1st	John & Neva Scott
5th	John Kevin & Megan Koehler
24th	Bill & Beth Maloney

November Birthdays

1st	Erin Reid	20th	Megan Koehler
3rd	Lucas Hennegan		Ken Heibert
4th	Sandra Byars		Jeff Thornberry
	Carol Higdon	21st	Wes Scott
7th	Amelia Blankenbeker	23rd	Rylan Byars
		27th	Neva Polley
11th	Susie Pope	28th	Agnes Ward
	Denise Hicks	29th	Caimen Reid
12th	Kris Steele		Paula Densford
13th	Anna Tarter	30th	Bridget Anson
17th	Jeff Turner		
18th	Ellie Thornberry		
19th	Kathie Miller		
	Brian Mabry		

November Anniversaries

1st	Jack & Susan Vissing
3rd	Jeff & Julie Thornberry
9th	Jason & Tonya Smith
23rd	Larry & Peggy Enteman

October Altar Flowers & Bulletins

Altar Flower Purchase	Bulletin Purchase
6th—	6th—
13th—	13th—
20th—	20th—
27th—	27th—

October Loaves & Fishes

5th—Faith Lutheran	19th—Cook Memorial
12th—First Christian	26th—First Baptist

November Altar Flowers & Bulletins

Altar Flower Purchase	Bulletin Purchase
3rd—Bev Hennegan	3rd—
10th—	10th—
17th—	17th—
24th—	24th—

November Loaves & Fishes

2nd—Tri Kappa	23rd—St. Augustine
9th—St. James	30th—First Presbyterian
16th—Wall Street	

The Book of Golden Memories list is now available in its entirety on the St. Luke's website at www.stlukes.cc.

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		1 Preschool 9:00am Yoga 3:00pm NA 7:00pm	2 Preschool 9:00am Children's Activities 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	3 Preschool 9:00am	4 Preschool 9:00am	5 UCC Retreat at St. Meinrad 10:00am Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
6 Worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am World Communion 11:15am Bible Study 11:30am Blessing of the Animals 5:00pm	7	8 Yoga 3:00pm NA 7:00pm	9	10 Survivors of Suicide Group 7:00pm	11	12 Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
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20 Worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Bible Study 11:30am Ministry Team Meetings 11:30am	21 Preschool 9:00am Church Council Meeting 6:00pm	22 Preschool 9:00am Yoga 3:00pm NA 7:00pm	23 Preschool 9:00am Children's Activities 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	24 Preschool 9:00am	25 Preschool 9:00am	26 Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
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