

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

April/May 2018

Worship Schedule

10:00 am Worship
Nursery available
10:30 am Sunday School
for Kids
11:00 am Fellowship
11:30 am Bible Study

Office Hours

9:00am to noon
Monday-Friday

St. Luke's Staff

Ministers
All members
Music Director
Neva Polley Scott
Accountant
Cindy Scroggins
Custodians
Martha Frame
Carole Watson
Council President
Gary Maloney
Church Administrator
Becky Herald

Lent & Easter Worship & Events

Palm Sunday, March 25

Blessing of the Palms with other Downtown Churches at 10:00am
Rev. Gordon Seiffertt preaching during worship

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Dinner at First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 in the gym
Service at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 in the sanctuary

Good Friday, March 30

Downtown Churches' Way of the Cross at 5:00pm at Clark County Courthouse

Easter Saturday, March 31

Easter Egg Hunt from 3:00-5:00pm
for children through 5th grade

Easter Sunday, April 1

Easter Worship at 10:00am
Rev. Jim Dewey preaching



April Worship Schedule

April 8

Dibbs Harting will be preaching on Holy Humor Sunday

April 15

Rev. Randy Smith preaching

April 22

Rev. Trisha Gilbertson preaching

April 29

Rev. Cody Nygard preaching

Search Committee Report

In the continuing search, we have received approximately twenty profiles and we have, for one reason or another, found only three to exhibit the skills and characteristics the congregation considers necessary for the future success of St. Luke's ministry.

The Search Committee, in January, had what we believed to be a very interesting and qualified pastor under consideration in the person of Rev. Christopher Cherry who we were fortunate enough to have as our guest preacher. His sermon message was considered inspiring by all in attendance that Sunday and we had planned a follow up meeting to discuss further consideration. However prior to our meeting, Rev. Cherry called to inform us that he had accepted another position.

We have met with another potential candidate recently and arranged for a pulpit exchange to hear him preach. While this candidate is still under consideration, we still have at least two more pastors of interest. Given the heightened activities during the Lenten season, particularly the upcoming Holy Week, the search process is somewhat on hold. However, in the month of April, we hope to have at least one or more candidates visit St. Luke's for further discussions and possibly a chance to experience a service under their leadership.

In the meantime, we have been very fortunate in lining up a group of interesting and capable pastors locally that will be providing supply as we continue our search. As always, we ask you for your understanding and patience as we seek our next pastor.

Dibbs Harting
Chairperson, Search Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHs also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

We will be collecting this offering on March 25 and April 1.



Loaves & Fishes

The Loaves & Fishes crew needs your help! If you are available any of the following dates, come out and support St. Luke's as they cook and serve at Loaves & Fishes.

May 26, 2018

July 28, 2018

October 13, 2018

December 8, 2018





St. Luke's Music Notes

Spring 2018



Family Music Night Schedule

5:30-6:30 Children's Music (April 4, 11, 18 & May 9, 16)

5:30-6:15 Handbells (See Calendar for dates)

6:30-7:30 Choir Rehearsal (April 4, 11, 18 & May 9, 16, 23) No rehearsal April 25 or May 30

Family Music Night – It's All About the Call!

The children are working on a musical – It's All About the Call! Each child has his/her own musical book and practice music CD. The children will share the musical with the church in a couple months. Children of all ages are welcome to participate!

St. Luke's Choir

The Choir is working on lots of great music this Spring! We meet regularly on Wednesdays for music, laughter and good fellowship. Come join us! No matter who you are or where you are on your musical journey, you are welcome here! Newcomers are always welcome!

Women's Fellowship

The St. Luke's Women's Fellowship meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon in the Blankenbeker Room.

Our February 21st meeting had 11 members present. Janet Turner began our meeting with devotions. Minutes were read by Sharon Thompson, followed by our treasurer's report by Tracie Olivera.

Our homebound members and those in care facilities were sent cards and some were visited.

Our group will be preparing the refreshments for Fellowship time after church on April 1, July 1, and October 7. We are currently in the process of planning our June picnic. Date, time, and place will soon be announced. All women are welcome.

Women's Fellowship could use your support in helping us continue our efforts in fulfilling special needs for CLM and Merom, providing bereavement meals, caring for our homebound and those in care facilities, and many other projects. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

All women of St. Luke's are encouraged to attend our meetings to learn more about our group and our service to our church and community. Please find time in your busy schedule to join us!

Becky Clements

A Special Thank You

In the wake of a very successful; actually the most successful Sausage Supper ever, I wanted to express my gratitude to everyone who really put their shoulder to the wheel. I don't think most folks realize that this most amazing effort requires over 150 individual tasks to be done over the course of the week of the event. Most folks who attend our signature affair, particularly other clergy and church members, can't believe that little old St. Luke's can not only continue the tradition, but find ways to ensure that it is bigger and better every year.

However it doesn't happen by accident. Every year there are certain individuals that step up and take charge of the critical areas so essential to success. In the many years that I have chaired the Sausage Supper, and the many more years that I have participated (more than half), I've seen many I consider the absolute saints of this church joyfully give their time, talents and, yes, often their personal finances for one of Jeffersonville's signature events.

Normally these great leaders remain unsung heroes as it is almost impossible to recognize all the folks who really make things happen. Eleanor Eby sure set me straight about the job of chairperson of the Sausage Supper some 25 years or so ago. She made it clear that my main function was to be someone to gripe at and, other than that just get out of the way and let the real workers do their thing.

But I find it necessary to break with tradition this year and recognize several really key folks. First of all, Linda Reinstedler agreed to take on the difficult and time consuming task of selling ads for the brochure and recruited several worthy helpers, but Linda pretty much pushed, pulled and coaxed the Southern Indiana community support to over \$9,000 in ads. Furthermore, she worked closely with Becky Herald in the office to publish the brochure, much of it in color, that would truly be the envy of any commercial ad agency or print shop.

Bev Hennegan started promoting the basket auction in September and continued gentle but consistent pressure all the way up to the day before Sausage Supper. She also established a live auction for some of the more desirable items that, although new and with a few kinks, was a part of a highly successful total auction that raised over \$7,000.

The Country Store has also become a featured attraction for the Sausage Supper (as well as Oktoberfest) with people lined up waiting for it to open up so they can be sure to get their favorite candy, pickles or baked goods. While a part of Sausage Supper since I can remember, it has been invigorated and transformed since Beth Maloney agreed to head it up a few years back. Well this year the Country Store was another record setter bringing in over \$3,700.

All of these activities have certainly brought the Sausage Supper from a minor fund raiser for the church to what some would consider a block buster event. However, none of these support projects would exist without the Supper itself. And I can assure you that without Carole Watson and her tireless support team of Martha Frame and Doris Trinkle, we would not be able to take on such a monumental meal preparation. Most do not realize the many days and very long days these stalwarts put in to assure we put out often over 1,000 meals that bring folks from far and wide to St. Luke's this one day a year.

While this is truly a heartfelt thank you to the many, many members and friends of St. Luke's that make our long standing celebration possible, it is also a pointed reminder that the average age of the core staff responsible for the preparation of the supper is well over 75 years. If we hope to continue to grow, improve and even sustain this memorable tradition, a new generation is going to have to grab the reins. Is it now time for you to step up and be counted?

- Dibbs Harting

Children and Youth

The Junior and Senior High youth, by the time you read this, will have led the March 4 Worship Service and put on the skit *e-Bunny*. We had a lot of fun preparing the skit and presenting it to the church. The children and youth also led worship and presented *The Easter Tree* on March 18.

Some upcoming events:

Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 (We need all youth to assist with this event.)

Thunder Parking April 21, 1:00pm – 9:00 pm (All youth going to camp must work this event.)

An outing to Noah's Ark (All youth attending events, members and non-members, must have a parent release form filled out before the event, please.)

Acolytes - We welcome all children/youth to assist in lighting the candles during Worship Service. If you have never been trained we will glad to show you how it is done.

Sunday School is being held weekly following the children's sermon.

Easter Egg Hunt – Calling all Elementary age children and younger!! We are having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Parents must stay with their child(ren). Bring your Easter Basket and will have games, crafts, an egg hunt, and a light snack.

Merom Church Camp – It's that time of year. There are a variety of camps for all ages held throughout the summer. The most popular is Faith Journeys. Many of our Senior High youth have been attending for years and again this year we will have 4 of our church members counseling at Merom. If you have any questions about camp or Merom feel free to speak with Justin Tarter, Kaitlyn Maloney, Raelyn Cardwell, Emily Cotner, or Bev Hennegan.

I will be seeking out adults to help with Thunder Parking, teach Sunday School and/or lead the Children's Sermon during church. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please talk with Bev Hennegan.

Everyone teaching Sunday School or planning on attending any outings with the youth, must have a background check on file. See Bev Hennegan or Peggy Hardaway for the necessary forms.

Thunder Parking

Thunder over Louisville is coming up on April 21, and the youth will be raising money by selling parking lot spaces. Spots are \$20 for the whole day, starting at 3:00pm, and early bird pricing of \$15 is available from 1:00-3:00. If you would like to reserve a space in advance, see Bev Hennegan.



Survey

We would appreciate each person who is a part of St. Luke's family responding to this survey. Please turn it into the church office, place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher.

Home Address

Seasonal Home:

Name:

Address:

Winter address:

Landline Phone:

Landline Phone:

Cell Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email address preferred:

In case of emergency contact:

How do you receive news from St. Luke's? Check all that apply.

weekly bulletin during worship weekly email

Facebook print newsletter Twitter

Snapchat other _____

How do you / would you prefer the every other month newsletter?

print/paper email

If there was an option to pick up the monthly newsletter on the first Sunday of the month would you do so? Any newsletters not picked up would then be mailed.

yes no

How do you want to receive news from the church? Check all that apply.

weekly bulletin during worship weekly email

Facebook print newsletter Twitter

Snapchat other _____

pick up bi-monthly newsletter on the first Sunday

For those who do not receive the weekly email, would you like to see a print-out posted on the church bulletin board?

yes no

St. Luke's Folks have helping hearts. Please list below where you volunteer your time. (i.e. Red Cross, White Flag Nights, CLM Food Pantry, Animal Rescue)

February Council Meeting Report

Pastor Mike reported on 4 folks paying visits to the Emergency Room in the past two weeks and several with who had been or would be in the hospital. He had visited or attempted to visit all of the shut-ins/nursing home care before he leaves us. Harry Opel passed away on February 14, 2018 in Virginia. He had also met with the downtown church ministerium and plans were made for Palm Sunday. Dibbs Harting will make contact with Rev. Don Hill concerning that service. In addition, Pastor Mike met with the conference pastor, Jim Harper, to present his exit report on his time as interim. He shared that report with the council and it spoke to the strengths of the congregation and the work that in process as we move forward. Pastor Mike also passed on the message that there is a need for volunteers to serve on various conference committees. The last item involved the cleaning of the Woehrle home after he and Dot move from it. He is going to write a thank you letter to Mary Beth Woehrle for donating the use of the home. The council approved a motion that the secretary write a letter thanking Mary Beth Woehrle for her in-kind donation of the home from September 1, 2016 to March 1, 2018.

Personnel Team / Pastoral Search Committee: Among the work moving forward is a look at the church constitution. A point was raised that the constitution does not clearly define who is responsible for supply pastors. As Dibbs had made contacts while working on the Search Committee, it was moved that he continue to serve as point for current supply. It was approved with one nay vote. Gordon Seiffertt has been asked to supply on Palm Sunday and Jim Dewey on Easter Sunday. The Pastoral Search Committee reported that they would be meeting with a candidate on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Spiritual Life Team: Concern was expressed over what the constitution lists as the duties of the spiritual life team and Steffanie's newness to the congregation. There were recommendations of people who would be assets to her team and willingness to assist her. Discussion ensued as to starting a Bible study group and the possible addition of liturgical dance to worship, possibly involving the youth. One of the points made was that according to the constitution, two Elders are to serve on this team. This has not been done in the recent past.

Finance and Property Team: The grease trap and sewer back flow were recently cleaned. The ice machine is on its last legs. A recommendation was received to hire Green Bean, LLC for twice yearly service on our HVAC systems. This was approved. In January's meeting it was approved to designate 10% of the Sausage Supper monies to a local benevolence. It was recommended that the Center For Lay Ministries receive this money. As St. Luke's contact person, Kelley Curran will work with them to see if they can leverage a matching donation with one of the local grocery stores.

Mission: White Flag night is tomorrow, but because the weather is so good, will not be scheduled. Tara's Garden Fundraiser event will be March 10, falling on Tara's birthday. There will be an auction and food. All volunteers are welcome. Kelly has been approached by people needing to participate in community service projects. Steffanie requested help with weeding / gardening as spring approaches. Any other suggestions of community service projects may be passed on to Kelly Curran.

Scholarship Committee: No report. Discussion relating to the constitution as to make up of the committee. The youth have also requested a meeting with the committee relating to requirements for the scholarship

Secretary Report: A Google Docs work session has been scheduled for approx. 11:30 a.m. on April 8, 2018 for Church Council members. A recommendation to purchase a copy of the UCC Yearbook for use by the church office/council/new pastor was approved. There was also a reminder to turn in information representing St. Luke's for the UCC Yearbook.

**In memory of the following persons who
passed away in the month of April**

Emma Maloney Adams	Christine Materna
Mary Adolph Alben	Starkey
Lawrence Allen	Mrs. William Stauss
Wilhelmina Groher	Allie Stemler
Andres	Anna Stephenson
Doris Biel	Marie Troutman
George A. Brumbach	Lawrence F. Volmer
Marian Joyce Campbell	Warren Volmer
Thomas Paul Campbell	Verona Ruehl Wallace
Joseph S. Cannon	Jacob Woehrle
John M. Carl, Sr.	John Woehrle
Catherine Chaney	Lena Roederer
Don Dooley	Woehrle
Glen Helen Lee Dye	Violet C. Woehrle
Jacob Eberts	
Barbara Siegel Gintner	
Theresa Graham	
Emma Johnson	
Rose L. Kaiser	
Andreas Kalmbach	
Albert Keller	
Charles William Kopp	
Myra La Verge Locke	
Lionel "Frank" Lopp	
Robert Dennis	
Mackison	
Michael Mayfield	
Albert Grover Miller	
Shirley Albanese Miller	
Louis Henry Millhollan	
Louisa Nachand	
Frank W. Nagel	
Susan Adam Nagel	
Edna B. Phillips	
Christine Ritter	
Lulu Roederer	
Ruth Murphy Roederer	
William C. Roederer	
Irma Schaper	
Jacob Schiller	
Alma Schimpff	
Vivian Talkington	
Schimpff	
Ernest Scranton	
Jane Roederer Spencer	

April Altar Flowers & Bulletins

Altar Flower Purchase	Bulletin Purchase
1st—	1st—
8th—Linda Reinstedler	8th—
15th—	15th—
22nd—	22nd—
29th—	29th—

April Loaves & Fishes

7th—First Baptist	21st—St. Augustine
14th—Faith Lutheran	28th—First Christian

April Birthdays

1 st	Lindsey Heibert	17 th	Karen Blankenbaker
2 nd	Richard Abernathy	18 th	Charlie Smith, Jr.
3 rd	Jacob Clere	19 th	Robert Eby
6 th	Nancy Mabry	20 th	Karen Spencer
7 th	Kerri Cline	21 st	Tim Runyon
8 th	Steve Reinstedler		Alison Riedling
9 th	Kevin Gast	22 nd	Harper Gwin
	Donna Gaines	28 th	Susan Vissing
12 th	Brett Eades		Maxton Jefferson
16 th	Ed Clere	29 th	Doris Maloney
	Mitch Khuri		



April Anniversaries

11 th	Ryan & Erica Jefferson
13 th	Mike & Carol Campbell
25 th	David & JoEllen Blankenbeker

**In memory of the following persons who
passed away in the month of May**

Magdalena W. Alexander	Marcella Amacher Runyon
Bertha Lupp Alt	Anna Groher Schimpff
Lena Spangler Bales	Alma Seider
Howard R. Blankenbeker	Mabel Barratt Spellman
Clarence Bliss	Mrs. Obadiah U. Stamper
Catherine Zimmer Bottorff	Richard L. Vissing
Dr. L.D. Bower	Carolos White
Clara Graham Bueter	Clifford Gregory Wilson
Lillian Cannon	Aubrey Woehrle
Doris Carl	Lillie Mae Woehrle
Caroline Kopp Crandall	Nellie Woehrle
Raymond Joseph Davis	Clara May Zuerner
Henry Deibel	
Eleanor Westcott Eby	
Charles E. Ellwanger	
Jacob P. Frank	
Emma Haas	
Henrietta G. Happel	
Dorothy Harrett	
Lena Hendrickson	
Freda Stamper Hutt	
Janet Kaelin	
Marie J. Kalmbach	
Matilda Kalmbach	
Chester George Kopp	
Phillip Kuntz	
Evalee Diebel Leach	
Helen Hollis Mayer	
Edith M. Miller	
Paul Moser Sr.	
Anna Beatrice Mull	
Valentine Daniel Nachand	
Mollie Glaser Northam	
Katherine Oakes	
Geraldine Oehmann	
Helen Douglas Opel	
Robert L. Perkins	
Anne Phillips	
William Phillips Jr.	
Pattie Roach	

May Altar Flowers & Bulletins

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

May Loaves & Fishes

5th—Wall Street UMC	19th—Cook Memorial
12th—Sacred Heart	26th—St. Luke's

May Birthdays

1 st	Billie Sue Parks	17 th	Norma White
	Haley Harting	20 th	Kathy Fox
2 nd	Carole Watson		Kathy Gibson
3 rd	Bill Wanke	21 st	Keaton Abernathy
	Ann Swilley	22 nd	Inez Smith
4 th	Jim Hardaway	24 th	Ellie Eades
	Linda Reinstedler	25 th	Jason Turner
	Cynthia Runyon	27 th	Bob Trebing
7 th	Susan Heibert	28 th	Cheryl Gettings
8 th	Mary Lou Lamkin	29 th	Jack Vissing
12 th	Steve Blankenbaker	30 th	Zach Blankenbaker
13 th	Larry Hardaway	31 st	Marty Lindsay
	Ben Hennegan		
16 th	Michael Bliss		



May Anniversaries

29th Marvin & Juanita Bliss

St. Luke's Calendar

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Bible Study 11:30am	2	3 Yoga 3:00pm Girl Scouts 6:15pm NA 7:00pm	4 Family Music Night 5:30pm Choir 6:30pm	5 Yoga 6:00pm	6	7 Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
8 Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Bible Study 11:30am Elders Meeting 11:30am Google Docs Meeting 11:30am	9 Property & Finance Meeting 6:00pm	10 Yoga 3:00pm NA 7:00pm	11 Family Music Night 5:30pm Choir 6:30pm	12 Yoga 6:00pm Survivors of Suicide Group 7:00pm	13	14 Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
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22 Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:30am Soup, Salad & Sandwich Lunch 11:00am	23	24 Yoga 3:00pm NA 7:00pm	25	26 Yoga 6:00pm	27	28 Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
29 Worship 10:00am Kids Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Bible Study 11:30am Kentuckiana Association Meeting 2:00pm	30					

St. Luke's Calendar May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Yoga 3:00pm Girl Scouts 6:15pm NA 7:00pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Yoga 6:00pm	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Loaves & Fishes 11:30am
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