

Ash Wednesday Service  
Wed., March 9  
6:00 p.m. / Sanctuary

St. Luke  
United Methodist  
Church

# The Flame

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With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent...

In a few days we will be entering into the holiest time on the Christian calendar. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and proceeding through Easter, all Christians are urged to pay special attention to their own spiritual life and remember what God through Christ did to redeem humanity.

On Ash Wednesday, we have two opportunities to explore and remember our spiritual condition. The imposition of ashes represents a desire on our part to repent of our sins as well as our failure to live fully and intentionally for God. Ashes have traditionally symbolized repentance and sorrow for our sin condition so each member will be given the opportunity to have ashes applied. The duar service will be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a come and go prayer time. I've chosen this time so people can stop on their way to work and begin the Lenten season early in the day. The second service is more traditional for St. Luke. At 6:00 p.m., following Wed. night supper, we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of worship, prayer and imposition of ashes. I encourage you to participate in at least one of these two opportunities to begin Lent in a spirit of repentance and commitment.

There will also be two services during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday will be a special time to remember the Lord's last supper and His prepara-

tion for the cross. This to me is one of the most meaningful worship times of the entire year. Then on Friday evening we will hold the traditional Good Friday service – a time to recall the crucifixion and remember how it has effected every person in the world. Whether one believes or not, the cross spanned the gap between man and God and by way of the cross of Christ, all of mankind can come before God and be in relationship with Him.

Of course, Easter morning will be the largest Sunday services of the year. It will be a celebration of our risen Lord because without the resurrection, nothing else really matters – not even the cross. We serve a risen savior and it is a thrill and joy to celebrate the greatest of all Christian days. Plans have already been made to make this year's celebration meaningful and perhaps (for many) unique. This year, invite your un-churched friends to attend Easter services with you. It just might be the experience that will change their lives.

In closing let me tell you how pleased I am to serve a church that desires to humble itself before God and celebrate His great love for all of mankind. St. Luke is a resurrection church; for indeed we DO serve a risen Savior.

Mike

# Church Announcements

February 2011

## St. Luke Welcomes our New Members:

Sharon Roberts  
Diane Rhodes  
Dusty Rhodes  
Rene' Riley  
Linda Stratmann  
Rick Stratmann  
Sandra Thompson

We are happy to have you join our church family and grow with us in Christ.

New Members classes will begin on Sunday, March, 6. Please contact Bob & Peggy Woodard at 477-1475 for more information.

## Church Clean-Up Day - Sat., March 5, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, trailers, blowers, pruning shears, large leaf bags, ladders, etc.

Please contact Cindy Jackson at middlebrowngirl@yahoo.com to sign up to help.



**Nursery Note:** A nursery will be available from 8 a.m. – 12 Noon for children ages 10 and younger. Please contact Sheena at sheena@stluke-umc.org to reserve a spot in the nursery.

## St. Luke Blood Drive - Sun., March 6, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Northwest Florida Bloodmobile will be at St. Luke on Sun., March 6 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Photo ID required. All donors will receive a free t-shirt. **Give the gift of life!**

## New Study Begins in March

*Discovering What the Future Holds* is a 6-week study from Kay Arthur. This class is discussion format with no homework. If you currently do not have a Wed. Night Bible study come and join our group in Room 7. The cost of the book if you RSVP early is \$7.50. Contact Nancy May at 850-994-1108 for more information.

## 2011 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

*"Your Spiritual Journey"*

Blue Lake Assembly  
March 25 - 27, 2011

Guest Speaker: Cathy Byrd



Cathy Byrd is the Program Manager for Women and Families Ministry at the Panama City Rescue Mission in Panama City, FL. In addition to providing case management for families in emergency shelter, she oversees the operation of Bethel Village. Bethel Village is a addiction recovery program based on the instruction in Christian discipleship.

**For more information, please call Margie Outlaw at 335-299-6877**

**Registration Deadline: March 11**

## Preschool Registration for Fall 2011-2012 Now Underway!

For more information, contact Sheena Taylor at 477-9299 or visit [www.stluke-umc.org](http://www.stluke-umc.org).

Should you have an emergency that requires pastoral assistance during times that the church is closed, please contact...

**Rev. Mike Roberts**  
Senior Pastor  
850-776-9844 (cell)

**Rev. Carolyn Nelson**  
Associate Pastor  
850-382-4393 (cell)

**Rev. Ted Bowne**  
Pastor Emeritus  
850-572-5723 (cell)

**Bob Woodard**  
Certified Lay Minister  
850-712-7796 (cell)

# HEY, LADES

## United Methodist Women



### The UMW purpose:

- to experience freedom as whole persons in Jesus Christ,
- to support each other and grow together in creative fellowship,
- to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**St. Luke UMW meetings:**  
 First Wednesdays of each month  
 6:00 p.m. Room TBA  
 Third Thursdays of each month  
 10:00 a.m. in Library

**Seriously, ladies, we want to renew the spirit of the United Methodist Women in 2011, and we need your help!**

Today's UMW supports programs that aid and empower women and children here in the United States and in more than one hundred countries worldwide. We've been involved ecologically, environmentally, civilly, socially, and spiritually in every meaningful issue for over 140 years. We've raised funds to keep missionaries active throughout the world, and we ourselves have been actively involved when possible.

But the truth is, **we need an infusion of new blood.**

Somewhere, Somehow, an idea grew that UMW is a social organization for little old ladies. **This is not true!**

**Please come join us** - at least give us a chance to prove that your energy and your ideas and your talents are needed in the UMW. In exchange, you'll receive spiritual growth and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped others grow as well.

Oh, you work during the day? No problem--we're adding the first Wednesday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. You can come for Wednesday night supper and then join us for an hour before choir practice--your children will be busy too, so no babysitting problems!

Our Wednesday night meetings will be casual in nature but still spiritual in feeling. We will be putting more focus on **local missions and hands-on activities**. **Our first Wednesday night meeting will be on March 2, and we'll be making tote bags from old t-shirts**, so grab any old (even holey!) t-shirts you've got, and come give us a chance to add new meaning to your life. (We'll have extra t-shirts, so don't worry if you forget to bring one--the main thing we want you to bring is **YOU!**) We're not sure which room we'll be in, but we'll meet in the hallway if we have to.

For more information, contact one of these ladies. *(And they promise not to trap you with their walkers.)*

- Margrette Barker**, 476-4799
- Nancy May**, monkmay@yahoo.com, 994-1108
- Elizabeth Parker**, eparkerFL@bellsouth, 479-0964
- Elizabeth Sansom**, cecreatives@cox.net, 479-9936
- Donna Jackson**, dmjackson@yahoo.com, 994-5104
- Dolores Thompson**, dolorespthompson@yahoo.com, 456-9669



# Children's News

**Esther Felt**  
Children's Director  
esther@stluke-umc.org

## Kids Night Out - Friday, March 18

Have a BLAST cooking with Mrs. Diane, playing games, watching a movie, and MORE! Kids Night Out is being provided and supervised by the St. Luke Peru Mission Team, and all proceeds will go to Peru Missions.

**What:** Cooking, Games, Movies, Fun!

**When:** Friday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 6 weeks – 11 years

**Where:** St. Luke Fellowship Hall

**Why:** To have fun and raise money for Peru Missions!

**Cost:** One child - \$25; 2 siblings - \$40; 3 siblings - \$50; 4 siblings - \$60 (Supper & snack included)

To register, contact Esther at 477-3145, or at esther@stluke-umc.org to hold your spot. Payment is due the night of the event.



## Children's Choir kicks off Spring Season!

The Elementary Children's Choir has started back and is hard at work on the Easter Musical, *The Tale of Three Trees*. *The Tale of Three Trees* brings to life the traditional story of some trees with a dream and a God with a plan. In this musical, follow the adventures of Annabelle, who dreams of holding great treasure, Bud, who longs to become a mighty ship, and Gabrielle, who just wants to stay in the forest and point people toward God. Through the eyes of Woody the woodcutter, Stump, who is rooted in puns, and Woodsworth, the tree of knowledge, we are reminded that even when we can't see the forest for the trees, there is no prayer that is too small for God.

All kids in Grades K – 5 are invited to join us in the choir room on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Transportation is available for children of working parents! Please contact Esther at 477-3145, Ext. 15**

### Important Dates:

**April 16:** Tech Rehearsal in Sanctuary, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**April 17:** Performance in Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.



## SPLASH!

SPLASH! is our exciting Wednesday Night children's ministry for ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Erika Burkett at edburkett11@gmail.com for more information.

### March 2

K/1<sup>st</sup> - Cooking

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> - Crafts

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> - Chatter's Theater

### March 9

**No SPLASH!**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**6:00 p.m.**

### March 16

K/1<sup>st</sup> - Recreation

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> - Cooking

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> - Crafts

### March 23

K/1<sup>st</sup> - Bible Story

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> - Recreation

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> - Cooking

### March 30

K/1<sup>st</sup> - Chatter's Theater

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> - Bible Story

## SUMMER 2011

### June 17 - 24

Bethlehem Family Camp,  
Bonifay, FL

### June 27 - July 1

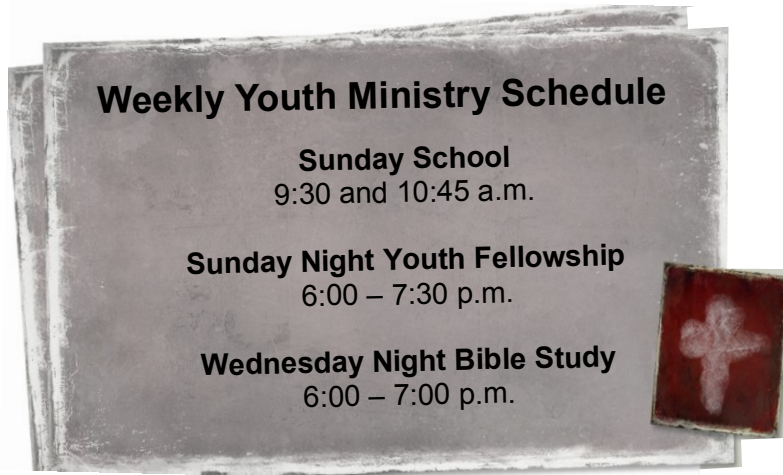
VBS: *Pandamania*

### July 18 - 22

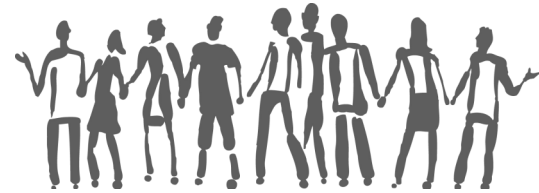
Elementary Summer Camp  
(Grades 4 - 6)

### August 8 - 12

End of Summer Splash!



**Jeff Pement**  
Youth Director  
jeff@stluke-umc.org



## Upcoming Youth Events

### **Church Wide Work Day: Sat., March 5**

All Students are needed to help with our spring cleaning of the church property. The youth will focus on raking leaves. Please bring rakes and work gloves. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. on March 5. Drinks and snacks provided.

### **Fellowship Breakfast: Sun., March 13**

The youth ministry is scheduled to provide the fellowship breakfast on March 13, from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Parents are asked to provide items for breakfast on this day: muffins, fruit, bagels, donuts, breakfast casseroles, etc. Please have items delivered to the kitchen by 8:45 a.m. so we can set-up the serving table by 9:00 a.m.

## Youth (& Youth Parent) Classes

### **Confirmation Classes**

Our 2011 Confirmation Class has started. We currently have 20 students enrolled. There is still time to be a part of this year's class. Classes meet each Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the youth building. All students in grades 6 through 12 who have not yet been through the confirmation process are welcomed and encouraged to do so.

### **Sunday Night Youth Parent Class**

Join with other St. Luke parents as they study *The 10 Best Decisions Every Parent Can Make* by Bill & Pam Farrel. Parents can join the youth for supper at 6:00 p.m., then meet together from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. while students are at UMYF. Books have been purchased and are available now. See Pam Levan for more details.

## Summer Youth Trips

Here are some brief details concerning this summer's trips for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Full itineraries will be available soon. ***As a reminder, students enter the youth ministry in August at the beginning of the new school year.***

### **Wilderness Trail: July 17 - 25**

For rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a week-long, Christ-focused experience in Virginia which includes 2 days in a group/retreat setting and 5 days of hiking a total of 45 miles. Cost is \$300.00 per person. A \$25 deposit is due by March 9. Students who sign up for this trip will be required to participate in an exercise/walking plan.

### **Alabama Rural Ministries/Tuskegee, Alabama: June 15 - 19**

For all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. This trip has been a worthwhile destination for many of our students in the past. We will focus on home repair in rural Alabama and enjoy daily devotions and evening worship.



# Happy Birthday

May your day be filled with joy and happiness that will follow you the whole year through!

**March 2**

Michele Hynes  
David White  
Beth Varhalla  
Alison Gilmore  
Justin Hildebrand  
Kristen Hudson  
Brenna Richmond

**March 3**

Don Wright  
Jonathan McClure  
Britton Williams  
Charlie Hackmann  
Lily Haas

**March 4**

Jim Williamson  
Matthew Fricks  
Brittany Tait

**March 5**

Emma Snyder  
Faye Alvarez  
Joel Fairbanks  
Alli Burch

**March 6**

Bob Welcher  
Ann Strength  
Shannon Davis  
Erin Brewster

**March 7**

Ray Johnson  
Dave Lewandowski  
Paola Pearce

**March 8**

Cecil Sauls  
Betsy Tait  
Leslie Holtclaw  
Shellie McCall

**March 9**

Pete Holt  
Lois Witter  
Sherry Hall  
Kevin Wilks

**March 10**

Nathan Lyons  
Troy Zaremba

**March 11**

Suzie Horton  
Claudia Silverthorne  
David Cassady  
Cathy Mueller  
Kyle Simmons

**March 12**

Hope Bush  
Matt Miller  
Nolan Young  
Bailey Ann Parden

**March 13**

Bob Ross, Jr.  
James Rountree  
Brenda Gleaton  
Mike Stiney  
Alison Keen

**March 14**

Don Lambe  
Vera Cox  
Linda Cagle  
Don Hierholzer  
Bailey Schroll  
Jakob Harrison-Voelker

**March 15**

Deedra Waters  
Ashley Alford

**March 16**

Mike Mills

**March 17**

Patrick Brewster  
Lois Ann Laseter  
Marlene McCulley  
Michelle Williams

**March 18**

David Turnage  
Pat Rommes  
Aaron Beasley  
Leigh Shirer  
Emily Reading

**March 19**

Shirley Graham  
Audrey Smith  
Cole Clark, III

**March 20**

Lindsey Stewart  
Steven Dickens  
Jacob McClure

**March 21**

Robert Baggett, Jr.  
Lindsey Janisch  
Chapman Cook  
Ava Bechtel

**March 22**

Tina Ross  
Samantha Henderson

**March 23**

Carolyn Reading  
Nick Glenn

**March 24**

Jeff Pement  
Melissa Davis

**March 25**

Jane Frazier  
Josh Lyons  
Heather Parrish  
Daniel Sutton

**March 26**

Max Brown, III

**March 27**

Karin Marshall  
Emily Hardin

**March 28**

Lois Kelly  
Larry Adams, Sr.  
Cathy Haight  
Hayden Davis

**March 29**

John Atkins  
Christine Piner  
Melanie Gambill  
Eric Bush  
Lisa Mabrie  
Allison Jones  
Katie McLeod

**March 30**

Raymond Presley  
Jeannine Barnett  
Pattie Hester  
Lee Anne Adams

**March 31**

Joyce Bailey  
Dave Timberlake

If you are a St. Luke member and do not see your (or a member of your family) March birthday listed, please contact the church office so that we can update our records with your birthday information.

# In Memory of...



# In Honor of...

## Judith Badders

**Designated Fund:**

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**Given By:**

Mike & Kaye Angus  
Tom & Linda Sherry

## Dorothy Cunningham

**Designated Fund:**

General

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Mike & Kaye Angus

## Jake Fauth

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**Given By:**

Joy Beasley

## Mary Jernigan

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**Given By:**

Ree Jones  
Jim & Betty Salter  
Pat Widmer  
Charlie & Pat Wentz

## Sharon Momenthy

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**Given By:**

Wesley Memorial SS Class

## Tommy Panepinto

**Designated Fund:**

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**Given By:**

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Mike & Rhonda Weed

## Gene Sherry & Jim Sherry

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**Given By:**

Mike & Kaye Angus  
Seekers SS Class

## Gene Sherry

**Designated Fund:**

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**Given By:**

Bill & Nancy May

## Robert Sherry

**Designated Fund:**

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**Given By:**

Donny & Pauline Cobb

## Evelyn Wallace

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**Given By:**

Bob Wallace

## Vadie Woodson

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Seekers SS Class

**Note:** Memorials and Honorariums not listed in the March edition of *The Flame* will be updated in the next newsletter!

## Alice Dempsey

**Designated Fund:**

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**Given By:**

Jane Reid

## Financial Peace University

**Designated Fund:**

General

**Given By:**

Paul & Debbie Looney



*"Thank you so much for all your prayers for my mother, Mary Timothy, following her strokes and subsequent complications. It has been a difficult journey but she has now been moved to a rehab facility and although it's been a slow process, we have seen signs of improvement. She especially wanted me to thank Pastor Carolyn for visiting and praying with her and for letting her know that she was being remembered in the prayers of our St. Luke family. She also asked that I extend her thanks to the ladies who made the prayer shawl. It has been a source of great comfort and has hardly left her side since she received it. Thank you all again for the expressions of concern, the calls and e-mails and especially your prayers. It is a blessing to be a part of such a warm and caring church. Sincerely, Elaine Smith"*

*"Please extend our thanks to our St Luke family for the calls, cards, visits and prayers for our mother, Mary Timothy, following her strokes and subsequent complications. She was especially touched by Pastor Carolyn's visit and prayer and the prayer shawl. The shawl has not been far from her side since she received it. She is slowly but steadily improving and has been moved to a rehab facility. We appreciate so much your expressions of concern. We are so blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Wanda Dunlap and Elaine Smith"*

### **Words of Thanks from Manna, "Leave no one unfed"...**

*Thank you very much for your participation in "Souper Bowl, 2011" with a donation of 380 lbs. of food items.*

*Thank you very much for your donation of \$200.00, which you gave to Manna in January 2011. Manna is able to function only through the donations of food and funds given by members of our community. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve, and is appreciated.*

**Timothy H. Evans, Executive Director**



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 Bob Woodard.....Certified Lay Minister  
 Michele Millet.....Office Administrator  
 Ashley Pettis.....Communication Coordinator  
 Jeff Pement.....Youth Ministry Director  
 Esther Felt.....Children’s Ministry Director  
 Sheena Taylor.....Preschool Director  
 Robert Bryan.....AV Coordinator  
 David Frantz.....Music Director  
 Pat Jernigan.....Pianist  
 Ted Thomas, Jr.....Maintenance Technician  
 Don Williams.....Custodian  
 Diane Fitzpatrick....Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Coordinator

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**  
 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)  
**9:00 a.m.**  
 Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)  
**9:30 a.m.**  
 Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**9:30 a.m. & 10: 45 a.m.**  
 (Education Building/Youth Center)

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