

The VISITOR

A monthly publication of St. Luke's United Methodist Church - Kilgore, Texas

Love God Live His Word Share His Grace

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THE FRIENDLY, PRAYING CHURCH

Issue 1

Faith-Promise Weekend 2011 January 7 - January 9

St. Luke's annual Faith-Promise Weekend will take place January 7-January 9, 2011. Faith-Promise is the "second mile giving" St. Luke's members support to raise money for local, district, national, and worldwide missions throughout each year. Persons commit to give above his/her regular giving to the church, founded in their foundation of faith that God will supply the resources to reach out to serve others. (*For Example: One might put extra change in a jar to give to the program, or give up a dessert or treat during the week and set aside that amount to missions.*)

PRAYER VIGIL: Friday, January 15, from 6:00a.m. to 6:00p.m., church members are given an opportunity to pray in Knowles Chapel in 15 minute segments, seeking God's guidance in missions in 2011. Shelia Cross will be contacting members to set up a time during that day to drop by the Knowles Chapel to take part in the prayer vigil.

GUEST SPEAKER: On Sunday, Jennifer Sample, who works with Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio, will speak to combined adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. She will also speak in both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. Kay McKinley and I heard her speak at conference last summer. *You will not be disappointed.* She will speak to us about the Methodist Mission Home (which St. Luke's supports) and mission work in general.

FAMILY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON: After the 10:30 service, we all are invited to meet in the Family Center for a covered dish meal. Scott Clark will provide his delicious barbecue beef, and those staying for the meal will be asked to bring a vegetable, a salad, or a dessert to share. Before leaving the Family Center, we will announce the total of commitments dedicated to missions for 2011.

MISSIONS SUPPORTED:

Each year, we support the following missions:

1. Kilgore Helping Hands
2. Newgate Mission, Longview
3. Kilgore Crisis Center
4. Kilgore Habitat for Humanity
5. St. Luke's Mother' Day Out
6. Asbury Child Development Center, Longview,
7. UM ARMY and BIG HOUSE (Youth Mission Trips)

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. Diane Wimberly, mission-

ary to Bolivia, and six lay pastors in Honduras. We also give to other mission opportunities that arise during the year.

HANDS-ON MISSIONS: We also work to help those who need house repairs through our God's Hands at Work local mission program.

I hope you will mark your calendars to pray for the success of this endeavor on January 7, to consider giving to this program, to be present on Sunday, Jan. 9, and to hear Jennifer Sample as she talks to us about her involvement in missions.

Ann Rosson

Mission Team Leader



**Faith-Promise Sunday
Speaker: Jennifer Sample
Executive Director
Methodist Mission Home
January 9, 2011**

The Methodist Mission Home has served people in the Central Texas Annual Conference and across the state of Texas for 115 years. Their adoption services have placed more than 5,700 children in loving homes.

The Southwest Center for Higher Independence has helped young adults with disabilities learn vocational and life skills to achieve their personal best.

Jennifer Sample is entering her ninth year as Executive Director with Methodist Mission Home. She is a native Texan, originally from Edna, TX, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Edna until 1975, when she moved to San Antonio. She is a graduate with a BBA in Marketing from Incarnate Word University.

Jennifer and her husband, Rick, are members of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio. Their family consists of four cats and one lively Jack Russell Terrier.

Love God! Live His Word! Share His Grace!



Dear Friends In Christ,

Wow! We are beginning the second decade of the 21st century; “One down and only nine to go.” Do you remember how the 21st century began? The whole world was in fear of the dreaded Y2K demise. The Y2K problem was a digital problem caused by the abbreviation of the four digit year to a two digit number. One of my family members bought a year supply of food in preparation for the disaster that never happened. In fact we were told that they just used up the last of those supplies a few weeks ago. I wonder if the problem never developed because of the preparation or the possibility that the problem was over stated in the first place. I guess we will never know for sure. However, there is one thing for sure: All the worry about the impending crisis was once again misplaced.

As we enter the second decade of the 21st century, there will be new worries to take the place of the Y2K. I am sure they will seem no less dangerous, and no less immediate. For example, the ancient Mayan calendar ends in December 2012. That is when the aliens who established human life on this earth through genetic engineering will come back and reclaim the earth for their own.

I am not totally against worry. In fact, I think Jesus spoke about worry often because there is so much of it in the world. After all, we are all a bit insecure much of the time and very insecure sometimes. Worry can be a prelude to problem solving and it does remind us to be disciplined and spend time in preparation.

Yet Christians have a distinct advantage. We ultimately rest in God’s promises and God always keeps a promise. It is that faith that enables us to live well and excel in a troubled world.

Let me make some suggestions for helping you have a phenomenal 2011. Do not make any resolutions this year. Instead make preparations. Most of the time, resolutions are just a formal decision that something should be done. In a group they are simply formal statements that everyone votes on and agrees to put down in a book that no one ever looks at again. I am exaggerating a bit, but not very much. Rather state a goal and make preparations for achieving the goal.

A goal is specific, time oriented, and achievable. The preparations are the pieces that you will put together over time to finish the puzzle. I have found that this is a powerful way to live, and after a little practice it does not take much more time than creating a list of resolutions. There is one thing for sure: preparing is a lot more satisfying than resolving and much more productive. Give your worries to the Lord and start preparing for the victory today. After all, we only have nine decades more before the 22nd century.

Reverend Darwood Galaway

DINETTE TABLE & CHAIRS

David Peterson, Youth Director, is in need of a dinette table with chairs. If you have one you are no longer using, would you consider donating/loaning it to David?

Sitting on the floor and balancing his plate on his lap is a bit awkward. He now has an apartment in town and could thankfully use this gift.



How Are We Doing?

Attending worship is like eating...they both keep us alive and well!

... Our Presence ...

Worship 12-05-10	254
Worship 12-12-10	394
Worship 12-19-10	281
Worship 12-26-10	278
Weekly average	302

... Sunday School ...

Sunday School 12-05-10	123
Sunday School 12-12-10	117
Sunday School 12-19-10	116
Sunday School 12-26-10	72
Weekly average	107

... St. Luke's Membership ...

As of 1-1-2010	665
Transfers	2
Moved to Inactive List	0
Deaths	16
New Members	33
Total as of 12-26-10	680

... Our Gifts ...

2010 Church Budget.	\$	662,881.82
Income received thru 12-26-10	\$	664,257.87
Expenses thru 12-26-10	\$	575,094.46

Head Ushers

8:30 a.m.:	Milton Frazier (Head Usher)
10:30 a.m.:	Trey Hattaway (Head Usher)
Greeter Coordinator	Barbara Francisco

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Darwood Galaway
Dir. of Music Min.	James Vermillion
Youth Director	David Peterson
Accompanist	Allen Simmons
Admin. Assist./Newsltr Ed.	Mary Lamb
Financial Secretary	Joyce Northcutt
Dir. of Children's Education/Nursery Dir.	Niki Chowdhury
Mother's Day Out Dir.	Misty Shipman
Data Entry Secretary	Hope Cantu`
Custodian	Freddie Lollie
Custodian	Kathleen Sanders

Extension Ministries Related to St. Luke's

Wesley Foundation Director	Amy Hodges
NorthDist. Supt.	Rev. William Taylor
Bishop, TX Conference	Janice Riggle Hule

Keep Our Military in Your Prayers

Military: Josh Brockman, Joel Crenshaw, Shawn Decker, Candace Guzman, Brian Holcombe, Allen Milton, Kenneth Warren, III, Cody Sprayberry, Preston Bevers, Chad McAdams, Stanton Gardenhire, Robbie Reinert, John David Miller, Banyon Stephens, Robert Hodler, Richard Andres, Anthony Williams, Jason L. Colbert

Joys and Concerns

Home from Hospital: Bob Cochran; Kenneth Gibson (Willows); Janet Marley

Church Family Concerns:

Bob Cochran	Doyle/Olga Craver	J.D./Jo Hancock
Jerry Boone	Theresa Hearn	Margaret Grant
Marguerite Lessley	Jim Aills	Lois Wade
Sammy Jo Mosley	Wanda Chapman	Rita Peters
Tommy Freeman	June Ferris	Jim/Edith Williams
Marcella Harkrider	Carolyn Holcombe	

Prayers for Loved Ones (Names listed one month, unless otherwise requested)

<i>Melvin West.</i>	brother-in-law of Bill Bryant
<i>Mitchell Mainer.</i>	stepfather of Laura Farnham
<i>The Garner Family.</i>	cousin of Laura Farnham
<i>Patsy & Cindy Haydon.</i>	neighbors of Jean Gray
<i>Jessie Cook.</i>	friend of Pat & Art Morchat
<i>Chris Churchill.</i>	friend of Hillary Baltz
<i>Melanie Cutrera.</i>	friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Judge.</i>	friends Anna M. Rohde
<i>Ted Carroll.</i>	friend of Joe White
<i>Ray Gibson.</i>	relative of Donna White
<i>Lonnie Lee, Ronnie/Pat Lee, John McGuire.</i>	bros. & sister-in-law of Connie Jobe
<i>Micayla Groves.</i>	friend of Sharon McCann
<i>Bruce Brown.</i>	friend of Lee Galaway
<i>Charlotte Byrd.</i>	sister of Glenda Cochran
<i>Linda Schmidt.</i>	sister of Nancy Englund
<i>Mark Jobe.</i>	brother of Ronnie Jobe
<i>Wanda Johnson.</i>	niece of Martha Temple
<i>Barbara Mabery.</i>	aunt of Mikki Ellis
<i>Jimi & Tamara Mankins.</i>	family/friends of Tamara McCann, Daniel/Misty Shipman & many others
<i>Terry Holder.</i>	brother of Randy Holder
<i>John "Bucket" Burchette.</i>	grandfather of JJ Eckert
<i>Sara Terranova.</i>	grandmother of Carolina Bryant
<i>Jim Arnett.</i>	father of Kathy Wheat & family
<i>Donna Eckols.</i>	sister of Billy Mims family
<i>Suzanne, Becca, Tommy Howard.</i>	friends of Tamara McCann
<i>Bill Stark.</i>	nephew of Dorothy Geese
<i>Emily Parish.</i>	co-worker of Salena Jackson
<i>Barbara Bulen.</i>	sister of Jim McCann
<i>Jo Anne Vermillion.</i>	mother of James Vermillion
<i>Leo Tate.</i>	brother of Winnie Nicks
<i>Juanita Wilson</i>	mother of David Wilson
<i>Brandi Shugart.</i>	sister-in-law of Misty Shipman
<i>Evelyn Blalock.</i>	friend of Kay McKinley
<i>Family of Sarah Leach.</i>	friend of Gretchen Smires
<i>Margaret Brantley.</i>	friend of Carol & Sharon French
<i>Jane Brooks.</i>	friend of Sharon McCann
<i>Jakey Still.</i>	grandmother of Tamara McCann
<i>Ryan Davis.</i>	friend of Ami Sprayberry
<i>Laurel Good.</i>	friend of Trey Hattaway
<i>Terry Crenshaw.</i>	Step-mom of Shanna Burgess
<i>Lila MacLoughlin.</i>	best friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant
<i>Tim Elms</i> (Afghanistan)	grandson of Agnes Oliver
<i>Josh Cantu`</i> (Afghanistan)	son of Bob & Hope Cantu`
<i>Tommy Latham</i> (Afghanistan)	son-in-law of Robert & Jamie Knox

Sympathy to: Family of Fulton Johnston. Fulton passed away on Dec. 12. Service held Dec. 15, at St. Luke's.

Family of Retha Florence Allen-Tate, grandmother of James Vermillion. Retha passed away on Dec. 23, at the age of 104. Burial was in Arkansas on Tuesday, Dec. 28.



Dear St. Luke's Congregation,
Thank you so much for the college care package that was sent to me. Working two jobs and being a full time student has made this semester seem extra long, but it means a lot that there are people still concerned for me in the church. No gift should go without a 'thank-you' and I owe the church the biggest thank-you of all. Growing up in the church, being able to meet so many great people, and the continued support I receive during this time of extending my education means so much to me, and once I am done with all of it, I will be able to go out and help spread the Word by helping others in the medical field. I will continue to work hard to get to where I want to be, and with the help that I have received, I am hopeful towards that future.

Thanks again,
Jathan Watson

Dear Friend,

Newgate Mission is extremely grateful for your generous contribution to our community of faith. Your support will help to make a difference in the lives of the marginalized and low income citizens in our Newgate family and the greater community.

If you have never been to Newgate mission, we enthusiastically invite you to come by 207 S. Mobberly Ave. in Longview to visit us. May God richly bless you as you have blessed others.

"I had such a delightful time at your church. Thank you!" (She did a wonderful program on Newgate at the UMW Christmas luncheon.)

The Rev. Jennene Laurinec
Executive Director

St. Luke's Family,

Thank you for the cards, snacks, and gifts you gave to each of us. It is so wonderful to be remembered in such nice ways. We hope you, too, had a Merry Christmas and wish you all the best for the New Year.

Your Church Staff

To the wonderful, giving people that are at St. Luke's:

Words simply cannot express how we will always cherish our experiences at St. Luke's, and never more so than during Dad's passing. We were enveloped in love and compassion, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,
The Family of Fulton Johnston

Hilltoppers

Wednesday, January 5, 2011



The Hilltoppers, a group of 50+, will meet the first Wednesday of each month to enjoy a catered meal, have a program, and fellowship with each other. Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome. The next meeting is January 5, 2011.

Gathering time is around 11:00 a.m. in the Family Center. A delicious catered luncheon by Richelle Rathbun begins at 11:30 (cost is \$5.00 each plus \$1 for Hilltopper expenses.) The menu for January is: beans, sausage, rice, cabbage, cornbread, salad bar, dessert & drinks. The program begins around 12:00 noon.

Hilltoppers is open to the community and guests are always welcome!

Dear Ladies of the Compassionate Care Team,

Thank you so much for the kindness and hospitality you showed to John Deupree's family and friends.

As I wrote to Reverend Galaway, St. Luke's brought back so many wonderful memories.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely, **Elizabeth Pentter**

Dear St. Luke's Family,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for being the wonderful church family you are! Thank you for your amazing show of support for us while Jacob was in the hospital. He is on the mend now and I know his speedy recovery was due to God's healing hands and your prayers, phone calls, kind words, thoughts, and gifts. We are deeply touched and truly amazed by each and every one of you!

God has blessed my family and my life by allowing me to know you and have you in it. Thanks for being you.

Love and blessings,
Jennifer Hankins

St. Luke's UMC,

Your kindness and sympathy at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

The meal you provided for us was wonderful and greatly appreciated. Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged by our family.

The Family of Jean Clayton

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

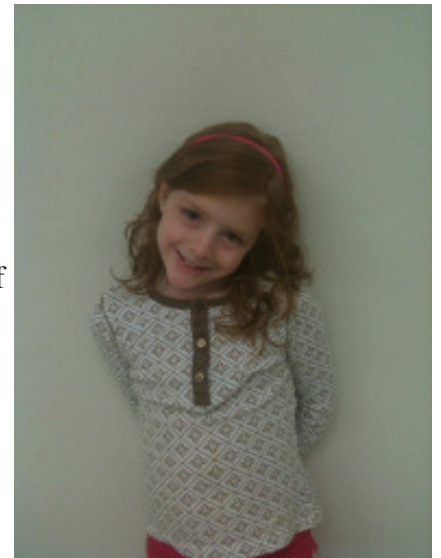


CARTER ALAN NETTLES

CARTER ALAN NETTLES, joined St. Luke's as a baptised member on December 19.

Carter is the son of Alan and Robyn Nettles.

Alan and Robyn have been members with St. Luke's for several years. We are happy to welcome Carter to the worship and activities of the church.



KIRSTEN WHEAT

KIRSTEN WHEAT joined St. Luke's on December 12.

She is the daughter of Charles and Kathy Wheat.

Kirsten is a great singer and active in the children's choir.



Pastor Darwood
baptising
Carter Alan Nettles

KASSI WOLFORD joined St. Luke's in membership on December 19, by transfer from Grace Baptist Church.

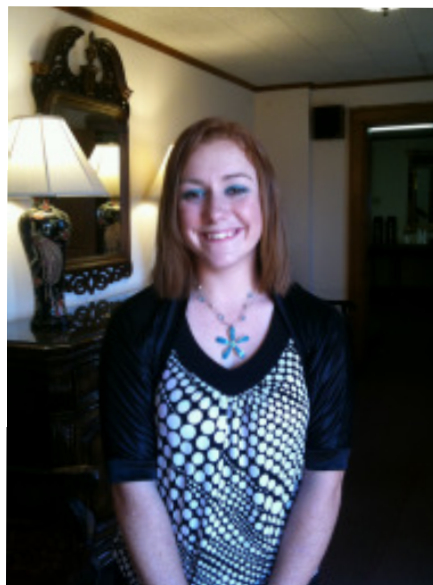
Her daughters, **CALLI** and **KOLBI**, were baptised and received as baptised members.

Kassi and family have been actively worshipping with St. Luke's for some time.

We are happy to welcome this young family.



KASSI WOLFORD
and daughter, **KOLBI**



TORI DHEIL

TORI DHEIL, joined St. Luke's on December 12. Tori is a student at KISD.

She transferred membership from Kilgore Missionary Baptist Church.

Tori is a friend of Morgan Corbin and they both participate in St. Luke's youth activities.

Welcome, Tori !



Family Bible

DO YOU KNOW A “Myrtle Cale” ??

Several months ago St. Luke’s received an email from Ms Vickie Brown of Sperry, OK. She is looking for Myrtle Cale or a family member. Please read her note below, and if you have any knowledge of who the Cale family is, please call the church office, 903-984-3576.

VICKIE’S REQUEST:

Hi, My name is Vickie Brown and I am in possession of an old Bible that my mother-in-law had at her flea market booth. It is quite old with the latest copyright date being 1945. Inside I found a bulletin from April 9, 1989 for your church. The name Myrtle Cale is on the front cover of the Bible, but there is a note inside dated 11-6-90 that says,

“Carole asked me for her Grammas Bible. This is it. Please see that she gets it.”
Signed: Uncle (?)

I’m not sure if you have a Myrtle Cale or a Carole Cale, but there are other names of family members on a piece of paper in the Bible. I would like to get it back to the family if I can locate them; so this is my first attempt. Could you please let me know if either of these names are familiar with you or any other Cales within the church, or if they used to be? Thanks for any help you may provide.

LOST & FOUND

A pair of sunglasses and a regular pair of perscription glasses have been “found” in the church sanctuary. If you are missing a pair, you may see if these are yours. Come to Mary Lamb’s office at the church.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2011

It is time to sign up for altar flowers for the 2011 worship services. If you want to give flowers in memory or honor of a loved one(s), please call Nina Fern Nichols at 903-984-4338.



NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Consider the following for your
New Year Resolution:

Martin Luther said, “Since it is God’s nature to make something out of nothing, we must become nothing before God can make something out of us.”

Adelaide A. Pollard, a 20th century poet, made the same point in the hymn “Have Thine Own Way”.

*Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.*



United Methodist Women

Nineteen members were present for the General Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, in the Fireplace Room.

Following the business meeting, the group shared in their annual Christmas Luncheon in the Family Center.

After the lunch, Sue Jones, Vice President, introduced the guest speaker from Newgate Mission located in Longview and supported by the UMW. Director Rev. Jennene Laurinec shared information about the services of Newgate to the homeless and needy in the area: meals are provided, Bible studies, worship services, job training, and more. (St. Luke's missions serves Saturday breakfast at the mission every other month.)

UPCOMING UMW EVENTS:

Jan. 4, 9:30am: General UMW meeting in the Fireplace Room. Program on "Human Trafficking" will be lead by Kay McKinley and our Annual Pledge Commitment to the UMW budget will be held.

Jan. 17-Feb. 11: Deliver "Meals on Wheels"

Jan. 28, 11:30am: Kilgore Church Women meet at First Presbyterian Church. Bring salads, sandwiches or desserts to share.

As always, all ladies of the church are invited to be a part of the work and fellowship of the United Methodist Women of St. Luke's.

JoAnn Samford

Recording Secretary

EVENING UMW CIRCLE

January 27, 2011

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Family Center Fireplace Room

The new Ladies Evening Circle is getting back in action.

If you would like to be a part of this spiritual growth group, call Richelle Rathbun (903-808-2053) for more information and for suggestions. Also, call Richelle if you will need a nursery.

This group plans to meet monthly on the last Thursday of the month in the Family Center area.

The Circle is an extension of the United Methodist Women's group of St. Luke's. Having an evening Circle will allow our ladies who work to be a part of this busy, working, praying, spiritual growth fellowship.

If you want to know more details, call Richelle at the above number. We look forward to seeing you on the 27th, in the Fireplace Room.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY PRAYER CALENDAR

Praying for our St. Luke's Family. Please say a prayer for our church family on their special birthday.
If we missed your date, please call the church office.



<u>January 2</u>	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 23</u>
Morgan Corbin	E.J. Chowdhury	Lefty Mitchell
Danny Harrison	Button Sands	Ralph Rudy
Tamara McCann	Justin Landeche	Kyler Tinkler
<u>January 3</u>	<u>January 13</u>	<u>January 24</u>
Hilary Baltz	Laura Holt	Dennis Duncan
Scott Clark	Marguerite Lessley	Lois Wade
Shelia Cross	Maurine Witt	<u>January 25</u>
Billie K. Lowe	<u>January 14</u>	Lori Burns
<u>January 4</u>	Richard Kimball	Robert Fitzgerald III
Kelly Nezat	<u>January 15</u>	Janet Marley
<u>January 5</u>	Eric Allen	Clay Mooney
Mary Jane Puckett	Jayce Hankins	Shannon Perry
Moira Reed	Sam Holley	<u>January 26</u>
<u>January 6</u>	Kobe Jobe	Ginny Anderson
Natasha Anderson	<u>January 17</u>	Charlie Corbin
Lanie Bennett	Leslie Bennett	Terry Gardenhire
John Lewis	Belynda Holley	<u>January 27</u>
Ginger Merritt	Erica Allen	Emily Jackson
<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 18</u>	<u>January 28</u>
Jack Clayton, Jr.	Addison Hatchett	Michelle Duncan
<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 19</u>	Anna Tryon
Justin Blanks	Amanda Gillen-Hall	<u>January 29</u>
Bob Lindley	Debra Maloch	Dudley Bledsoe
Yvonne Kennedy	<u>January 20</u>	Mary Helen Craig
Bob Moore	Chris Beck	Kyle Duncan
Randall Robinson	Karsen Davis	Brian Holcombe
<u>January 9</u>	<u>January 21</u>	Celia Mooney
Kay McKinley	Alice Crocker	<u>January 30</u>
Edith Williams	Kyleigh Lewis	Mikki Ellis
Nathan Watson	Michael Loyd	<u>January 31</u>
<u>January 10</u>	Trey Rathbun	Guy Oliphint
Sharon Robinson	Shawn Whited	Anna Horst
<u>January 11</u>	<u>January 22</u>	Wesley Swiger
Kenny Buyher, Jr.	Melanie Poland	
Trey Jackson	Marty Shelton	
Rachel Sadler	Bonnie Sistrunk	

2011 January Anniversaries

E.J. & Niki Chowdhury	1-17-1998	12
Jeff & Margo Davis	1-27-1990	21
Jack & Kay Evans	1-07-1977	34
Michael & Racheal Gallant	1-02-2000	11
Robert & Jamie Knox	1-03-2003	8
Bob & Lynda Lawson	1-30-1965	56
Dean & Kathe Miller	1-30-1965	46
Lefty & Cecilia Mitchell	1-07-1967	44
David & Annette Morgan	1-31-1981	30

Children's Praises

Wonderful Wednesdays will start again January 5th with children's choir and dinner. We are going to cancel the 6:00-7:00 Wednesday night Power Hour for the children until further notice. This will give us an opportunity to focus more attention on the children's choir time by adding new programming such as tutoring, art activities, organized games, devotionals, etc. There will still be nursery available with activities for those parents that attend Bible study during the 6:00 hour. Wednesday night dinners will also continue as normal from 5:30 to 6:00pm.

Hope everyone has a wonderful new year, Niki Chowdhury

MYMU - Methodist Youth Moving Up

I am so proud of this group of fourth and fifth graders. Last time we met, we bought over \$200 of toys for needy children who visit at Helping Hands. They were so grateful for all the toys during the holiday season. What a great group of kids we have at St. Luke's. Our next meeting will be:

Where – Meet at the church gym, then off to Pappy's Rock-N-Bowl in Kilgore

When – Sunday, January 9, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Cost – \$5



Stupendous Sunday School Student Gus Witt

Gus Witt is our Stupendous Sunday School Student.

Gus is in the fourth grade at Kilgore Intermediate School. He has one of the best attendance records in Sunday school. Gus is also in children's choir and participates in worship as an acolyte.

He is a great athlete. He enjoys playing baseball, basketball, and soccer. He enjoys the outdoors and loves to go hunting with his family. What a great young man we have here at our church!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Stewardship Team and the Finance Team wish to say a big Thank You to everyone who has responded to the call for commitment of support to the ministry of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

We are pleased to report that the response to date has resulted in a total of \$505,084.40 faithful commitments of support.

The church budget for 2011 totals \$652,733.98, a reduction in the amount of \$10,147.84 from the 2010 budget.

Members and friends of St. Luke's have always answered the call "to do the will of God" in ministry and our faith is strong enough that this will be the way of His will this year, too.

We have printed in booklet form the reports presented at the annual Charge Conference held on Dec. 5, 2010. The booklet lists the new officers for 2011, the budget, highlights of what we accomplished in 2010, and much more. If anyone is interested in having a copy, please stop by the Administrative Office (Mary's) and pick up one.

Thank you, all, for being a part of the call to "go tell (and be) the story of Jesus" to all the world!

As the arms of responsibility for financial integrity, we have adopted the following "theme" to guide us in ministry for the year 2011.

***With God
as our G-Force
All Things are Possible***



**"Love God,
Live His Word,
Share His Grace"**



Did You Know . . .

. . . that there is no better place to become familiar with the Scriptures than in a Sunday School Class?

. . . and that a Sunday School Class is a great place to meet friends (especially new ones) and enjoy Christian fellowship?

. . . and that St. Luke's has classes for ALL AGES?

. . . and that YOU are invited to join one.
If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Darwood or Mary Lamb or a member of a Sunday School Class.



It has been a great year! What a busy December!

+ We were able to deliver \$1500 worth of toys to Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital in Dallas. We want to say a big “Thank You” to EVERYONE who helped with our fund raiser for this purpose.

+ We had an AWESOME progressive dinner Christmas party.

+ Your very own youth pastor preached his first sermon on December 26th! Crazy!

+ And the best part is, that as good as this year was, I know that God only has more amazing things in store for next year. I can’t wait to see how he plans to use us all.

+ The kids have been such a blessing to me this year. I have learned much, and can’t wait to learn more.

+ So I hope you enjoyed the holidays, and got all rested up, because once the new year starts.....ready.....set.....GO!

REMEMBER:

UMYF - Every Sunday Night from 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Wonderful Wednesdays Youth - Every Wednesday Night from 3:30 (or whenever you get out of school) - 7:00 pm

W.H.A.M- Worship Him at McDonald’s Every Tuesday morning from 7:10-7:40 am

Check the updating of the youth area on the website, especially check it out for more information, www.stlukeskilgore.com and click on “Youth Ministry”.

To our Families: Thank you for letting your students come and participate with us. We are so blessed to be able to spend time with them and watch how God is working in their lives. You are in our prayers, please keep us in yours.

God bless,

David Peterson, Youth Minister
(903-571-8955)

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Arise Service 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Traditional Service 10:30 AM
UMYF (youth) 4:30 PM

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Kilgore, Texas 75662
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JANUARY, 2011 CALENDAR

Saturday, January 1, 2011 OFFICES CLOSED

Sunday, January 2

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 4:00 p.m. Sunday School Classes to take down all Christmas decorations, Sanctuary & Fam. Ctr.
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 3

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS Redwood Room

Tuesday, January 4

7:10 a.m. Youth WHAM at McDonald's
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 9:30 a.m. United Methodist Women, Fireplace Rm.
 Noon Ministerial Alliance Luncheon
 6:00 p.m. Missions, Myrtle Andrews

Wednesday, January 5

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out begins for 2011
 11:00 a.m. Hilltoppers--Program
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Children's Choir & Junior Choirs
 Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)
 Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays Supper: Homemade Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Drinks (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study, Seekers Class in FC (Luke 1-12)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal* Sanctuary

Thursday, January 6

Noon NO Youth lunch in gym. Start Jan. 13
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**
 6:30 p.m. *Kilgore Together*, Family Center

Friday, January 7

9:00 am-6:pm Faith-Promise Prayer Vigil, Chapel
 9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, January 8

Sunday, January 9 Faith-Promise Sunday

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 11:35 a.m. Faith-Promise Luncheon, Family Center
 2:00 p.m. Pack Leaders Meeting, Scouts, Laird Hall
 2:00-4:00 p.m. MYMU will go bowling in Kilgore

5:00-7:00 p.m. UMYF - gym

Monday, January 10

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) Redwood Room
 4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 11

7:10-7:40 a.m. Youth WHAM at McDonald's
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, January 12

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:15 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays, Activity Center
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
 Cherubs (4 year olds -Kindergarten)
 Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Light supper: Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Nachos, Salad, Dessert, Drinks (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study, Seekers Class in FC (Luke 13-24)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, January 13

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym Cafe
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**

Friday, January 14

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Drylanders, Activity Center Gym

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 5:00-7:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Holiday: Offices Closed

9:00-9:45 a.m. NO Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. NO TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)
 4:00-5:00 p.m. NO Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor

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JANUARY, 2011 CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 18

7:10 a.m. Youth WHAM at McDonald's
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council, Family Center

Wednesday, January 19

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
 3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds -Kindergarten)
 Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
 Fettucini Alfredo, broccolli, garlic bread,
 dessert, drinks
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study,
 Seekers Class in FC (John 1-10)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, January 20

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym Cafe
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**

Friday, January 21

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 24

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) Redwood
 Room
 4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 25

7:10 a.m. Youth at WHAM at McDonald's
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, January 26

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
 3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds -Kindergarten)
 Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 Hope (4th-8th grades)

5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
 Ham, green beans, cheesy potatoes, rolls,
 dessert, drinks
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study,
 Seekers Class in FC (John 11-21)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, January 27

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym Cafe
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
 6:00 p.m. UMW Circle, Fireplace Room
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**
 7:00 p.m. Scouts Pack Meeting, Family Center

Friday, January 28

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mothers' Day Out
 11:30 a.m. Kilgore Church Women @ 1st Presbyterian

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 9:30 a.m. Hope/Angel Tones rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 Hope/Angel Tones perform
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 31

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) Redwood
 Room
 4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

The older three year old class and four year old class did a great job singing at Citizen's Bank on Dec. 15th. The children sang with all their hearts to a packed lobby. We also celebrated Jesus' birth with parties on Dec. 15th.

Mother's Day Out will resume on Jan. 5th. We currently have a few openings in the Pre-K class, please contact me at 903-240-4609 if you are interested in enrolling your child in our program.

Have a blessed New Year and please remember to keep the cans and cartridges coming!

In His Service,
Misty Shipman