

## Announcements

**Ms. Opal Hill** will be turning 107 on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for everyone to send her a birthday card to: Town Village 950 Cherry Rd. #244 Memphis, TN 38117.

**The Food Pantry** is in need of chili/ravioli, canned carrots, and spaghetti/vermicelli  
**Children and Youth Sunday School:** We will have no Sunday School classes for kids through the month of July in order to give the volunteers a much needed break. We will resume our combined class on Sunday, August 3rd to kick off the new school year. The nursery will always remain available.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** We will kick off the school year with a special Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 3rd during Worship so any students or teacher types please bring your backpack to Worship to receive a special blessing over your year!

**Fun Bunch** will be going to Dorothy Day House (1178 Peabody) July 23rd at 10:30 am. We will be stopping at Central BBQ for lunch. Please signup at the Hospitality Hall desk. We will meet at St. Luke's at 9:45 for those who want to carpool. There is parking in the rear with handicap accessibility. For any questions please call Jim or Jeanne Debo at 901-413-3341.

**Pirates and Princesses Back to School Bash:** Come celebrate the beginning of school with waterslides, bounce house, & tons of water fun. Play for free. Hamburger or hotdog dinner with chips, drink, & dessert \$8 with a \$25 family maximum.

### Prayer Requests

Rita Richardson, Jonathan St. Gelais, Judy Floyd, Jordan Northcross, David Hensley, Bette Colter, Dr. Jimmy Padgett, Hal & Beth Truebger, Peggy McVay ( friend of Deborah Sanders), and Jamille Laughlin.

*If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at [pata9276@gmail.com](mailto:pata9276@gmail.com) or call the church office at 452-6262*



## July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.*

### St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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### Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm  
Friday- Closed

## Order of Worship

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of Rev. Amy Martin upon her return to St Luke's as Minister of Music and Worship Arts. We welcome her back to this church and look forward to the ways she will enrich our worship, encourage our choirs and musicians, and help us all to lift our voices in praise.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Arr. Kenneth Varner

*We're Marching to Zion*  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

**People:** We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

**Leader:** In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

**People:** We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

**Leader:** In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

**People:** We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

**Leader:** Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

**All:** Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH 89

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who created the world and all that is in it;*

*I believe God regards all people as God's children, whether they confess God's parenthood or not;*

*I believe God intends the riches of the world, including all food and other necessities of life, to be shared among God's children, the gifted caring for the less gifted and the privileged for the underprivileged;*

*I believe that in proportion as we acknowledge and fulfill this intention we are conformed to the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died to set us free from sin and the love of self; and I believe that the best time to begin this sharing, whether of food or clothing or gospel, is now, today, when it is fresh on our minds and the needs of God's children are as great as they have ever been in history of the world. Amen.*

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

**CANTICLE OF THE KINDER** *(sing response on the screens) While we sing this song, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.*

### WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN STORY

Rev. Amy Martin

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 203

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

#### \*SCRIPTURE

Romans 5: 1-11

New Testament Pew Bible Page 145

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Tom Trenney

*Speak, Lord*

Rev. Amy Martin

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

#### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*God we offer these gifts to you in obedience to your will. We dedicate to you, O God, all that we have and all that we are. Use us and what we are offering to you now to bring healing to others and greater glory to your most holy name.*

#### OFFERTORY

Arr. Gayden Sikes

*Unto Thee, O Lord*  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

#### \*SENDING HYMN

UMH 664

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

#### BENEDICTION

**Leader:** Glory to the Creator, who gives us life!

**People:** Glory to Christ, the servant of love!

**Leader:** Glory to the Spirit who empowers us forward!

**All:** Glory to God! Amen!

#### POSTLUDE

Arr. Douglas Wagner

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Love*  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

\*Congregation stand as able.

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*If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.*