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Saint Luke United Methodist Church

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St. Luke United Methodist Church Advent Schedule

Advent Sermon Series by Rev. Mel Bishara

Sundays, December 8, 22 & 29

Intersection of Hopes and Fears

Advent Bible Study Series

Wednesdays, December 11 & 18

Intersection of Hopes and Fears

Rehearsal for Children's Program & Pizza Party

December 7 † 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program

The ABC's of Christmas

December 8 † 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Children's Christmas Party

December 8 † 12:00 p.m. † Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Women Christmas Brunch

Entertainment: Linda & Ray Savell

George Angle will be performing

The Living Christmas Tree

Everyone is invited.

December 10 † 10:00 a.m. † Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

The Gift

December 15 † 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Caroling

December 18 † 6:00 p.m.

Everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 † 6:00 p.m.

French Congregation Christmas Day Service

Chapel † 10:00 a.m.

French Congregation New Year's Eve Service

Chapel † 9:00 p.m.



Children's Program Rehearsal & Pizza Party
Saturday, December 7 • 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 8

Children's Christmas Program

The ABC's of Christmas

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Parents: Please have your children at

Sunday School no later than 9:15 a.m.

Immediately following the worship service the children will have their Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall.

Guess who coming to the Christmas Party this year??



Advent Food Collection for N.E.E.D.

This is the last Sunday, December 8, that we will be collecting food for N.E.E.D. to help families during the Christmas Season.

Food Items Needed:

Cornbread Mixes	Canned Pineapple
Chicken Stock	Cranberry Sauce
Instant Potatoes	Cake & Cookie Mixes
Jarred Gravy	Canned Frosting
Canned Green Beans	Pudding/Jello
Canned Carrots	Sugar/Flour
Canned Peas	Cooking Oil
Canned Corn	Spices
Canned Peaches	Salt & Pepper
Fruit Cocktail	Tea Bags
Canned Oranges	

We thank you in advance for your generosity!



Christmas Caroling
Wednesday, December 18
6:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us to go Christmas Caroling to the members of our church who are homebound. Everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU!

We would like to acknowledge and extend a huge thank you for the many hours of service that Bill Hoffman and Mary & George Paris give to the church each week.

Bill is only a phone call away when we have a problem with the computer system and we could not keep up with all of the work it takes to run this church without him.

Mary and George are here so many hours during the week with teaching Sunday School for the children, singing in the choir, working in the Resale Shop, organizing receptions and the list goes on. This month they have helped with decorating the church, leading the Children's Christmas Program and watering the poinsettias so that they will stay fresh during the Christmas Season.

The next time you see Bill, Mary and George, please let them know how much you appreciate their service.

There are many of you that do so much for the church each week, we want to thank you as well.



Bernice Larea Pippen

January 18, 1941—November 26, 2024

Visitation was held on December 2, 2024 followed by a graveside service at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Alice Josephine Conant Cook

April 26, 1927—November 29, 2024

A Funeral Service will be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church, December 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with burial at Crowley Cemetery.

Please keep the family members of Larea and Alice in your thoughts and prayers.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Betty Holshouser; Scott Paris; Barbara Jones; Charles & Pat Hooper; Byron Lechler, Melissa Lechler & her son, Lucas; Toni Hood's granddaughter-in-law, Christin; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's grandson, Milo; Darren Isbell; Ed Baker; Bonnie Richards; Sandra Mason; Mel & Susan Bishara's family in Nazareth and their nephew, Jimmy; Bob Watkins & family; Rory Yocum; David Stapp; Joe Crawford; George & Karen Angle's daughter, Sarah & daughter-in-law, Kristine; Roy & Joan Hudson's son, Richard; Barbara Kimbrough; Ann Kiker; Barbara Provenzano; sister, Lynn; Kelly Roberts; Lydia Acosta & her husband; Jean P. Isbell; Roy Hudson; Peggy Fallin; Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan Reynolds; Mary Steward; Linda Schmidt; Mel & Susan's friend, Lisa Hart; Betty Turnage; Linda Savell; Burt Moore; George & Libby Conant's daughter, Cheryl with the loss of her husband, Bob; Art & Cathy Gordon

This Week's Concerns: family of Alice Cook; Ron Pippen & family with the loss of Larea; Gary Gilland's sister; those affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton; the people of the Nazareth, Israel, Gaza & Lebanon; those affected by flooding; wildfires; isolation & loneliness; gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation

Our Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox; Junior Chowe



Please continue your financial support of St. Luke United Methodist Church. There are several ways to contribute that include mailing your offering to the church office or giving online through our website, stlukeumchaltomcity.org.

You may also use your banking online payment services to make your contributions every month.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke United Methodist Church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had eight in attendance. Beverly had a good lesson for us this week. An error was made in the last newsletter about Lydia Acosta's new granddaughter, it was supposed to be just one great instead of three greats, but we know she is precious! The children are performing next Sunday. Keep Joe Crawford in your prayers. *Mary Ross*

GENESIS CLASS:

Thank you, Susan for leading a small group of 8 ladies in the discussion of Chapter 2. We will move on to Chapter 3 next week. LNO Christmas party will be December 12 at the Savell's at 5:30 pm. Bring finger or snackie type foods and a gift for exchange with a \$25 limit. Let's take this year out ringing jingle bells. The Children's Christmas Program is this Sunday and the Choir Cantata is December 15. Let's support both of these wonderful programs. Art is recuperating at home (woohoo), so hopefully he and Cathy can get some much needed rest. Hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Snacks:

12/8—Karen & George Angle

12/15—Christmas Brunch

12/22—Linda & Ray Savell

See y'all Sunday.

Anita Bookout

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

We had twelve in attendance for the Upper Room Class. Our Joys: Earline Vinnedge had another great-grandson, Logan born on November 30 and Sharon Friddle was with her daughter and grandchildren during the holiday weekend. Our Concerns: Gail is asking for prayers for her husband, Gerry and her brother, Bruce and Gary Gilland's sister is in the hospital. Ann's devotional this week was about cats and dogs by Max Lucado. Cindy offered our prayer on Sunday, "Let the Lord bring us comfort." The Upper Room Sunday School Class Christmas Party is December 13 at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Ruth Ellis. There will be no gifts and the food is furnished. We will have a fun time playing games.

Birthdays: Jack Bostick—December 31

Resale Shop was closed this past weekend.

Devotion & Refreshments: Jack & Lorna Bostick

Prayer Group: December 11 • 9:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Lesson for next week: John 16:1

Gloria Lechler



The Chancel Choir of
St. Luke United Methodist Church
will be presenting the Christmas Cantata
The Gift with Orchestra
Sunday, December 15
10:30 a.m. Worship Service



United
Women
in Faith



United Women of Faith

Annual Christmas Brunch

Tuesday, December 10 • 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Entertainment will be provided by
Ray & Linda Savell singing your favorite
Christmas songs.

George Angle will be performing

The Living Christmas Tree

Everyone is invited to attend!



Newsletter

The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published
December 18 and all submissions need to be in the
church office by **December 16**. Thank you!



**The church office has a new email address, please
update your contact info for Susan:**

office@stlukeumchaltomcity.org



***Wednesday Morning Prayer Group
& Bible Study***

December 11, 2024 • Fellowship Hall

Prayer Group † 9:30 a.m. • Bible Study † 10:00 a.m.

Advent Bible Series • *Intersection of Hopes & Fears*

We invite you to join us.



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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.
 In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.
 Expansion Hispanic Church Service • 1:30 p.m.
 French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 1:30 p.m. Expansion Hispanic Church
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

Monday, December 9, 2024

No Activities

Tuesday, December 10, 2023

10:00 a.m. United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study—*Intersection of Hopes & Fears*
 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities
 6:00 p.m. French Congregation Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast—Bluebonnet Café

Friday, December 13, 2024

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, December 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, December 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service—Christmas Cantata
 1:30 p.m. Expansion Hispanic Church
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

Monday, December 16, 2024

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

No Activities

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities
 6:00 p.m. French Congregation Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling



*Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for
 In-Person Worship or Online Worship
 via our Facebook page & You Tube:
 SLUMC—Haltom City*

Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance • November 20, 2024

Prayer Group—6
 Bible Study—12
 Youth Activities—4
 French Congregation Bible Study—9
 UMM Breakfast • November 7—5

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Sunday School—50
 In-Person Worship—59
 Online Worship—208
 French Congregation Sunday School—13
 French Worship Service—33

Weekly Attendance • November 27, 2024

*There were no Wednesday Activities or UMM Breakfast
 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Sunday School—57
 In-Person Worship—53
 Online Worship—196
 French Congregation Sunday School—10
 French Worship Service—55