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ST. LUKE'S PASTOR EMERITUS

I have recommended to the Staff/Parish Committee and the Administrative Council that Dr. Rick Neal be recognized and honored for his ministry, time as pastor of St. Luke's and service as a retired Elder in our church. Both committees overwhelmingly and enthusiastically voted to make Rick the Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke's UMC. It has been a real blessing for me personally to have Rick and Sandy retire and make our church their home. Pastor Rick has been the perfect former pastor. He is supportive, always willing and ready to help, encouraging and a wise counselor to have around.

In case you are wondering what the title of Pastor Emeritus means, it does not mean that Pastor Rick will be a staff member or an associate pastor on staff. He is retired and will remain a retired Elder. Pastor Emeritus is an honorary title given to a retired Elder because of the merit earned during his time of active ministry and also in my opinion the honorable way he has served in our church during his 2 1/2 years of retirement. Pastor Rick is deserving of this title because of his long distinguished service as a pastor in the Florida Conference, ministry as pastor for 8 years at St. Luke's, and for the six years he served as District Superintendent of the Northeast District in the Jacksonville area. He is presently not only part of our church family, but Rick is actively serving the Gulf Central District as Chairman of The Foundry Project which is a cluster of 6 churches working together to form a vision and plan for future ministry here

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St. Luke's is a spiritually alive congregation committed to welcoming all generations and helping them become disciples of Jesus in their community and the world.

Our Church Family

Scripture Readers

- Feb 05 11:00 Mary Mook
- Feb 12 11:00 George Leonard
- Feb 19 11:00 Marlene Lieber
- Feb 26 11:00 Gene Purdum

Office Volunteer

- Feb 05 11:00 Donna Mortensen
- Feb 12 11:00 Harriett Swartzmiller
- Feb 19 11:00 Alfred Plange
- Feb 26 11:00 Florence Kennedy

Ushers

- Feb 05 11:00 Frank Galloway, Charlie BeVille, George Leonard, Jeff Brown
- Feb 12 11:00 Harriett Swartzmiller, Alfred Plange, Judy Bunnell, Charlie BeVille
- Feb 19 11:00 Charlie BeVille, Gene DeHaven, Rodney Cassaway, Ether Horsley
- Feb 26 11:00 Fred & Judy Bunnell, Steve & Rosemary Reynolds

Recently Hospitalized

Marcia Doty
Billie Barger

Thank you to the individuals who provided the new liquid candles for the church altar. You are appreciated!

Care Food Project

Our CARE Food Project helps those within our church supplement their food. If you would like to help a needy family with food, make your check out to St. Luke's for any amount writing "Care Food" in the memo line. With rising costs many families on a very fixed income often run out of food money before the month end. The church's assistance helps them make it through the month. Thank you for your continued help.

The most contagious spirit.....enthusiasm!

ITS TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



- * Dates are March 6th thru March 10th.
 - * Tues. thru Fri. times are 2pm to 8:30pm.
 - * Sat. is 10:30am to 4:30pm.
 - * If the Sat. timing is changed, it will be reflected on the on-line sign up page.
 - * As before, one free 8x10 photo and copy of the directory
 - * You will get a copy of pricing of additional photos when you sign up.
 - * We need volunteers to be hosts/hostesses the days of photos. Contact Lee Montgomery 867-3001 to volunteer.
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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.—Galatians 6:10

February Prayer Focus

This month's prayer focus is for *our community outreach projects.*

CUPS FOR SALE

St. Luke's has a new style cup for sale. The 11oz. ceramic mug is white with black lettering and a red flame. Cups are available in the church office for **\$5.00**. Proceeds from the cups are used for the church outreach programs.



Wednesday Night Community Dinner

Wednesday Night Community Dinner is offered by donation at the table at 5:30pm classes start at 6:15. All ages are invited...no tickets or reservations needed.

Classes include a Bible study in the sanctuary with Pastor Moore; activities for TreeHouse children ages K through 5th grade; tweens, youth and the following class "Telling Yourself the Truth" by our church counselors in the Joy Corner.

Telling Yourself the Truth

And Jesus said, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32 NIV) Life lived in the truth makes for joy and peace! Wrong thinking produces wrong emotions, wrong reactions, wrong behavior—and unhappiness! Learning to deal with your thoughts is the first step on the road to healthy thinking.

You can find your way out of DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, FEAR, ANGER, and other common problems by applying the principles of Misbelief Therapy. COME JOIN TERRY SCHOENBERG and DEBRA KRAUS from the St. Luke's Counseling Department at WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT for this amazing biblically-based group study called, TELLING YOURSELF THE TRUTH. This study will help show you how to identify your own misbeliefs and replace them with the truth. Bring your Bible and bring a friend; you won't be disappointed!

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Dr. Richard Neal will be honored February 5, at the 10:30am combined worship service as Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. It is an honorary title for service in the church. He's been very supportive and a big asset to our church. He is willing to do anything. He will be honored with a plaque for his many contributions. Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Neal.

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in Central St. Petersburg. He is a member of the District Board of Ordained Ministry and District New Church Starts Committee. Pastor Rick is very active in his retirement.

The title of Pastor Emeritus means it is OK to address Rick as Pastor Rick. He is not the Pastor, but he is honored by this congregation with the title that he has earned over a career of fruitful, effective and blessed ministry. Pastor Rick has been the most dignified, helpful and encouraging retired pastor I have ever had the privilege to work with. I am pleased to honor him in this way and I know the congregation of St. Luke's feels likewise.

On Sunday, February 5 we will be having a combined worship service at 10:30am to present this honor to Pastor Rick. He will be preaching and serving us communion on that day. I hope you will mark your calendar and make a special effort to be here to celebrate the career of Pastor Rick Neal.

God's blessing,
Pastor Craig Moore

All Men Are Invited!

The United Methodist Men invite all men to the Men's Fellowship Breakfast held the first Saturday morning of each month at St. Luke's at 7:30 AM. It's a time of study and sharing God's word and to fellowship with other Christian men over breakfast.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

United Methodist Women are starting a new Bible study titled "For the Love of God" a study of the Epistles of John. It will be led by Helen Sweatt and held on Sunday afternoons 4:30-5:30 starting February 5th and continuing for eight weeks during February and March. No advance registration is needed and you do not need to be a member of United Methodist Women to attend.

“Let’s Go the Distance”

Well, it’s off to a good start. That’s right; two weeks of January have passed away. St. Luke’s continues to meet the needs of our surrounding area and on a larger scale, the world in our connectional work with other churches and members of other churches who attend part time here and part time at their other homes.

Unlike Congress, which has been accused of doing nothing, St. Luke’s has been meeting the needs of our community. The question is, do we continue to have the courage to go the distance?

Christ sent and is sending disciples and their message of salvation and peace today just as he did 2000 years ago. St. Luke’s will need all your help. This year we have a lot of “can do” people who are ready to go forward. Unfortunately, funds continue to be lacking.

We collect cans, have fund raisers, etc., and still — well, you get the message. Don’t be like Congress. We can’t just do nothing. Be a self-starter and go the distance. Support in all ways the work Christ has set before all of St. Luke’s members both past and present.

In His service, Charlie BeVille

Lenten schedule:

Ash Wednesday: February 22, 6:30 PM. Immediately following a soup supper (5:30) will be our Ash Wednesday service.

Lenten Breakfast: March 10th, 9:00AM. All invited.

Palm Sunday: April 1st

Holy Thursday: April 5th, 6:30 PM. A Tenebrae service including communion.

Easter Sunday: April 8th. Two services at their usual times.

SCRIPTURE

“Nothing will be impossible for you.”
- Matthew 17:20

REFLECTION

Prayer is no small thing... it is the language of spiritual life and forms the innermost character... failure to pray entails great loss.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for granting us the privilege of prayer... please form my innermost character so my life always reflects You. Amen
~National Day of Prayer



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Mission Study

Haiti: Challenges and Hope

Haiti is a land of contrasts, rich in culture – a blend of Spanish, French, African and indigenous influences – and rich in spirit. Haiti faces enormous challenges, yet amid the devastation from the earthquake are glimmers of hope. This study offers participants an opportunity to learn more about Haiti, reflect theologically on the command to be in mission., pray for wisdom in discerning how to be of help and ultimately to act in love.

Five churches are coming together to present this study on Tuesday, February 7th at Pasadena United Methodist Church and you will not want to miss it.

Mission Study

Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 9:00AM-2:30PM
Pasadena United Methodist Church
Registration \$6 – includes lunch
Signup sheet on UMWomen’s Bulletin Board or
contact Helen Sweatt 867-5232

Dates to remember:

February 1	10:00AM	Executive Committee
February 7	9:30AM	Mission Study
February 14	9:30AM	Dorcas Circle
	11:00AM	Wesleyan Circle
	6:15PM	Inspirations

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Coming Saturday, March 10th Church-wide Lenten Breakfast, 9:00AM



Barb's Branches

by Barb Snead

FEBRUARY 2012 -

This is my valentine for all the TreeHouse children:

There's a special place
within my heart
that only you can fill.
For you had my love
right from the start
and I know you always will.

Happy Valentine's Day!

I also want to say how very much we all miss Virginia Bishop. She was the "PERFECT VALENTINE"! She was as "SWEET" as "CANDY". She was so full of "LOVE" for these children. She had a special place in her "HEART" for the wee ones. Her cheeks were like "ROSES" and her smile like "DIAMONDS". She was always giving of her finances, her time, her talents and her LOVE! She was very thoughtful and always asked what she can do to help. She was a good FRIEND to us adults and a great GRANDMOTHER to the children. We all miss you. This heart is for her!



Dates to remember in February:

Sundays --- February - 5, 12, 19, 26.....TreeHouse 5:30 - 7:30
Tuesday..... 14th - Valentine's Day
Wednesday. February 1, 8, 15, 22 andTreeHouse.....5:30 - 7:30

the ladder is waiting for you.....

Known February Birthdays

Jeannine Colbert 02/03
Marco Ricciardi 02/04
Shelby Stevens 2/04
Terry Schoenberg 02/05
Jenni Denny 02/07
Rob Emmet 02/07
Michael Prange 02/07
Ed Hunter 02/07
Scott Hazelton 02/08
Elizabeth Williams 02/08
Julie Nagel 02/08
Steve Reynolds 02/08
Warren Taylor 02/14
Anne Saxer 02/15
Freda McKalip 02/16
Phyllis Osenton 02/16
Lee Montgomery 02/20
Glenn Stewart 02/20
Lucille Formanek 02/25
Alberta Hiebert 02/25
Martha Baumgartner 2/28/12

Gifts Received in Memory

Dorothy Molt: Anonymous

Virginia Bishop: Martha Morris, Pat Duffy, Rosa Brown, Joe & Ginny Stewart, Frank & Marian Galloway, Kathy Zeman, Florence Kennedy

Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, February 19, 5:30pm
will be our monthly dinner. Entertainment will be provided by a Men's Barbershop Quartet. Tickets are on sale in the church office for \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 youth, 5 and under free.

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for the February 17, 6:30pm movie. Cartoons at 6:00pm. Pizza, popcorn, drinks, and candy are available for very small fees. Always a great family outing.

The Choir Wants You!

Do you like to sing? The choir is always looking for new people to join in presenting music at the 11:00am service. You do not need to be able to read music. Contact Tracy Torrance or anyone in the church choir.

Something new from Tracy: In the pews you will find small cards to request your favorite hymn you would like to sing in the service. The choir will try to work in these hymns when possible. Complete the form with hymn name and number then place into the collection plate.

THE BELL
I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

who you are?

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn His face and shine his countenance upon you
and give you peace . . ." Numbers 6:24-26*

UM Cooperative Ministries' Walk for the Dream


A **Walk-for-the-Dream** sponsored by United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, will take place on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., at the Florida Botanical Gardens and Heritage Village in Pinewood Cultural Park, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo. The public is invited to participate as individuals, families, churches, businesses and/or other teams. Volunteers of all ages and from all walks of life will raise funds to support the Cooperative Ministries programs for at-risk children and families by getting sponsors for their participation. Everyone who collects a minimum of \$35 or more in sponsorships will receive a free T-shirt and a boxed lunch for a picnic in the park. Top fundraising individuals will have the chance to win big prizes. Awards will also be given for the top fund raising groups and those with the most official walkers. Reservations and registration are required.

Register on-line through www.UMCM.info in January. Or, for more details, registration forms or to volunteer for the event, call Kitty Carpenter, at 727-442-6881, ext. 5, or email kcarpenter@umcm.info. Group or Church Walk Coordinators will also be provided forms.

Founded in 1975, United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, Inc. is a non-profit outreach mission of the Gulf Central District of the United Methodist Church. Cooperative Ministries mobilizes volunteers and provides a wide variety of social service programs in five Gulf Coast Counties to over 15,000 individuals and families needing help with basic social, educational, and economic needs.

NOMADS

The Nomads are returning this month. Once again they will be working on projects for the neighborhood and members: repairs, painting, windows, doors and etc. Nomads are retired pastors, painters, plumbers, and other skilled or experienced workers that give of their time and talents to help those in need. They supply the labor and you supply the parts or materials for the project. If you have a project or know a neighbor in need of help, contact Jenni Denny at 735-8848.

If you would like to donate to this neighborhood outreach ministry, make your check out to St. Luke's and mark NOMADS in the memo.



a message from maresi:

Hello all -

At the end of this month, the Tweens and High School Youth Groups will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine on Feb. 24-25. The 30 Hour Famine is a worldwide youth movement of students who are serious about serving God and fighting hunger and poverty in the world. For 30 hours participants will get a small taste of hunger by not eating - something more than a billion people face every day. And by doing fundraising activities, community service projects, and learning more about the facts of world hunger, students are changed in amazing ways as they help others and save lives.

The 30 Hour Famine is a program of WorldVision, an internationally recognized non-profit, working in all areas of the world including Haiti, Africa, and Asia. The youth will be present before and after the worship services on Feb. 19 if you would like to make a donation and learn more about their efforts to step outside their comfort zone and serve the Lord in this way.

Maresi ☺

Youth Group

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February 2012 Youth Events	
02/01/12	5:30-7:30
WNL	
02/02/12	6:15-8:15
Feed The Homeless	
02/03/12	6:00-9:00
Open Youth Room - The ROCK	
02/08/12	5:30-7:30
WNL	
02/15/12	5:30-7:30
WNL	
02/22/12	5:30-7:30
Ash Wednesday Service	
02/23/12	6:15-8:15
Feed The Homeless	
02/24/12	12:30pm
Start FASTING	
02/24-25/12	6:00pm-6:00pm
30 Hour Famine Weekend	
02/29/12	5:30-7:30
WNL	

Check Out What's in the Library! Love Finds You In Sugarcreek, Ohio

Serena B. Miller



Policewoman Rachael Troyer has always looked after her three elderly Amish aunts, proprietors of a farmhouse inn near Sugarcreek, Ohio. The idyllic town is popular with tourists, who come to sample its famous Amish goods. But one thing is clear to Rachael...Joe Matthews is no tourist. When the bearded stranger lands on her aunts' doorstep, begging shelter for him and his young son, Rachael is suspicious. Will she be able to uncover Joe's secrets despite her aunts'...and her own growing affection for him?

This is another "large print" book donated to the church library. The library appreciates the new books that are donated to the library on a regular basis. Thank you.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!!

Come join the "Story Time" in the library between 5:00 and 5:25. All children are invited to come and listen to some of their favorite stories. Plan to be there.



The children and youth are continuing to collect aluminum cans. This money is used for bus repairs and fuel for trips for missions and fun events. THANK YOU to those who regularly bring your cans to the church....we appreciate you!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 10:00 UMW Ex. Meet. 10:30 Al-Anon 5:30 WNCD Meal 5:30 Youth & Tweens 5:30 TreeHouse 7:00 Choirs	2 10:00-12:00 Disciple Bible Study 4:30/6:15 Feed Homeless 5:00-7:15 Karate 7:00 Venture Crew	3 6:00-9:00 Open Youth Room 	4 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Band Practice	
5 Communion Food Asst. Serenity Combined Worship 10:30 9:15 Coffee Bar 9:30 Sunday School	6 8:30 Prayer Time 7:00 Scouts	7 9:00-2:30 UMW Mission Study 6:30 Live Oak NA 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Cub Scouts	8 10:30 Al-Anon 5:30 WNCD Meal & classes 5:30 Youth & Tweens 5:30 TreeHouse 7:00 Choirs	9 10:00-12:00 Disciple Bible Study 5:00-7:15 Karate 7:00 Venture Crew	10	11 9:00-1:00 Thrift Store 10:00 Band Practice	
12 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 9:45 & 10:45 Coffee Bar 10:00 Sunday School	13 8:30 Prayer Time 1:00 Parkinson's 6:00 Finance 7:00 Scouts 7:00 2nd Time Arounders	14 Valentine's Day 9:30 Dorcas 11:00 Wesleyan 6:15 Inspirations 6:30/7:00 Cub Scouts	15 10:30 Al-Anon 5:30 WNCD Meal & classes 5:30 Youth & Tweens 5:30 TreeHouse 7:00 Choirs	16 5:00-7:15 Karate 7:00 Venture Crew	17 6:00 Cartoons 6:30 Free Movie	18 8:00 Outside Workday 10:00 Band Practice	
19 Food Assistance Worship 9:00 & 11:00 9:45 & 10:45 Coffee Bar 10:00 Sunday School 5:30 Fellowship Dinner Quartet	20 Presidents Day 8:30 Prayer Time 6:00 Trustees 7:00 Scouts	21 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Cub Scouts	22 Ash Wed. Spirit Mailing 10:30 Al-Anon 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 Choirs	23 4:30/6:15 Feed Homeless 5:00-7:15 Karate 7:00 Venture Crew Wedding Rehearsal	24 12:30 Youth 30 Hour Fast Begins 6:00 2nd Time Arounders Spaghetti Dinner	25 10:00 Band Practice 5:00 Richard's wedding 6:00 Youth 30 Hour Fast Ends	
26 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 9:45 & 10:45 Coffee Bar 10:00 Sunday School	27 8:30 Prayer Time 1:00 Parkinson's 6:30 Church Council 7:00 Scouts	28 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Cub Scouts	29 10:30 Al-Anon 12:00 Al-Anon Lunch 5:30 WNCD Meal & classes 5:30 Youth & Tweens 5:30 TreeHouse 7:00 Choirs				