

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fun Bunch, April 28. Our Fun Bunch will be meeting at the Dixon Gardens at 10:30 a.m. for a stroll through the gardens. Bring a picnic lunch and drink or buy your lunch at the Dixon. Help us celebrate SPRING with the beautiful Dixon flowers. Call Jim or Jeanne Debo at 901-755-1766 or 901-413-3341 for questions.

Everyone is Welcome at The Table! Theme: *Praying for Our World.* As we continue through this year, prayer will be our focus at "The Table." On Sunday, May 1 at 5:00 p.m., we will gather together for music, meditation, and communion with the emphasis on "Praying for Our World." We hope you will join us as Warren Morrison leads this heartfelt and meaningful meditation.

VBS, June 13-16, 5-7 p.m. Save the Date! This year we are doing something a little different and offering VBS from 5-7 in the evenings. A light supper will be provided for those coming from camp, daycare, or work.

ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning TODAY, our ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will begin several new studies. All classes begin at 9:00 a.m. This is a great time to visit a class or drop in on a study that you may be interested in.

Amy and Denton Pearson will be leading our newest class (Room 303) which we are temporarily calling *Nurture Something New*. Amy and Denton will lead a study of *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go* by Adam Hamilton.

David Hensley will lead the Newman Class in Room 213 in a study of the book, *How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian*, by John Dominic Crossan.

Betty Jo Masters leads the Seekers Class in Room 215. They will study the Golden Chapters of the Bible which cover a variety of topics. Each week the class will read and study a different "Golden Chapter" with these questions in mind: "What does this chapter have to say that makes it a cherished chapter of the Bible? What has made it helpful to those who have studied it in the past? And, what is this chapter saying to me in my life? Put on your thinking caps and learn what God's word has to say to you.

The Christian Home Builders Class meets in Room 108. Each week they have lively discussions on a variety of topics. On May 1, our Director of Music, Jacob Allen, will be the guest speaker.

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OUR MISSION:

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

April 24, 2022

Youth Sunday

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

April 24, 2022

*The flowers on the altar are given by
Wally and Lynne McAlexander with gratitude to God and each other
as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.*

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ARR. CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI
Wesley Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN** *Come As You Are*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

SKIT FROM VIDEO

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 14:1, 12-24
New Living Translation

HYMN *God Made From One Blood* TFWS 2170
The children should come forward on the last verse.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children will go to Children's Worship after message.

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All good gifts come from you, Lord, and from our resources we bring
this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in
this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Festival Intrada* JEFFREY HONORE
Wesley Bells

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:20-25
New Living Translation

MESSAGE

CREED (The Social Creed)

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

HYMN *Draw the Circle Wide* W&S 3154

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* JEAN-BAPTISTE LULLY
Jacob Allen, Organist

* Please stand as able.

WELCOME!

To Our Guests! Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please fill out the card located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you would like more information about becoming a member, contact Pastor Jim McKinney at 901-452-6262 or jim.mckinney@stlukesumc.org.

Youth Ministry. Sunday School for youth in grades 6-12 is at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth area (3rd floor). Youth are then dismissed to attend worship. Sunday evening youth activities are in our 3rd Floor Youth Space from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

ASP Parents, Don't forget that we have a training session on May 1 from 11:30-2:30. ALL trip participants should plan to attend. Bring a lunch, your completed paperwork, and your t-shirt payment to the meeting.

Congratulations to our Spring Graduates!

Meredith Patterson - Bartlett High School
Lily Hall - Lewisburg High School
Huey Graham - Tennessee College of Applied Technology
Larry Kaler - University of Memphis
Cody Sanford - Mississippi State University

If you know of a graduate we should acknowledge, please let us know!

Children's Ministry. Children's Sunday School meets from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Preschool (Room 105); JK-First Grade (Room 106); Second-Fifth Grade (Room 216); Nursery (Infant-3 years) is available for Sunday School and worship in Room 109. Children ages JK-Third Grade are invited to Children's Worship during worship.

Adult Sunday School. We have a variety of adult Sunday School classes for you to choose from that meet at 9:00 a.m. Call or text Lynne McAlexander at 901-550-3091 for more information.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PLEASE PRAY

Malvin Massey, Norma Grotberg, Alice Roberts, Jean Roberts, Sara Beth Gregory, Marty & Joe Cobb, Sue Lewison (sister of Marcia Mittelstadt), Olivia Robertson, Monica Hoagland (friend of Tina Bodenheimer), Andy Bogle (nephew of Ann Al-Chokhachi), Eduardo and Maria Contreras (parents of Uziel Contreras), Ed and Nita Barlow, Coni Stevens.

Many of our dear friends who need continued prayers have been "leveled up" to the Prayer Warrior list. At any time they may be added back to the list that is published in the Sunday bulletin. Pat Anderson keeps this list updated.

Contact Pat at 901-489-3757 or pata9276@gmail.com if you wish to be added to the prayer list. If you would like the prayer list emailed to you each week, please contact donna.thurmond@stlukesumc.org.