

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bob Abbott; Michelle Baltz (**Kellie Braddocks's** sister, breast cancer); **Lyndell Becker**; Linda Drayton (recent fall); Tori & Zach Earle (granddaughter of **Glenn & Debra Beckham**); **David Fletcher** (recovering from heart procedure); **Greer Goodson** (partial face paralysis); Mike Shelley (brother of **Dianne Byrd**, tumor behind eye); **Jeff and Carolyn Sifford**; Kay McCutchin (Bootsie Griggs' Aunt, cancer); Carolina Elementary School

**** If your prayer need is resolved, or if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 843-383-5169 or office@stlukehartsville.com. We will keep all prayer requests in the Newsletter for one month. After that, they will be removed unless you tell us otherwise.**



St Luke
Methodist Church

December 4, 2025

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 AM—4:00 PM

The deadline for submitting information for the St. Luke Newsletter is the 1st and 3rd Mondays at Noon.

If you have a Pastoral Care emergency outside of regular church office hours, please email Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com

GOOD NEWS

Do You Like to READ?

"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people. A people who talk much will know little." - John Wesley

Methodism's founder, John Wesley read voraciously. He read at home. He read when he rode in a carriage. He was even known to read while riding his horse. He was what we might call an avid reader.

And as the quote above indicates, he saw value in reading. This is a comment that he made in November of 1790, just a few months before he died in March of the following year. So, it reflects a mature perspective. Over the course of a life of reading, Wesley saw the value of it, and he wanted to share that insight.

Of course, it wasn't just reading anything. In 1784, he wrote to a friend and said, "I would recommend very few novels to young persons, for fear they should be too desirous of more." Wesley's aversion to novels aside, his larger point is that we need to be intentional about what we consume, what we focus on, and how much time we spend doing so.

We all know that we should spend time in Scripture. St. Jerome once said that "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." And so, we encourage one another to absorb the Scriptures through reading.

But, what else are we consuming? What else informs our perspective? In a world of social media, smart phones, continuous news and commentary, what is it that we are focused on? And, what steps do we need to take to ensure that we are focusing on that which enriches rather than that which tears down.

Sometimes, it just takes intentionality, a small step. Perhaps each morning try reaching for your Bible before reaching for your smart phone. May God Bless YOU! **Pastor Todd**

Worship Team News



Many thanks to St. Luke's Worship Team for ensuring that our Homebound and Online disciples will have Holy Communion elements available to them so they can celebrate Holy Communion on the First Sunday each month with the rest of our church family.

You can pick up Holy Communion Packets in the church office. If you need them delivered to your home, please let the church office know (843-383-5169).

St. Luke has a group of volunteers who would like to help homebound disciples or others who need rides to non-emergency doctor's appointments, X-ray's, lab work, drug store, other medical appointments, or grocery store. Volunteers are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM. Please secure your ride at least 3 days prior to your need. For a list of volunteers and contact information, please call or email the church office at: 843-383-5169 or office@stlukehartsville.com.



Pastoral Visitation

Pastor Todd enjoys visiting St. Luke homebound/other disciples. If you would like him to schedule a visit with you, please call the church office at 843-383-5169, or email Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com

Pastor Todd is glad to visit anyone at anytime!



December

- 1 Michael Storm
- 1 Kaitlyn Halliday
- 2 Willard Brown
- 2 Porter Hunnicutt
- 2 Gino Prozzi
- 2 DeWayne Walters
- 3 Steve Roos
- 4 Davin Russell
- 4 Carly Jackson
- 4 Mary Harper Evans
- 6 Troy Privette
- 6 Kristina Gainey
- 6 Henry Norment
- 7 Hudson Evans
- 8 Betty Roos
- 9 Rhett Mitchell
- 9 Ella Watkins
- 11 Shirley McCutchen
- 11 Tennyson Watkins
- 12 David Fletcher
- 12 Chase Ollis
- 12 Gerry Caffee
- 12 Grey McBride
- 14 Karen Haywood
- 14 Nancy Caffee
- 15 Jennifer Taylor
- 19 Ross Johnson
- 21 Luke Buckley
- 21 Kristen Nicholson
- 22 Joanne Merck
- 23 Mark Bedenbaugh
- 26 Stephanie Shaw
- 26 Victoria Fulbright
- 26 Ilaisaane Tyree
- 27 Adam Gainey
- 27 Melinda Sansbury
- 28 Mandy Ringer
- 28 Reed Wampole
- 30 Michael Siegfried
- 30 Walter Brown
- 30 Justin Prozzi



December

- 10 Bobby & Diane Ollis
- 14 Storm & Maggie Beasley
- 14 William & Karen Butler
- 18 Andy & Kim Hamilton
- 19 Bill & Jeannette Galloway
- 22 Fred & Nancy Edinger
- 28 Tim & Mandy Ringer
- 28 Jonathon & Amanda Saleeby

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Worship Service, Children's Church, Children's Christmas Pageant
 5:00 PM Progressive Supper (3rd-6th Grade)
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour
 6:00 PM Advent Service (Union Methodist Church)

Monday, December 8
 10:00 Am Ladies Fellowship
 12:00 PM Dannie Newsome Luncheon (Offsite)
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 9
 2:00 PM Prayer in Chapel
 6:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10
 2:00 PM Ladies Game Day
 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11
 8:30 AM Disciple Bible Study

Saturday, December 13
 9:00 AM Adopt a Highway

Sunday, December 14
 8:00 AM Methodist Men's Breakfast with speaker John Weiss
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Worship Service, Children's Church
 2:00 PM Children's Christmas Party (3K-2nd Grade)
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour
 6:00 PM Advent Service (Prospect Church)

Monday, December 15
 10:00 AM Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday, December 16
 2:00 PM Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17
 2:00 PM Ladies Game Day
 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 18
 8:30 AM Disciple Bible Study
 10:30 AM Staff Meeting and Christmas Party

CHURCH TEAMS

Greeter for December
 Linda Drayton

Counting Committee:
 December 7: Bill Query, Don Lockman
 December 14: Bill Query, Kevin Kelley

December Ushers:
 Scott Jackson (Captain), Eddie Drayton, Allen Rudick, James Nuckles; Mark Watkins

Bereavement Meal Committee # 1
 Becca Benson (Chairperson), Amy Brown, Lee Moyd, Cissy Alexander, Jessica Bedenbaugh, Jordan Murdock, Heather Norment, Marissa Walters, Savanna Brown

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

Weekly Contributions:
 November 23: \$18,902.92 November 30: \$25,100.04

Weekly Worship Attendance (online)
 November 23: 185 (270) November 30: 190 (350)

House of Hope of the Pee Dee

So far we have received \$36,000.00 in thanksgiving to God for our House of Hope of the Pee Dee Thanksgiving Offering. Truly, this is an answer to prayer.

100% of this Offering will be used to help support the new House of Hope of the Pee Dee being developed for downtown Hartsville to help support our brothers and sisters who are homeless, or who need assistance in other critical ways.

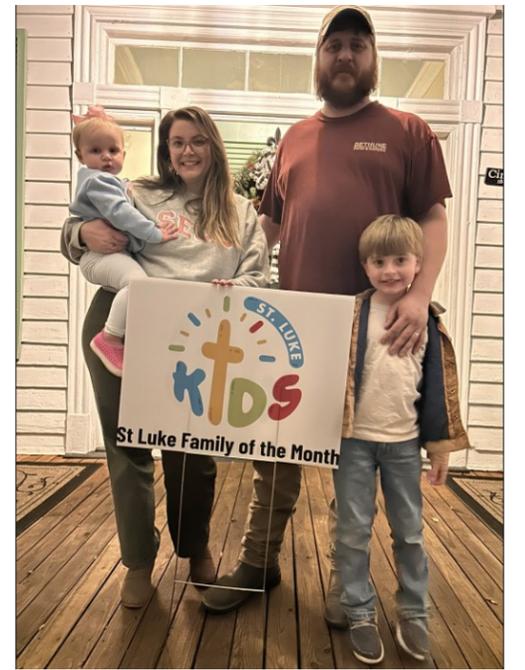
You can still make a donation to this offering. Checks can be made out to St. Luke and write "House of Hope" on the memo line. Thank you for giving GENEROUSLY.



Children's Department Families of the Month



The Eubanks Family



The McCaskill Family



The Weber Family



The Skipper Family



The Bedenbaugh Family



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Christmas
Progressive Dinner
3rd-6th Grade

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
5:00-TBD

Hosted by St. Luke Families

RSVP TO: JESSICA

CHRISTMAS
COOKIE
DECORATING
PARTY

DEC 14 2 PM

BABIES-2ND GRADE

HOSTED BY
ST. LUKE CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT
THE BEASLEY HOME
311 DAHOON LANE
HARTSVILLE SC, 29550

A Song
A Son
A Savior

The GLORY & HOPE of CHRISTMAS
MARTY PARKS

Adult Christmas Cantata
December 21st, 10:15 am

AGES
3K & UP
kids
christmas
camp

DECEMBER 22 & 23
9AM TO 12PM

MONDAY
BAKING, CRAFTS, MUSIC, GAMES

TUESDAY
DELIVERY TO ST. LUKE
HOMEBOUND

Happy Birthday
Jesus

Join us for a birthday party for Jesus.
Sunday, December 21st
9:15-10am
The Fellowship Hall

HARTSVILLE AREA
GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCHES

Advent Services
All services begin at 6 pm

NOVEMBER 30
WESLEY CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
3061 WESLEY CHAPEL RD, LAMAR

DECEMBER 7
UNION CHURCH OF MCBEE
4374 UNION CHURCH RD, MCBEE

DECEMBER 14
PROSPECT CHURCH
740 PROSPECT CHURCH RD, HARTSVILLE

DECEMBER 21
ST. LUKE METHODIST CHURCH
302 DUNLAP DRIVE, HARTSVILLE

DECEMBER 2025



HARTSVILLE Food Bank

**Soup, Pasta, Grits,
Canned Vegetables**



We will decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas season. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the order form available in the Narthex or the church office. Your poinsettia will be available after the 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service to take home and enjoy. Cost will be \$20.00 per plant (tax included).

Payment is due with your form.

(Deadline to order is December 11, 2025)

Dunlap Drive Clean-Up Day

St. Luke's next Palmetto Pride "Adopt a Highway"
Dunlap Drive clean-up day is
Saturday, December 13.
Meet in the Fellowship Hall parking lot
with gloves and a pick-up tool.

ALL ST. LUKE DISCIPLES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT!



Cookies for Santa

Drop-in with the Evans Family

Wednesday, December 24th

9:00 am-12:00 pm

612 West Home Avenue, Hartsville



Please contact Mrs. Alison
to reserve your cookie: (843)260-6588

2026 Flower Chart

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2026, please sign up on the Flower Chart located in the Narthex.



**Prayer
Breakfast**
December 14, 8:00 am
St. Luke Fellowship Hall

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JON WEISS, CEO
HOUSE OF HOPE OF THE PEE DEE

SPONSORED BY THE MIGHTY METHODIST MEN

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, December 10th.