

CONDOLENCES

St. Luke Disciples offer our sympathy and prayers to the Babb Family (Ben, Leah, Laney, and Calvin) on the death of Leah's grandfather, Mr. Lincoln Shaffer, who died on May 28, 2026, in Pennsylvania.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lyndell Becker; Willard Brown (heart surgery on May 27); **David Fletcher;** Mike Shelley (brother of **Dianne Byrd**, tumor behind eye); Rebecca Skinner Fulmer (hospitalized); Scotty Talbert (friend of **Gino Prozzi**, health issues); Whitney Terry (niece of Wendi Beattie, breast cancer)



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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

Food for the Soul: **PRAYER**

John Wesley believed in the power of prayer. He experienced it. And, he encouraged faithful Christians to pray together in worship and to set aside time for what he often called "private prayer." In this quote from a letter that he wrote to the Methodist societies in Bristol in 1764, his view of the necessity of prayer is clear to see.

Our prayer lives are multifaceted. We are called in the Old Testament to pray together "in the great congregation" (Ps. 35:18). St. Paul famously wrote in the New Testament that we are to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17), which Wesley described as "the fruit of always rejoicing in the Lord," but can also be described as having a constant awareness of God's presence. At times, our prayers may be a response to the challenges of life.

For Wesley, prayer is the heartbeat of the Christian life. A Christian life is a life of prayer.

"Private prayer" is another element within this life of prayer. This can mean simply sitting with the Lord and bringing to Him our praise and our concerns. It can also be structured prayer. The important thing is to be intentional.

Wesley used both written prayers, such as the Book of Prayer, but also less structured times of prayer. Next to what is now known as Wesley's Chapel, the center of Methodist work from the 1770s onward, you'll find his home. It's a classic eighteenth-century townhouse with four floors. But, just off of his bedroom is a small room with a window.

It was in this small room that Wesley often prayed. I don't know if he had a kneeler in the room, but if you look on the floor, you can see the marks where he knelt in prayer. He spent hours in this room in prayer. It is for this reason that the room is often called "the powerhouse of Methodism" and it is a holy place. Many pray there to this day.

Following Jesus' example, who so often went away by himself to pray, Wesley prayed because he knew the power of prayer; a power that is available to each and every one of us at every moment, food for our souls laid on the table for us and ready now. May God bless you, **Pastor Todd**



As you clean out those closets, if you have some "nearly new" items that would make good prizes for our Family Night Bingo events (adult and children prizes needed!), please donate them to the church office - **THANK YOU!**



A Choice to Make's Baby Bottle Campaign

On Sunday, May 3, 2026, Lisa Jones, Development Director for **A Choice To Make Pregnancy Resource Center in Florence**, shared a Mission Ministry Moment in worship asking for St. Luke's support in their important mission and ministry to mothers and fathers who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy. You can view Lisa's presentation in worship at the following link: [Do YOU Reflect CHRIST?](#) - start at minute 29:43.

More information about the baby bottle campaign is below. If you would like to help support this campaign, you can pick up a baby bottle in the church office during the week, or in worship on Sundays. Fill the bottle with change, cash, or a check made out to: A CHOICE TO MAKE. Return your filled bottle to the church office during the week, or bring to worship on Sundays. All bottles need to be returned by Father's Day, June 21, 2026

We invite you to take home an empty baby bottle, provided by A Choice to Make (bottles are in the church office). Fill it with cash, coins, or a check, and return it filled on Father's Day. The campaign is an opportunity for families and individuals in the church community to become aware of A Choice to Make and to be a part of a ministry that helps save lives and protect futures through Godly choices (literature for this ministry is available in the church office).

By filling a bottle, you will support the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. Your support reaches hundreds of people through pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, and educational programs, offering the hope of Jesus Christ and essential supplies for mothers, fathers, and babies. Most importantly, please pray daily from Mother's Day to Father's Day for A Choice to Make in the ongoing fight for life, not just for the babies but for the moms and dads too!

NEED A RIDE?

WE HAVE A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE TO TRANSPORT OUR HOMEBOUND DISCIPLES AND OTHERS WHO MAY NEED A RIDE TO:

NON-EMERGENCY DOCTOR VISITS
XRAY AND LAB APPOINTMENTS
PHARMACY
GROCERY STORE

VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

TRANSPORTATION MUST BE SECURED AT LEAST 3 DAYS IN ADVANCE

A LIST OF VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Pastoral Visitation

Pastor Todd enjoys visiting St. Luke disciples. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com





June

- 3 Meredith Askins
- 3 Prax Tyree
- 4 Karen Jeffords
- 5 Joye Black
- 7 Maggie Beasley
- 8 Russell Powell
- 11 Sheila Haney
- 13 Watson Tingen
- 14 Karen Walters
- 15 Sara Odom
- 16 Lane Skipper
- 16 Ashley Weber
- 18 Lee Lanier
- 18 Judson Shaw
- 19 Ed Yarborough
- 20 Kim Hamilton
- 20 Larissa Mathis
- 20 Tara Goff
- 21 David Moyd
- 22 Elaine Mozingo
- 22 Virginia Anne Chapman
- 22 Annabelle Lopiccio
- 22 Levi Mathis
- 23 Herb Roos
- 24 Carson Able
- 24 Holley Anderson
- 25 Becca Benson
- 27 Jud Shaw
- 28 Lawson Cannarella
- 29 Lyndell Becker
- 29 Charles Urquhart
- 29 Remi Grace Beasley
- 30 Hannah Rudick



June

- 3 Lloyd & Molly Williams
- 6 Willard & Sylvia Brown
- 6 Kirk & Meredith Askins
- 10 Gino & Marla Prozzi
- 11 Patsy & Doug Russell
- 12 Russell & Linda Powell
- 15 Drew & Bonnie Hamilton
- 20 Brad & Laurie McBride
- 25 Herb & Kristen Nicholson
- 28 Jeff & Jennifer Calabrese
- 30 Mike & Joanne Merck

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 4

9:30 AM Soup Kitchen
6:00 PM Ben Babb's Bible Study

Sunday, June 7

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Worship Service & Children's Church
Children's Church
4:00 PM JuBELLation Practice
5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour

Monday, June 8

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 9

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 10

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Vacation Bible School
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, June 11

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM Bible Study with Ben Babb

Saturday-Saturday, June 13-21

Salkehatchie

Sunday, June 14

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Worship Service
Children's Church
4:00 PM JuBELLation Practice
5:30 PM Youth Ministry Power Hour

Monday, June 15

10:00 AM Disciple Bible Study
6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 16

10:00 AM Holy Spirit Bible Study

Wednesday, June 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
6:00 PM Holy Spirit Bible Study

Thursday, June 18

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Ben Babb's Bible Study

Saturday, June 20

9:00 AM Adopt-A-Highway

CHURCH TEAMS

June Greeters

Leigh Ann Bizzell & Paige Lockman

Counting Committee

June 7: Gabe Brown, Johnny Sturdivant

June 14: Bill Query, Johnny Sturdivant

June Ushers

Willard Brown (Captain), Marshall Odom, Russ Lockman, Scott Jackson

Bereavement Meal Committee # 4

Alison Evans, Sara Odom, Donna Cameron, Nancy Edinger, Jennifer Evans,

Ginger Manning, Betty Coke Lawson, Jeannette Galloway

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

Weekly Contributions

May 24: TBD May 31: TBD

Weekly Worship Attendance: (online)

May 24: 166 (May 31: 165 (

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SANCTUARY/NARTHEX RENOVATION PROJECT

We need everyone's financial support to make our renovation project a great success. As of Tuesday, June 2, we have received \$116,575.00.00 in donations and pledges of the \$408,000.00 needed to complete the project ~ THANK YOU!

We have concluded our Town Hall meetings, which shared information about the project. If you were unable to attend one of the meetings, please visit the following link for a recorded video of the Sunday, 4/19 Town Hall Meeting

[Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary Renovation](#)

We have special pledge cards for the renovation project available in the Fellowship Hall and Church Office.



TRAVELING JESUS



This summer, we invite you to take "Traveling Jesus" along with you on your adventures! A small Traveling Jesus friend will be available in the children's hallway for you to pick up. Wherever you go, share the love of Jesus with at least one person and take pictures along the way. We would love for you to send us photos of Traveling Jesus during your travels so we can share them with our church family and celebrate how God's love is being shared everywhere you go!

St. Luke Kids Movie Night



THE LORD HAS SOUGHT FOR HIMSELF A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART
1 SAMUEL 13:14

St Luke Disciples.

Thank you for allowing me to provide an update for our renovation. These photos illustrate the "in-progress" work being done in the Narthex expansion and the Sanctuary. Completion is on target for the Fall. Worshiping in the Fellowship hall creates great memories for many of us. I promise the new pews will be more comfortable than the metal chairs! Thank you for your ongoing patience, prayers, and support! If you have any questions please call me at 843-307-6087

Ben Gore, Building Committee Chair



2026
Collection Drive

June Items
of the Month

Small toys - puzzles, small board games,
baby dolls, etc.

For more info contact
Jessica Bedenbaugh or **Kim Taylor**



Hartsville Food Bank

For the month of JUNE,
St. Luke is collecting:

Shampoo, Deodorant,
Toothpaste

Dunlap Drive Clean-Up Day

St. Luke's next Palmetto Pride "Adopt a Highway"
Dunlap Drive clean-up day is
Saturday, June 20th

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



JESUS

FROM BAPTISM TO THE CROSS

A SUMMER STUDY SERIES

Join the Bible Study Sunday School Class as we
study Jesus' earthly journey from His baptism to
His death and resurrection.

SUNDAYS AT 9 AM
IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

THE GOSPELS

Bible Study with Ben Babb

Thursdays at 6 pm
in the large conference room

The Holy Spirit Study Series

Learning to Hear God's Voice
Tuesdays at 10 am or Wednesdays at 6 pm
beginning May 26

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Tuesdays at 10 am or Wednesdays at 6 pm
beginning July 7

Each study will be 4 weeks.
Sessions will last an hour.

For more info and to register, contact Courtney Eubanks