

DECEMBER 4, 2011

St. Luke's is an
**open community
of Christians**
gathering to seek,
celebrate, live and
share the love of God
for all creation.

We envision being
transformed by God and
transforming the
world into a
compassionate,
just, inclusive,
Christ-like community.

ST. LUKE'S SERVICES: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00AM, Sanctuary

THE GARDEN at Beef & Boards Theatre:

8:15, 9:15 and 10:15AM

THE GARDEN at Oak Hill: 10:15AM

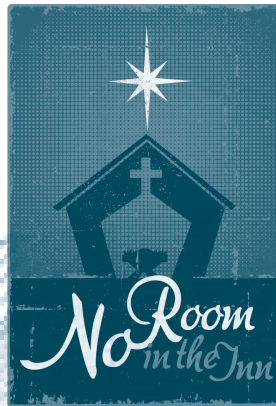
FAMILY FUEL: 10:45AM, Robertson Chapel

1st Sunday of the month

CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ SERVICE: 5:00PM, N103/104

Third Sunday of the month

LATER@ST. LUKE'S: 6:00PM, Robertson Chapel



ADVENT 2011

NOVEMBER 27:

**No Room in the Inn, but . . .
I Want to Make Space**

DECEMBER 4:

**No Room in the Inn, but . . .
God Still Worked**

DECEMBER 11:

**No Room in the Inn, but . . .
Someone Did His Part**

DECEMBER 18:

Dramatic Monologue

DECEMBER 25:

10AM Service with Dr. Kent Millard
No other services will be held that day

ST LUKE'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GENERAL WORSHIP INFORMATION:

WELCOME VISITORS! We're glad you're here and hope you feel the presence of God in this worship service. Stop by our Visitor Center for information and a gift, and please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship following each service. If you wish, fill out an Information Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate so that we can be of service to you. We look forward to having you worship with us again. ••• For our hearing-impaired friends, personal earphones may be purchased for \$7, or hearing aids may be borrowed for the service at the Information Desk. For our visually impaired friends, ushers have large print bulletins with hymns. ••• **PARENTS: Childcare and Sunday School available for children who are newborn to 5th grade;** stop at the Info Center in the East Wing to find a classroom. Children are welcome in our services. If they become restless, you may continue to worship with them in the Narthex. ••• **ARRIVING LATE?: Wait until prayers and musical selections are concluded before being seated.** ••• Food or beverages are not welcome in the Sanctuary. ••• **Communion available every Sunday, 9:15AM-12:30PM.** Enter in silence. The elements are consecrated and placed in the Prayer Chapel for all to include in their worship experience. Gluten-free crackers are included with the bread elements.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Both the 9:30 and 11:00AM services are **Web broadcast live in real time at www.stlukesumc.com.** Copies of last week's sermon are available at the information desk or our website. The entire service is available on CD (\$4) and DVD (\$10). To order or purchase, pay online via credit card or PayPal at www.stlukesumc.com/worship/sermonarchives, or stop by the Information Center for an order envelope. Specify the service you would like copied.

VOLUNTEER:

Looking for ways to get involved at St. Luke's? Volunteers are always needed in a variety of areas. Visit our Volunteer Opportunities page, www.stlukesumc.com. There's a place for you at St. Luke's!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE (9:30 & 11:00) "Joy to the World" arr. Albert Zabel
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. Alan Lohr
Wesleyan Ringers; Mike Keller, Director

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
(8:15) Rob & Natalie Manges & family
(9:30) Ron & Tara-Lynne Sinicki & family
(11:00) David Hudleson & David Clingan & family

***HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" N° 213

***CREED**
LEADER: **Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.**

LEADER
& PEOPLE: **We believe** in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. **We believe** in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. **We believe** in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. **We believe** in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. **We believe** in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. **We believe** in the Church as the fellowship, for worship and for service, of all who are united to the living Lord. **We believe** in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORY TO GOD** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.* N° 70

ANTHEM (8:15) "Welcome to Our World" Chris Rice
Mary Ellen St. Angelo, Vocalist

(9:30 & 11:00) "Lost in the Night" arr. Kyle Haugen
Chancel Choir

PRAYER TIME
(8:15 & 11:00) Rev. Marsha Hutchinson
(9:30) Dr. Marion Miller
Silent Prayer Pastoral 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. Amen.

* Congregation standing

December 4, 2011
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Advent: Purple

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(8:15)

“Joy to the World”
Wesleyan Ringers

arr. Albert Zabel

(9:30 & 11:00) “Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”

Chancel Choir & Wesleyan Ringers Carolyn Jennings

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Sung to VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above,
ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

(8:15 & 11:00)

(9:30)

Rev. Marsha Hutchinson

Dr. Marion Miller

SCRIPTURE READERS

(8:15)

(9:30)

(11:00)

Becky Sondgeroth

Dave Duba

John Guild

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:7

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Matthew 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

READER: The word of God for the people of God.

CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“No Room in the Inn, but... God Still Worked”

Rev. Rob Fuquay

*HYMN

“What Child Is This?”

Nº 219

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Sussex Carol”

David Willcocks

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

PRAYER REQUEST LINE:

Call 317-846-7300 to leave a prayer request. If you leave your phone number someone will call within 48 hours to pray with you. The Prayer Chapel is available for silent prayer and meditation when the church is open.

PRAYER CONCERNS & INFORMATION:

If you have a prayer concern, change of address or other information you would like the church office to know, fill out a card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Brooke Nelson on the death of her grandmother June Nelson

Matt & Jennifer Jones on the death of his father Jerry Jones

Berneta Sherck on the death of her brother Burton Huebner

Scott & Laura Kragness on the death of her mother June Merry

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jason & Betsy Weatherly
on the birth of their daughter Sarah Kathryn

Matt & Kera Healy on the birth of their son Lucas Matthew

TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

The following is a list of events occurring today at St. Luke's. For other events and upcoming information, pick up a COMMUNION MONTHLY, available at the end of the pews and at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

No Room in the Inn

Today we continue our Advent theme of "No Room in the Inn." During this season of waiting and anticipation, we invite you to think about how you can make space in your life for Christ. Join us every Sunday morning to hear inspiring music and thought-provoking messages.

Charge Conference

St. Luke's annual Charge Conference will take place today at 12:15PM in the Parlor. Led by District Superintendent Rev. Bert Kite, this is part of our connectional system and a chance to hear how some of the church business is managed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Whose Birthday Is It?

Our annual Christmas drive benefitting Fletcher Place Christmas Shopping, Fox Hill Elementary School, Heifer International, Mitten Tree, Outreach, Inc., Water for Life and the United Christmas Service is underway. Pick up a Whose Birthday Is It? brochure at the Information Desk, in the main office, or download one at www.stlukesumc.com to make a gift for those in need this season.

Today in the West Passage:

- **Advent Retreat Registration.** "Make room" this Advent by attending the Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 10, 9AM-Noon. Register today in the West Passage, online or by calling 846-3404x339.
- **Go Nuts for Brightwood.** UMW's annual sale benefitting Brightwood Community Center is offering a wide variety of fresh, locally nuts in the West Passage this morning and next Sunday. Great for teacher and hostess gifts, baking and snacking. Stop by for a sample!
- **United Christmas Service.** UCS is part of the "Whose Birthday Is It?" campaign, and you are encouraged to make your financial donation through that program. However, if you would like to learn about adopting a family, stop by the table for information.

What Did You Say?

If you find yourself saying that more frequently than you used to, then stop by the Free Hearing Screening this morning from 9-11AM in C110. More than 55 million Americans are estimated to suffer from hearing loss, and 80% of that group is undiagnosed or untreated. What about you? Screening courtesy of St. Luke's Health Ministry.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Advent Devotionals Available

Rev. Fuquay has prepared a daily scripture reading for your Advent meditation use. In addition, there is a daily devotional essay, scripture and prayer entitled "Expecting the Word." Both are available at www.stlukesumc.com.

2012 Stewardship Commitments

While our formal phase of the 2012 "Letting Go" Stewardship Campaign has concluded, we are still accepting Gratitude Commitment cards as we work to reach or surpass last year's gifts. Cards are available in the pews, in the main office, and online at www.stlukesumc.com/getinvolved/giving/annualfund. You may also sign up for automatic withdrawal online. If you have questions about your gift, contact Julia Johnson at johnsonj@stlukesumc.com or 846-3404. Thank you to all those who have returned their commitments of time, talent and treasure towards God's work. As of 11/30, we stand at 1230 pledges totaling \$2,901,798. Last year's total was 1343 pledges totaling \$2,913,475.

A Christmas Carol

The Singles Ministries Way Off Broadway Players present Charles Dickens' Christmas classic, "A Christmas Carol," on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30PM (\$5/person) and Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7PM (\$10/person, includes dessert). Purchase tickets in the main office or at www.stlukesumc.com.

Become a Member

Become a member of St. Luke's at our Membership Coffee on Sunday, December 11, 11AM-12:30PM. Whether you've only started attending or if you've been coming for years but never made your status "official," you are welcome. Register at www.stlukesumc.com/getinvolved/membership, or contact Sylvia at forbess@stlukesumc.com or 846-3404.

Live Nativity

This inspiring annual event features live camels, donkey and sheep as part of the reenactment of the birth of Jesus. A wonderful experience, the event is free of charge. Give your family and friends the gift of the true meaning of Christmas. Sunday, December 11, 5 & 6:30PM, Sanctuary.

UMW Installation Dinner

All ladies are invited to the United Methodist Women's annual Installation Dinner on Thursday, December 8, 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. The event is free of charge; register this morning at the Brightwood Nut Sale table in the West Passage, or contact Lori Chambers at umw@stlukesumc.com or 696-5965. If you wish, bring a gift (in a gift bag, not wrapped) for the United Methodist Children's Home.

Poinsettia Orders

To order poinsettias for the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one, stop by the Welcome Center or the church office to fill out an order card and make a \$10 donation. You may also order and pay for poinsettias online at www.stlukesumc.com. Plants may be picked up following the 11PM Christmas Eve service. Orders will be taken through Monday, December 12 to be included on the printed list, which will be available online or at the Information Desk for those who wish to have a copy.