



**St. Luke's**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
— OPEN FOR YOU —

### WAYS YOU CAN SERVE DURING COVID-19

Dear St.Luke's Family:

We are SO grateful for the ways in which your service and giving are helping to remind neighbors and families in need that the church is STILL OPEN. Over the last several days St.Luke's has been blessed with a matching grant up to \$50,000. This will allow us to *provide up to \$100,000 in direct assistance to families struggling to afford food, childcare, utilities and other basic needs during this pandemic.* You can make an impact NOW by giving [here](#) and selecting Benevolence or sending your donation to the church with the memo: Benevolence.

To date your generosity has generated over \$6,000 in giving which helped to fund a drive-through Food Pantry at St.Luke's for 80 Washington Township families this weekend.

Additionally, our Outreach Team has opened a dedicated Benevolence hotline: **(317) 749-2129**. This number can be shared with congregation members or community members in need Monday-Friday from 9-5 p.m.

Thank You for helping us share and give hope and consider these other ways you may help transform lives during this season:

**Signed, Sealed, Delivered Mission Project:** We'll be writing cards and letters to fellow St. Lukers residing in assisted living facilities or those who are homebound during this time. Want to spread some Love (and not germs?) ? [Sign up](#) to send a card or letter to a member once a week for the next 5 weeks. After you sign up we'll assign you your St.Luke's pen pal!

**Help for the Homebound:** Many St.Luke's members and neighbors are at high-risk for travel and leaving their homes to run errands like grocery store shopping and medical prescription pick up. Help us shift hope into high gear by shopping and delivering necessary items to congregation and community members in need. If you need assistance or want to serve please email us: [outreach@stlukesumc.com](mailto:outreach@stlukesumc.com). All volunteers should be under 55 years old.

**Sew in Love:** There is a critical shortage of surgical masks for healthcare workers who are serving on the front lines of COVID-19. Use your gift of sewing by constructing surgical masks for Deaconess Health System which includes Henderson's Methodist Health. To see an instructional video, delivery information and other guidelines click [here](#).

**Board Games for Kids:** Social distancing is hard on any family especially those who have limited space and financial resources. Washington Township Principals have asked us to provide board games for families struggling with these limitations. If you'd like to give the gift of fun click [here](#) and select Benevolence Fund and include the note "board games" in your donation.

**Donate Blood:** if you are healthy and able to donate blood, the nation's blood supply is extremely low. Schedule an appointment with the Red Cross [here](#).

**Provide Childcare:** Ascension St. Vincent has approached us to ask if there are volunteers interested in supporting our healthcare workers by helping to provide childcare. They have asked that volunteers provide this care in the hospital employee's home. If you are willing and able, please let us know! The only stipulation is that the volunteer is 18 years old and has reliable transportation. Please contact [outreach@stlukesumc.com](mailto:outreach@stlukesumc.com)

**Donate** items to the Crooked Creek Food Pantry. If you have more in your pantry than you and your family will need, consider donating to the food pantry. Please bring items to the church and you can drop them in the bin inside Door 6.

-If you would like to contribute financially to organizations that are responding to our neighbors in need during this crisis, check out the options below;

[PROVIDE for our Habitat Family:](#) During this season of Lent, St. Luke's was fundraising and building a home for Tarina Love and her son Solomon. However, this outbreak has led to the cancellation of all volunteer build days and put the Love family's home completion on hold. Help us share and give hope to the Love Family by donating to our Habitat fund which will help provide for current rental housing needs and continue building the Love Family's home.

SUPPORT for our Partners: There are many area organizations our congregation supports who serve on the front lines of homelessness, food insecurity, addiction and recovery and childhood development. Please consider donating to these organizations directly as they adapt to meeting the needs of our neighbors in a rapidly challenging landscape:

- [Crooked Creek Food Pantry](#)

- [Fletcher Place](#)

- [The Dove House](#)

- [Lucille Raines House](#)

- [Outreach Inc.](#)

- [Family Promise](#)

We're in this together,

Pastor Nicole