



St. Luke's

Presbyterian Church

Window to the World

November-December 2010

Our Mission: Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Our Vision: To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love - every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

A Note from Jason

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, November 30th, St. Luke's hosted the fall meeting of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, bringing to our church pastors and elders from throughout the Atlanta area for a full day of worship, business, fellowship, and lunch together.

One of the great blessings of Presbyterianism is that we are a connectional church – bound together through our common faith and government. Those ties enable us to accomplish so much more than we would be able to do as a single congregation.

The Presbytery meeting is where those connections are strengthened among churches for our united mission together.

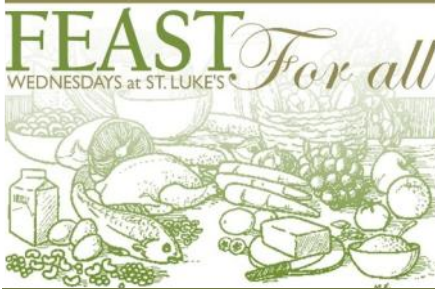
I want to thank all of you who volunteered your time on November 30th to host our fellow Presbyterians. Your smiling faces, friendly words, delicious food, and warm hospitality helped these folks know they were welcome here.

A huge and extra-special thank you goes out to Faye Cashwell for assembling and coordinating the wonderful team of leaders and helpers! Well done!

In Christ's Love,

Jason





Wrapping up a wonderful semester of “Making Love Last a Lifetime” and “The Bible in 90 Days” just in time for special church-wide events for Advent was a wonderful way to end a fantastic FEAST!

Special thanks to Mark and Kimey Reed and the entire Marriage Enrichment team who brought married folks of all ages (sometimes even when one spouse was unable to attend) together for lively discussion on growing and sustaining our marriages for the years ahead. The conversation was honest, fun, and enriching.

FEAST for All ~ Adults

Meanwhile, in the chapel, Jason led a group on a journey through the Old Testament to prepare the way for the New Testament study to come next semester. How amazing to know that though many people set a goal to read the entire Bible, this group is actually accomplishing it, enjoying it and enriching their faith through it!



The Church Family – literally, people of ALL ages - came together in Advent for fellowship on Christmas Trivia night and then again for a special outreach project, Stop Hunger Now. What a great way to rejoice in what God is doing in our midst this holy season by gathering and giving thanks for our blessings by being a blessing to others!

Next semester, The Bible in 90 Days continues with Jason in the chapel. Meanwhile, parents of all stages will come together for dynamic conversation about what else – parenting – not how to survive, but how to thrive in what God has called us to do. No question is dumb, no story too embarrassing to share and learn from! Later in the semester, we will have a chance to talk about the “how to” of showing that you care for your friends in crisis which is a helpful skill for people of all ages. We will all wrap up the semester with church family nights once again! YOU are invited to FEAST for ALL!

FEAST for All ~ Children

Children’s Classes Were Packed with Learning and Fun!

More children than ever before came to our Wednesday night children’s classes during this fall semester! Many thanks to the adult volunteers who made it possible for these eager learners to grow in their faith and friendships.

Our class for Pre-K and Kindergarten students was so popular that we may be dividing this group into two classes for the winter/spring semester which begins January 12. Please let us know if you can help lead these children, either for the semester or just for a few evenings. An extra class is an extra blessing...but also an extra call for helpers! Contact cathomas@slpres.org if you can assist.

Our younger elementary class of first through third graders explored how we got the Bible. Telling Bible stories (and making s’mores!) around the campfire, writing messages in clay, making Bible timeline scrolls, creating beautiful “illuminations” of Bible verses, and becoming human printing presses all reinforced the incredible journey that the word of God has taken throughout history. Next semester, we will continue our study of the Bible as we start “digging” into it so that it becomes easier for us to use and understand.

Our older elementary class is midway through their adventure in Narnia! This magical world has very concrete Christian lessons, and our students are enjoying each imaginative lesson. The tale of “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” will continue through our spring semester.



Blessed to be a Blessing

God is calling...how are we answering?

This year's Commitment Campaign came directly out of St. Luke's newly revised mission and new vision statements. In support of those statements, the fundamental goal of the Commitment Campaign was to help members of the congregation discern how God is calling each one to the active discipleship of knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ, and then to go ahead and make commitments of time, talent, money, and personal connection to the church based on that discernment.



We began by kicking off a Season of Discernment, which included 21 days of reflection, discussion, prayer, exploration, and celebration around the question of how we are each being called by God. The Season of Discernment followed the theme: *"Blessed to be a Blessing,"* which beautifully articulates the journey from discernment to commitment. This means that every gift we have received from God is a signpost that can point us in the right direction for how we are to answer God's call by, in turn, using those gifts to be a blessing to others. One of the main components of the Season of Discernment was the building of a Wall of Blessings. Through many church-wide opportunities for small group dialog, including a Flock Talk church-wide luncheon on October 24th, the congregation reflected on, acknowledged, and celebrated the many ways we have been blessed. These were recorded in individual notes and captured on a church "wall" for all to see and enjoy.

During the Season of Discernment, we also had Feature Sundays which illustrated opportunities in need of volunteers organized around the "knowing, serving, and sharing" components in our mission statement. These Feature Sundays were designed to showcase all the opportunities on which we can bring our blessings and our spiritual gifts to bear for God's work in our church.

The Season of Discernment culminated in Commitment Sunday, on October 31st, the day on which we were called to action by making our commitments of time, talent, money, and connection to God, to Jesus Christ, and to our church family. While the results are still coming in, it is evident that our church family is fulfilling its call from God by giving back to our community of Christ a portion of the many ways in which we have been so richly blessed. The Commitment Committee would like to express gratitude for this church's ability to continue faithfully fulfilling its mission, and to begin earnestly striving to achieve the vision to which God has called us.

Kay Loerch

Children's Sunday School News

Our Godly Play class for threes, fours, and fives has experienced record numbers of learners this fall! Each Sunday morning, we "wonder" about different stories in the Bible using wood and felt manipulative toys. We also love coloring and singing songs of praise!

Faith Journey for Grades 1 through 5 has been filled with unique learning opportunities. Our students have enjoyed our "Living God's Word" series as we have explored "Respect", "Time and Money" and "Honesty and Truthfulness" through science, art, movies, storytelling, and games. We begin in "The Attic" at 9:30 for music and discussion, then we break up into age groups for our learning destinations. Each day's lesson stands alone, so new students are always welcome to join us!

Shoes and Socks Help Children Learn to "Follow Me"

Thanks to the generosity of our St. Luke's families, many children of Piedras Negras, Mexico will soon be wearing new shoes! Our mission partner in Piedras Negras, Constructores Para Cristo, will distribute the shoes to families in need.

In January we will begin a sock drive to benefit the patients of the Foot Clinic at City of Refuge in Atlanta. Children may bring new full length black or white socks for men and women and drop them off in the blue bin located under the bulletin board in the main lobby. In sharing our love, as we work to cover the feet of others, we are learning to direct our own feet along the path of Christ.

For more information about the Children's Ministries at St. Luke's, please contact Catherine Anne Thomas at cathomas@slpres.org or 770-303-1424 ext. 228.



St. Luke's Youth Ministry welcomes all into a caring environment as we grow in faith to become active disciples of Christ through love and service.

We will:

Welcome everyone,
care for each other,
grow in faith,
and serve with love.



The youth made bread for World Communion Sunday and they did a great job. The communion table was overflowing with the loaves they made. They also added a sweet aroma to the chapel at the 8:30 service and the sanctuary for the 11:00 service. The table looked like the abundance we proclaim in God's love each time we celebrate the sacrament. In reality, the loaves were football-sized biscuits. While not necessarily a traditional baked good seen on the table, there are some of you who have always known there is something holy about a good biscuit. In reality, though, I wanted to make real loaves of bread.

I scoured cookbooks, recipes online and asked numerous people for a bread recipe that would take less than one hour and thirty minutes to prepare and bake, which was all the time we had. One had to exist, somewhere, somehow. In all our advancements certainly a food chemist somewhere knew how to make yeast rise fast enough to satisfy the timeline before us. It appears food science has some work to do because there are no shortcuts to making bread. Even the fastest recipe took about two hours from start to finish. In a world where fast food and 30 minute meals rule the day, we really should have figured this out by now. But we haven't. It's the same revelation that one has as a garden grows vegetables. We realize that we are not really in control and that God's timing isn't always our timing.

Sometimes, as hard as we try to make bread, God wants us to make biscuits. The biscuits were great. They were not what I originally had in mind, but that didn't matter. The youth got their hands dirty, flour was on the floor, and the smell of biscuits filled the church. Each loaf was unique and reflected the shape that each team of youth put into it. When Sunday morning came and the loaves were put on the table, I remember thinking, man these aren't what I expected, chuckled for the amount of time I spent looking for the "perfect loaf of yeast rising bread," and remarked that sometimes the kingdom of God probably looks more like what's actually needed and not what I want it to be.

This fall has been filled with events that went as God wanted them to, at least I'm convinced of it. The youth helped at a Requiem for the homeless who died this past year, spent a Saturday working at the Interfaith Outreach Home, made holiday cookies for the Community Action Center, played a lot, and asked great questions of faith. We have amazing youth who do amazing things. Every day I am blown away by how awesome they are. They teach me so much about who God is. You really should get to know them. Each one of them is unique and has their own gifts to offer this world. I hope you will get to see them all. In God's time, of course.

Phil Brown

The Tartan Trot is 5k and 10k road races that serves as the youth ministry's major fundraiser. It's an amazing race. Check out www.TartanTrot.com for more info. Here's how you can help:

1. Sponsorship

Your family, your friends, your business, your friends' businesses, your friends' friends' businesses, your laundry mat, your coffee shop, whoever you know, ask them to sponsor. There are various levels available. The money goes right back to you. All of you who have sponsored so far, thank you! We have almost 80 sponsors! This is amazing.

2. Volunteer

It takes about 140 people to make the race happen. You are one of those people. Pre-race help, pre-race dinner help and race day help is needed. Many jobs will allow you to still run if you would like.

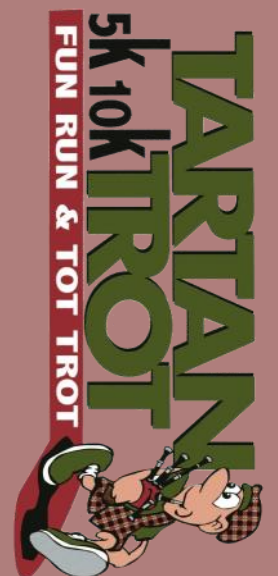
3. Pray

Pray for the race, for the 800 people who will come to our church, for the youth and adults who use this money to help others around the world. Pray for the organizations we partner with and the thousands of people they impact around the world.

4. Run/Walk

Register today. Online at www.TartanTrot.com, active.com, at Big Peach Running, or at church in person.

January 29, 2011



Welcome New Members

October 31, 2010

**Elizabeth & Bob Ashworth**

Elizabeth (Libba) Ashworth joined by transfer of letter from Roswell Presbyterian Church. Dr. Robert Ashworth will remain with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Dr. Ashworth has served St. Luke's in the past in pastoral roles. Elizabeth is from Clarkston, GA, and Bob is from Tucker, GA. Their deacon is Paula Barbin.

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**Justine Burney**

Justine K. Burney joined by transfer of letter from Bakerstown First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, PA. She is a Registered Nurse. She is from Pittsburgh, PA. Her deacon is Ginger Williams.

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**Ann & Steve Ewald**

Ann and Steve Ewald joined by transfer of letter from Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Stone Mountain, GA. They are the parents of member, Gwen Ewald. Ann and Steve are from Minneapolis, MN. Ann is a professional quilter and Steve is involved with Environmental Physics. Their deacon is Ellen Womack.

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**Kevin & Carrie Garrett
Lauren & Kevin**

Kevin joined St. Luke's by reaffirmation and Carrie joined by transfer of letter from Central Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. Kevin is a financial planner with Integrated Financial Advisors. Carrie is an accountant. Kevin is from Morgantown, WV and Carrie grew up in Huntsville, AL. They have two children, Lauren who is in 5th grade and Kevin who is in Kindergarten. Their deacon is Steve Vail.

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**Bill & Joyce Kratzenberg**

Bill and Joyce joined by transfer of letter from Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Bill and Joyce are from Chicago, IL. Bill is retired and Joyce is a homemaker. Their deacon is Tom McKinney.

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**Liane LeMaster & Bob Mullen
Sarah & Claire**

Bob and Liane joined by transfer of letter from Central Congregational in Decatur, GA. Bob is from Tampa, FL and he is a Vice-President in Communications. Liane is from Greensboro, NC and she is a professor of English and creative writing at Clayton State University. They have two daughters, Sarah who is in 8th grade and Claire who is in 5th. Their deacon is Mary Kent.

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**Laurie & Chad Munn
Brodie & Andrew**

Laurie and Chad Munn joined by reaffirmation. Chad is a Federal Agent and is from Tucker, GA. Laurie is from Alexander City, AL and is a stay-at-home mom. They have two boys, Andrew who is in 1st grade and Brodie who attends our St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool in the two-year old room. Their deacon is Kelly Sloan.

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**Krissy & Chip Williams
Avery & Marjee**

Chip joined by reaffirmation and Krissy joined by profession of faith and baptism. Chip is from Wise, VA and is a Project Manager with Brasfield & Gorrie Construction. Krissy is from Milledgeville, GA and is a stay-at-home-mom. They have two daughters who are in the St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool. Marjee is in Pre-K and Avery is in the three-year old class. Their deacon is Mark McCann.

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Barry & Vivian Smith

Barry & Vivian Smith joined by transfer of letter from Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Sandy Springs, GA. Barry and Vivian are from Manchester, England. Barry is an Electrical Engineer and Vivian is an Executive Secretary. Their deacon is Todd Parker.

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Les & Laura Woodsides

Leslie (Les) and Laura Woodsides joined St. Luke's by reaffirmation. Les is an Atlanta native and is self-employed. Laura is from Raleigh, NC and is also self-employed. Their deacon is Janine McKenney.

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Miss Carol and the Staff of
St. Luke's Little Saints
Preschool & Kindergarten
wish our church family
a very Merry Christmas!

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year for church members is Tuesday, January 18. Come join us!

SOAP: Support for Older Adults and the People who care for them

"When my mother fell, fell again, and needed to enter an assisted living facility, I had no idea how challenging it would be to select a personal care residence with/for my parents and help them leave behind the house they had lived in for nearly forty years.

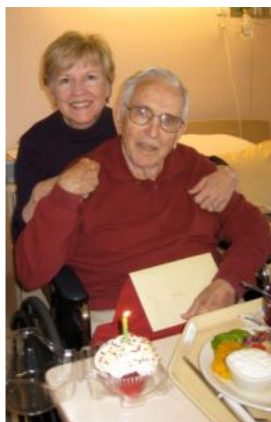
My parents' wonderful neighbors, one very experienced caseworker, and several of you here at St. Luke's were a special blessing in that difficult time. I am now part of the SOAP team so I can share the ups, downs, and ultimately the very favorable outcome of my experience supporting my aging parents."

Mark Mason

If you are an older adult or the caregiver of an aging parent or friend, the SOAP team invites you to think of our members as a resource for you. Or, if you have Older Adult or caregiving experience and you feel called to share with others, we invite you to join Jean Cronan, Ellie Goodwin, Laura Strange, Dr. Lou LaMotte, Mark Mason, Andrea Price, and Rev. Shannon Dill and others on the SOAP team.



Visiting Care Team



Carolyn Wasserman with Melvin Richardson celebrating his 91st birthday with hugs and smiles. He is doing well following his recent hip surgery. Our other Lawrenceville folks that were visited by Susan Crawford and Carolyn Wasserman include Sarah Bryant and Jo Izett.

Our Visiting Care Team is busy checking in with many of our seniors that are homebound or in assisted living facilities.

Tour de Lectura CPC

We started the adventure on Sunday, October 17 after the dedication of her bike at the 8:30 a.m. service at her Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. We ended on Monday, November 8th with her ride across the border and into the Plaza in Piedras Negras where hundreds of people were there to meet us. I was on Dianne's support team and responsible for the motor home, keeping it neat, finding a parking spot each night, getting her up at 4 a.m. and making sure she started the day with a good breakfast.

Dianne Davis, founder of *Constructores Para Cristo* completed her 1,132 mile bike ride at the age of 70 years young in 23 days! She went through a lot to do this ride. As many of you know after only one month of training, she fell off her bicycle and broke her elbow. She had a four inch screw inserted to keep the elbow intact. She was able to continue her training on a stationary bike for two months and then was allowed to be back on the road.



After only eight months of riding on the road she ventured out on our adventure across Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. She got a terrible cold and had to go to the hospital in Mississippi. She had muscle cramps and had to be treated one afternoon by a doctor and couldn't go any further that day. With a sore arm and seat, she still peddled on.

After returning to Birmingham, she found out the reason her arm was still bothering her was because the screw had worked itself out of the bone. It was removed and she is doing fine!

Dianne and I would like to thank you at SLPC for your continued support of Tour de Lectura. Over \$25,000 has been collected and checks are still coming daily in the mail.

Ellie Moorhead

P.S.

What I learned is that people across our great land are really wonderful as they gave us free hook ups at camp grounds, free food along the way, money from those that had far less than any of us in Dunwoody, and such an outpouring of love and affection.

Mountain T.O.P.

This fall members of St. Luke's had another opportunity to serve at Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project). Located in the Cumberland Plateau of Tennessee, this is an area of natural beauty but persistent rural poverty. The wonderful people there face many of their physical hardships with faith and resourcefulness, and always welcome friendly faces to interact with who are also willing to work on their home repair projects.

For over ten years, our members have been sharing the joy with this interdenominational, non-profit Christian Mission. Mountain T.O.P. takes a hands on approach to satisfying the physical, spiritual, social, and emotional needs that the people of Appalachia have. While the problems there are complex, the Mountain T.O.P. approach is simple. They believe the heart of Christian ministry is about forming relationships through the love of Christ. Anyone who has served at Mountain T.O.P. has felt this. The families, and especially the children, find a place in your heart. You cannot spend a weekend in this place and come home unchanged on the inside and not want to share it outwardly. If you have been looking for a way to make a difference; this could be it, but be warned...the biggest difference will be in you.



The Bailey Family

Thanks to Marylyn Brown, Ted Guarrant, Martha Johnson, Tom McIntosh, Anne Patrick, and Janice Young for sharing their "time and talent" at Mountain TOP this fall.

Men's Breakfast

The men of St. Luke's were treated to wonderful food, fellowship, and friendship on Saturday, November 20 as they were hosted for breakfast by our partners at Dodd-Sterling United Methodist Church. We look forward to continuing our shared ministry with Habitat House #15 beginning April 30, 2011. Initial plans are also being made to have a joint worship service at some point in the coming year.

The Saturday morning men's group continues to meet on the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. to enjoy a delicious breakfast and program. We'd love to have you join us!

If you would like to be put on the e-mail list to be notified of upcoming Men's Breakfast dates, contact Daryl Moore at ddmoore@yahoo.com or 770-395-6278.



OWLS (55+)

JOIN THE PARLIAMENT!

(a flock of owls is called a parliament)

The OWLS enjoyed a fun time of music and laughter as the St. Joseph's Auxiliary Band performed for their November 16th gathering. They also helped with the registration tables for the November 30th meeting of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta that was hosted here at St. Luke's. On December 11th, a group of the OWLS will attend the North Atlanta Christmas Festival at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. followed by a wonderful dinner at Altobeli's Italian Restaurant. If you want to join them, you may purchase your ticket at www.nacfonline.com.



Angel Tree



We had a lobby full of Salvation Army "angel tree" gifts for children with one or both parents incarcerated. Many thanks to all who generously gave so that 99 kids would have Christmas.
Krissy Williams

STOP HUNGER NOW

STOP HUNGER NOW is an international relief organization with the sole purpose of eradicating hunger in our world. Since its inception, 35,249,406 dehydrated meals have been packaged and distributed. On Wednesday, December 8th, St. Luke's added 10,002 meals to that number! What a wonderful way to respond to, and express, the love of our God during this Advent season.



Music Ministry ~ Celebrate the Arts

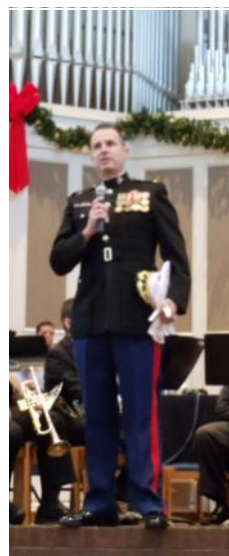
SHARING THE GOSPEL TRUTH



Our Chancel Choir and the Choral Guild of Atlanta were spreading the gospel on October 24th in our sanctuary. An energized chorus, and enthusiastic audience and inspirational soloists combined for a truly memorable evening of collaboration and outreach as part of our Celebrate the Arts series. The program was also presented on October 23rd at St. John's Episcopal Church in College Park. Well known spirituals arranged for chorus and the entire Gospel Mass by Dr. Robert Ray were featured on the concert program. Many thanks to all who sang, attended and supported this event. If you would like to become a patron of the Celebrate the Arts series, please contact the church office.

TOYS FOR TOTS

TOYS FOR TOTS was once again a great success as a truckload of toys was collected for needy children in the Atlanta area. Many thanks to those who donated, those who attended the concert, and the youth who ushered and helped in the toy collection efforts. Major Chris Gillette was present to give a history of the Toys for Tots organization and their work around the country. The Premiere Brass Quintet played several entertaining holiday selections as did our Chancel Choir and Festival Ringers. This is one of our great Christmas music traditions here at St. Luke's and an important outreach to help make many Christmases a little brighter.



Gifts were received to the Friends of Music Fund by Sarah Caverhill, Meredith Klein, and Peggy Wheeler. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events
Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 19 at 5 p.m.
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**William Pu, Violinist**  
Sunday, January 30, 2011  
at 5 p.m.

# Births

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new parents:*

**Lola Marie DeGennaro**



**Georgia Carango**



Lola is the daughter of Jennifer and Dean DeGennaro born on November 2. The proud grandparents are June Price and Chris Price.

Georgia is the daughter of Kate and Tony Carango born on November 14 in Hong Kong where they are now living. The proud grandparents are June Price and Chris Price.

**Camryn Barnard**, daughter of Leigh and Dave Barnard, was born on October 31 in Seattle, WA. The proud great-grandmother is Daphne Severance.

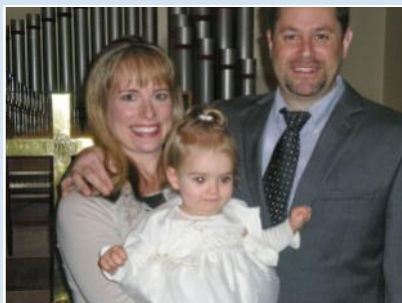
# Weddings



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Carrie Ellen Knotts and James Robert McDowell** who were married at St. Luke's on October 30. Shannon Dill officiated. Carrie is a member and she is the daughter of Dan and Julie Knotts. Carrie and Robert will live in Atlanta.

# Baptisms



**Addison Eileene Dennis**, daughter of Tonya and Mike Dennis, was baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service by Shannon Dill on November 21. The proud grandparents are Eileene and Wilson Pritt.



**Kristine (Krissy) Cook Williams and her daughters, Marjee Grace and Avery Nell**, were baptized at the 11 a.m. service by Jason Whitener on November 28. The proud husband and father is Chip Williams.

Dear St. Luke's Family,

This note goes out to my St. Luke's family straight from a very grateful heart. Words cannot truly express my feelings for all you have done for me. I have so appreciated all the beautiful cards and notes, the phone calls, the visits and the delicious food that has kept me enjoying one evening meal after another.

Most of all, I appreciate the prayers being said for me. Thank you again for your love and caring during this very difficult time.

God bless you,  
Mazie Carroll



Many thanks to the McCray Memorial Fund which made possible the addition of the new Christmas wreath and lovely new Nativity Scene that can be seen outside the Chapel.

## Remember to Pray During This Season of Advent

It's during the busiest and most hectic times of the year that praying should be first and foremost on our minds. We can't get through life alone. We need God. We need each other. During the months of November and December I remember what John Wesley said so well, "I have so much to do that I spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

So pause with what you are doing. Pray. Listen. (Listening to God is far more important than giving Him our ideas.)



Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Savior putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us.

As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him. Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet night-watch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Savior who would pay the price for our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all men, and Your desire for peace on earth.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts -- not just at this joyful season but all the year round.

Thank you for sending Your only Son to earth for a specific purpose -- to provide eternal life to all who accept Him. Amen.

## Deaths

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15*



*We extend our sympathies and share our witness to the resurrection with the family and friends of:*

- † **Byron W. Brown**, father of Byron Brown, passed away on October 11, 2010, in Ohio.
- † **Genievere (Genny) Coppedge**, mother of Andrea Price, passed away on November, 13, 2010.
- † **Alexandra Borowsky**, mother of Dorothy Alexander and grandmother of Chris Alexander, passed away on November 26, 2010.
- † **Lee Borowsky**, brother of Dorothy Alexander and uncle of Chris Alexander, passed away on November 26, 2010, in Michigan.
- † **Elizabeth Menson**, mother of Rick Menson, passed away on December 2, 2010, in New Hampshire.

## Memorial Gifts

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Friends of Music Fund in memory of **Ray Sweigert** by Rand and Sally Birsinger.*

*Memorial Gifts were received to the Friends of Music Fund in memory of **David Jay Dunlap** by Rand and Sally Birsinger, and Nancy Hope.*

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Myron Johnson** by Col. & Mrs. Jim (Mary) Morris.*



Instead of sending Christmas cards to their church friends this year, the following St. Luke's families contributed money to help support a child at Thornwell Home for Children ([www.thornwell.org](http://www.thornwell.org)). Because of the church's generosity, the Presbyterian Women were able to make an additional contribution to the Thornwell Home to help continue this important ministry. Thank you for the support.

Tony & Maria Barnhart, Leslie Berry, Rand & Sally Birsinger, Ken & Patty Bowes, John & Patsy Bradley, Al & Tricia Bridges, Byron & Marylyn Brown, John & Karlene Buchholz, Will Cameron, Steve & Faye Cashwell, Dohrman & Susan Crawford, Denis & Sandra DuBois, Nancy Fox, Ellie Goodwin, Andrew & Lindsey Grinnell, Ted & Mary Guerrant, John & Anne Hardy, David & Paula Humer, Brid & Tricia Igleheart, Bob & Joyce Johnson, Bruce & Janice Jones, Ron & Judy Mason, Billy & Mary Martin, John & Ellen Massey, Tom & Lela McIntosh, Daryl & Nancy Moore, P.D. & Jo Phillips, Gary & Liz Phipps, Barbara Pike, Roby & Andrea Price, Mark & Kimey Reed, Mark & Cathie Rogers, Bret & Wendy Roy, J.J. & Laura Singley, Don Splinter, Jan Slater, Jim & Loretta Tysinger, Bernie & Carolyn Wasserman, Brad & Marty Whitcomb, Larry & Nance White, Jason & Kristy Whitener, Bill & Ellen Womack.

## Roby's Corner

We sure enjoy great sermons here at St. Luke's. Did you know that all the sermons at the 11 a.m. worship services have been recorded and are available for your listening pleasure at the church website? Go to [www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org) and click on "Sermons." Scroll down to find the sermon you want to hear. There are currently 100 sermons online. Then click the play symbol (arrow) for the sermon you want to hear and it will start playing immediately.

If you would like an audio CD or a DVD of any of our 11 a.m. services, please contact Roby Price at the church or e-mail [robypri@slpres.org](mailto:robypri@slpres.org).

On November 30<sup>th</sup> we had about 250 guests in our church for the quarterly Presbytery meeting. In preparation for

this we spruced up the place a bit like we all do when company is coming. Thanks to a number of volunteer helpers, this task went very smoothly and the church has never looked better.

Thanks to:

- Denis and Sandra DuBois, for spending several days painting in the Great Hall and cleaning over 300 chairs. (They had a number of helpers, including Jan Slater, the Birsingers, the Masseys, and others.)
- Tom McIntosh, who has been repairing damaged walls and repainting them for the past month or so. He has spent countless hours working around the church on various projects.
- Bob Burroughs, who repainted the trim and cleaned the walls in the Narthex (you noticed it looked

better but couldn't quite figure out why – now you know!).

- Ted Guerrant and Mark Ryan, who are responsible for the new "Skylight" ceiling in the bell tower stairwell. This repaired the water leak damage that made this area an eyesore.
- George Stewart, the Birsingers and the Phipps who washed windows in the lobby and hallway.
- Wayne Radloff, who has acted as the Facility Manager's unofficial assistant in taking care of business when I am not here.
- The Boy Scouts, who spent a morning clearing brush from the retention pond.
- And thanks to all the others that I have failed to mention.



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