



The **SCOOP**

The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, June & July 2009

As a reflection of God's love and grace, the mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to glorify God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faithful prayer and worship, a nurturing fellowship and service to God's people in our community and the world.

Parish Picnic

On Sun. afternoon June 7th at 5:00p.m. we will have a CELEBRATE ST. LUKE'S PICNIC in our back yard. Several willing hands will cook the barbecue and I will have a "keg". Bring a dish and anything else you or your family might want to drink. We will have paper goods. We have enough seating, so you don't need to bring your chairs. Do bring the whole family! We want this to be a real celebration. Hope to see ALL members and their guests here on the 7th. Bring your guitars and we'll sing a bit. Happy trails, Bill Strain

WORSHIP LEADERS 2009

Monthly Assignments

Altar: Duke/ Phillips/ Stone/McCoy
Vestry: Janet Sage

June 7

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| LEM | Danny Bridges |
| Lector | Ann Phillips |
| Prayers | Johnny Cantrell |
| Crucifer | Anna Richard |
| 1 st Server | Christina Richard |
| 2 nd Server | Mark Richard |
| Usher | Brett Bell |
| Flowers | Elizabeth & Bob Word |

June 14

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| LEM | Tom Bragg |
| Lector | Robert Shadoin |
| Prayers | David Estes |
| Crucifer | Erin Valentine |
| 1 st Server | Rachael Graham |
| 2 nd Server | Allison Valentine |
| Usher | John Robinson |
| Flowers | Nancy & Brad Bradford |

June 21

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| LEM | Perry Jeffrey |
| Lector | Gini Stone |
| Prayers | John Graham |
| Crucifer | Erin Valentine |
| 1 st Server | Shelby Valentine |
| 2 nd Server | Allison Valentine |
| Usher | Bob Yates |
| Flowers | Estes Family |

June 28

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| LEM | Tim Haston |
| Lector | Bill Strain |
| Prayers | Tim Haston |
| Crucifer | Cameron McDaniel |
| 1 st Server | Hope Bonitz |
| 2 nd Server | Faith Bonitz |
| Usher | Richard Olcott |
| Flowers | Bell Family |

WORSHIP LEADERS 2009

Monthly Assignments

Altar: D. McBride & J. Shadoin
Vestry: David Valentine

July 5

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| LEM | Lynette Nicholas |
| Lector | David Valentine |
| Prayers | Perry Jeffrey |
| Crucifer | Cameron McDaniel |
| Server | Shelby Valentine |
| 2 nd Server | Allison Valentine |
| Usher | Don Word |
| Flowers | Estes Family |

July 12

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| LEM | Bill White |
| Lector | Don Word |
| Prayers | Paul Holland |
| Crucifer | Wimberly Haston |
| 1 st Server | Rachael Graham |
| 2 nd Server | Christina Richard |
| Usher | Sonny Beard |
| Flowers | Bill & Barbara Strain |

July 19

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| LEM | Rufus Bethea |
| Lector | E.J. Woyton |
| Prayers | Carter Jones |
| Crucifer | Gracie Estes |
| 1 st Server | Everett Estes |
| 2 nd Server | Madison Estes |
| Usher | Perry Jeffrey |
| Flowers | Zona & Doug Tounsley |

July 26

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| LEM | Danny Bridges |
| Lector | Tom Bragg |
| Prayers | Barbara Martin |
| Crucifer | Courtney Bell |
| 1 st Server | Hope Bonitz |
| 2 nd Server | Faith Bonitz |
| Usher | Bruce Yates |
| Flowers | Barbara/Charles Heath |



The WoRM is resting for summer, but we will be in full swing again in the fall. The students learned a lot and had a whole bunch of fun doing it. A heartfelt thank you to all St. Luke's Sunday School teachers, for your time, your talent and dedication and most of all for your love our children of this parish. You are greatly appreciated, by me and the entire congregation. Thank you.
Ms. Jennifer

THE CALENDAR

2009

Monday, June 1-5 *Vacation Bible School*
-9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Cumberland Presbyterian

Wednesday, June 3
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, June 7
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 - 5:00 p.m. Celebrate St. Luke's/Strain's

Tuesday, June 9
 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 - 5:15 p.m. Vestry

Wednesday, June 10
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, June 14
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 17
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, June 21 *Father's Day*
 - 9:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 22
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 24
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, June 28
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE CALENDAR

2009

Wednesday, July 1
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 2
 - 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners

Saturday, July 4 *Independence Day*

Sunday, July 5
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 8
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 12 *Baptism, Hunt Holland*
 - 9:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 - Women's Fellowship/Bridges

Tuesday, July 14
 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 - 5:15 p.m. Vestry

Monday, July 20
 - Missions Committee

Sunday, July 22
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 23
 - 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 26
 - 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 - Gorham's Bluff Service & Picnic
 Chairpersons-Rufus and Betty Jo -committee-Perry

THANKS TO Brett Bell:

Brett Bell for our NEW updated website! Have you checked the website? Brett is still working on it but he has Fr. Dex listed and pictured as our clergy. Brett also has the May Scoop on the web. We are so excited to have the web up and running.

www.stlukesscottsboro.org

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Glen McCoy for fixing the dishwasher

Timothy Sanders for all the trim work around the buildings.

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH at 7:00 a.m. June 9 the and July 14th

Men's monthly fellowship breakfast meetings have been well attended. If you are not receiving a reminder card for these meetings and wish to attend, let the office know and you will be added to our mailing list.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be June 1st-5th at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 9-12. We will have our annual parade down College Avenue on Friday at 11:00 and closing ceremonies at St. Luke's around 11:30. You are all invited to our closing to see what our wonderful children have learned and created throughout the week. If any of you are interested in helping with the picnic on Friday, please let me know. We need PB&J sandwiches, cookies, and drinks. Also, we are in need of corks for a project. If you have any, you can put those in my church box. Thank you! Kelli

Episcopal Church Women Notes

St Luke's ECW met on Sunday, May 3rd, 2009 with guest speakers The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatly-Jones and her husband, Butch Jones. Their program included a slide presentation reminding us of the devastation caused on the Gulf Coast by hurricane Katrina. Elizabeth had interviewed for the position of Rector at Christ Church on the bay in Mississippi the day before the storm completely destroyed that church and five others in that community. When the bishop called and asked if she would still come she said, "yes" and from there their story became one of outreach well beyond all expectations. Elizabeth asked us to look around us and be ready when God asks St Luke's to reach out in new ways. The results may be well beyond what we can envision.

Gini reported that the ECW Mountain Convocation meeting held on April 29th at St Phillips, Ft Payne, was a great time of seeing friends and sharing ideas for outreach. It was especially enjoyable to see Fr Fletcher Comer again and to worship with his wife, Judith, as the celebrant. Judith gave the program for the meeting talking about South Africa following the dismantling of apartheid. Having visited there and communicated with Bishop Tutu, Judith had a clear understanding of the problems that continue because of apartheid. She asked us to pray for a young seminary student, Raphael, who is severely crippled from beatings he received as a boy. Judith has set-up a blog where viewers can contribute to a fund established by the Comers to raise money for Rafael to have much needed surgery. That address is: blogspot.com

It was noted that the Daughters of the King will meet twice monthly and will begin a new discernment study for the order. If any woman, confirmed in the church, is interested in learning more about the DOK please join us during the SS hour on the 17th or on Thursday, May 28th at 5:30 pm. There is no obligation to become a Daughter.

The ECW voted to send \$200 of the Soup Sale proceeds to Sawyerville for the purchase of books. This amount was originally to be given to our EYC for a mission project with Sawyerville but plans did not work out for their involvement.

The next ECW meeting will be Sunday, August 30th. The Rev. Jennifer Riddle of Church of the Epiphany, Guntersville will share her sabbatical spent in a Native American community out West and the Gees Bend community. All women of the church, members, friends and visitors are welcome. Gini Stone, President

To my Parish Family,

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your very generous gift, on what seems to have become "Appreciation Sunday" My facetious denial of pleasure in gustatory pursuits, of course, did not include Gene, who as my faithful WoRM assistant and general factotum, is happy to share. As I said on Sunday, it has been my very great pleasure to serve St. Luke's children and I would not have missed it for the world. Serving as Christian Education Director has given me the opportunity for both learning and creativity, but also a unique opportunity to grow in patience, wisdom, and spirituality. For every lesson the children learned, I have benefitted two fold. St. Luke's is presently in a period of change, and I am reluctantly contributing to this change by offering this letter as my official resignation from the Christian Education ministry we call the WoRM effective June 1st 2009. Thank you once again for trusting your children to me and for all your encouragement and support over the past several years.

Christian Education Director, Jennifer Richarson
(with the help of Gene Richardson, husband)

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS.....

School supplies in JUNE??? Please don't tell the children but their summer won't last very long. So, as you shop for school in late July remember the Jackson County Foster Children who need our help to get a good start for the new school year. Boxes for school supplies will be in Bradford Hall by July 1st. Please be generous as you always have been.

**The Mission Outreach Committee
REMINDER: Missions project of School Supplies**

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| Construction paper | Markers |
| Notebook | #2 pencils |
| Crayons: Large & small | Safety scissors |
| Color pencils | Ink pens: BLK,BL, RED |
| Writing tablets | Single subject notebooks |
| Three (3) subject notebooks | Loose-leaf-Wide Rule |
| Paper Towels | Paper |
| Kleenex | Regular glue |
| Liquid soap | Glue Sticks |
| Pencil bags | Book Bags |

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Caroline Whitten, Caleb, Caroline & Jarrod Goss (M. Spitler's family), Jimmy Spears, Sue Hollis, Margaret Sutton, Joe Hailey (friends of Christine Sage), Dorothy Krall (June Woyton's sister-in-law), David Burnett, Margaret Spitler, Moody Stone and Bill Trip (Christina Sage's friend) and Bettye Mann.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bo Bradford
- 4 Kelli Holland
- 7 Kristine Harding
- 8 Johnnie Byrd
- 8 Bill Strain
- 10 Marlene Brandt
- 11 Dick Major
- 12 Tim Haston
- 15 Janet Shadoin
- 16 Carson Vines
- 18 Bob (Bama) Yates
- 21 James Brandt
- 22 Caroline Grace Estes
- 24 Brad Vines
- 25 Alex Armstrong
- 25 Brett Bell
- 29 David Valentine
- 30 Courtney Bell

- 2 Price Lawrence
- 4 Kay Hamrick
- 7 Hap Parsons
- 7 Hunter Holland
- 8 Kelley Strain
- 10 Garrett Estes
- 11 Tom Bragg
- 12 Sara Gamble
- 18 Laura Lawrence
- 19 Chris DeWitt
- 21 Damon Jones
- 22 Rachael Graham
- 22 Sharon Valentine
- 28 Jessica Lawrence
- 30 Shannon Haston

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

“My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm. I hear the music ringing. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?”

The choir sang these moving words for the anthem recently. They are from an American folk hymn. This singing is not for choir members only; it's for all Christians who know the love of God in Christ. We hear that hymn of new creation that the resurrection brought to all who believe. Therefore, no earthly storm can shake us if we are grounded in the truth of the Divine Love. If the joy of the assurance of life eternal fills our hearts and sounds an echo in our soul, how can we keep from expressing the sweetness of this joy out loud, how can we keep from singing? When the grandmother of a friend of mine passed away, her last words were, “I hear beautiful singing.” Can you hear it?

The earthly choir at St. Luke's can always use more voices. This summer we will be rehearsing only the first Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. of June, July, and probably August as well. We'll be having a little longer rehearsal that evening, then just gathering on Sunday morning to refresh the anthem for that day. Come give us a try for the summer!

In His service, Carolyn

June 17th is Father's Day

We want to wish all our father's a wonderful day. Enjoy this day with your family. It's your day; take time to thank God for Father's, Grandfather's and Great Grandfather's who have made a difference in your lives.

HONOR YOUR FATHER WITH A DONATION TO MOSES' BASKET.

MOTHERS HONORED BY DONATIONS TO MOSES' BASKET

Mary Bridges honored by Glen & Lynn McCoy
Sherry Holland honored by The Bradford Family
Louise Hibler honored by Donna & Stan Merck
Betsy Byrd Hayes honored by Carolyn Byrd
Myrtle McCoy honored by Glen & Lynn McCoy
Betty Merck honored by Donna & Stan Merck
Grace Virginia Walls honored by Janet Sage
Tranny Word honored by Joseph & Ben Word
Elizabeth Word honored by Don Word
A Moses' Basket Donation

A TOTAL OF \$395.00 Thank you everyone!

FATHERS HONORED BY DONATIONS TO MOSES' BASKET THUS FAR.

Moody Stone honored by Gini Stone
Stephen Stone honored by Gini Stone
David Stone honored by Gini Stone



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Services

Sundays Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Time 10:30 a.m.