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St. Luke's United Methodist Church Newsletter October 2026



Autumn: A Wonder of the Season

The State Fair is here, and for me, that is a sure sign that autumn has arrived. The air grows cooler, the leaves begin to change, and memories of past autumns return.

I watched the local news coverage of the fair's opening. The reporter stood in front of a doughnut vendor while workers kneaded the dough, cut it into rings, fried it, and placed the warm doughnuts on sticks. Then came the frosting, drizzled over the top in different flavors. Can you almost smell them?

My godchild's birthday falls around the time of the State Fair, and for years we celebrated there. We ate big turkey wings, sausages with onions and green peppers, and funnel cakes topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Of course, we went on the rides, but I think the food held first place in our hearts! Those are good memories, and I thank God for them.

Psalm 105:5 reminds us, "Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced."

Autumn gives us so many wonders to remember and enjoy. Green leaves turn orange, yellow, red, and brown. Gardens offer corn, pumpkins, carrots, and kale. Overhead, geese call to one another as they fly south. Who but God could fill a season with such beauty?

This autumn, take a moment to look around. Enjoy the cool air, share a favorite memory, and thank God for the wonders of this season.

Blessings,
Pastor Tracey B. Lyons

World Communion Sunday October 4th

Every year on the first Sunday of October, churches around the world observe World Communion Sunday, celebrating **"the oneness of the family of God"** as believers from many traditions share in the Lord's Supper together. The tradition was begun in 1933 by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church

Please thank Becky Jenkins for preparing the altar to remind us of this special day in the church.

Worship

What are paraments and why are they different colors? Paraments are altar, pulpit and lectern cloths representing seasons in the church. The word paraments comes from the Latin paramentum meaning adornment. The green paraments you see now symbolize growth , life, and renewal in the Christian faith. Purple is used during Lent and Advent. Red represents Pentecost. White is used for Christmas, Easter, Communion, and other special Holy Days like Transfiguration Sunday. White is also used for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. If you would like to be part of the Worship committee and help "adorn" the church each month, please contact the church office.

Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Iran, Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine
Prayers for our Military and for those listed below.

Scottie & Ray Kyle
John & Joan Crawford
Doris Jenkins
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs
Deannie Reynolds
Thelma Edwards
Chris Bowen
Zeb & Hazel Saunders
Bonnie Urbansky
Shirley and Ronnie Weade
Chad Ray Kyle

Our Military
Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

(See our weekly Tuesday email for a complete listing of all prayer request

"With Our Deepest Sympathy"

Our sympathy is extended to:

Wendy Patterson. Harold Jack claimed the promise of the resurrection on Sunday, September 13, 2026

Bobbie Strum and family. Bobbie's Nephew, Jonathan Hale, claimed the promise of the ressurection recently. Also Bobbie's cousin, Jean Stay, claimed the promise of the ressurection on Wednesday, September 16, 2026

St. Luke's Face Book Page

Make sure you like the St. Luke's Facebook page to keep up with everything going on at church. Also, please like and share the posts and events. The more we share and like, the more others will see what a wonderful place St. Luke's is -- and all the things that we are doing! Here's a link to our page:
https://m.facebook.com/St-Lukes-United-Methodis Church-486188658201339/



October 24, 2026 – Mark your calendar – Men's Brunswick Stew and Fall Festival, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
Bake Sale, games for children, and theme baskets will be available for bids. Please sign up on the bulletin board going into the sanctuary to bake items for the bake sale (please price your items prior to bringing them to church) and sign up to help with the children's games. There will be good fellowship and fun!!

2026 Flower Calendar- is on the bulletin board going into the church sanctuary. If you would like to put flowers on the Altar for a particular Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up on the Flower Calendar. The cost is $35.00. Make your check payable to St. Luke's United Methodist Church and designate in lower left corner of check "Altar Flowers".

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PRESCHOOL SUNDAY!!







On Sunday September 27th we celebrated St. Luke's award winning Preschool during the 10:30 am worship service.





October Birthdays

October 2	Ronnie Weade
	Clay Morris
October 3	Leanne Rohlk
October 5	Barbara Nunnally
	Jacob Proffitt
October 7	Rose Hudson
October 11	Rhea Calfee
	Terri Edwards
October 14	Joseph Lyons, Jr.
October 15	Meghan Gary
October 19	Roger Frankey
October 26	Rosemarie Adkins
October 29	Andrew Russell
October 30	Samantha Jones

Anniversaries

October 5	C.W. & Kelly Rice
October 11	Keith and Kay Callis
October 16	Steve & Nancy Taylor
October 23	Ray and Becky Jenkins
October 27	Lee & Tammy Morris
October 29	Bob & Barbara Armstrong
October 30	Wayne & Dianne Johnson



St. Luke's Calendar
Important Dates — October 2026

October 1 – City Singers – 5:45-7:30 pm

October 4 – Sunday School – 9:30am
Worship – 10:30 am

October 6 – Charge Conference at St. Mark's – 7:00 pm

October 7 – Women in Faith – 10:30 am
Bible Book Club – 7 pm by Zoom

October 8 – City Singers – 5:45- 7:30 pm

October 11 – 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am -Worship

October 12 – Preschool Chapel – 10:00-10:15 am

October 13 – Preschool Chapel -10:00-10:15
Finance Committee Meeting-7:00p by Zoom

October 14 – Young at Heart -10:00 am
Bible Book Club – 7:00 pm by zoom

October 15 – City Singers – 5:45-7:30 pm

October 18 – 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

October 20 – 7:00 pm – Administrative Council Meeting, by Zoom

October 21 – 10:30-12:00 Noon – Coloring with the Spirit
7:00 pm – Bible Book Club – by Zoom

October 22 – 5:45-7:30 pm – City Singers

October 23 – 10:00-12:00 Noon – Quilting

October 24 – 10:00 am-3:00 pm - **Brunswick Stew Sale & Fall Festival**

October 25 – 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

October 26 – 10:00-10:15 – Preschool Chapel
6:30 pm – United Methodist Men's Meeting

October 27 – 10:00-10:15 am – Preschool Chapel

October 28 – 5:30-7:30 pm – Evening Bible School

October 29 – 5:45-7:30 pm – City Singers



St. Luke's seeks to be a spiritual community where all God's children experience Christ's love and redemption and where we share this through worship, fellowship, education and mission for the community and the world.

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