



"A multi-cultural congregation open to all."

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2012 Staff and Church Council Leaders



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February 22
Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion
 Lenten series
*"Journey to Hope:
 Getting Dirty"*
 6:30pm



On January 8, the Nichols' family accepted a plaque in memory of Sparky, who was St. Luke's oldest member. The plaque hangs in the kitchen, which he helped design and where he served others.

What's Going On?

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Are you looking for an inspirational book that will challenge the way you think, act and react as a follower of Jesus? Three Sundays in February will feature a sermon series based on "The Power of Blessing" by Kerry Kirkwood (Destiny Image Pub, 2010). The following topics will be discussed: What do faith, prayer and communication have to do with blessing? Does blessing only refer to material possessions and happiness? Is God in the blessing business, the cursing business, or both? What is spiritual warfare and how can blessing your enemies help? Inspirational testimonies on how God has blessed members of the congregation will be shared. Come and let's learn together how to be a blessing to everyone we encounter.



HOPE IS A ROAD WORTH TRAVELLING

A sermon series titled "Journey to Hope" will be our Lenten study. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22, and leading up to Easter on April 8, we will travel with Jesus to the cross and find hope in the midst of life's difficult circumstances. Some of the themes are: temptation, work, paying taxes, betrayal, suffering, relationships, self-esteem and road blocks. "Journey to Hope" is published by UM Communications' Rethink Church. It is a seven-week curriculum based on The Gospel of Mark. There will be encouraging faith stories for people of all ages. I believe it will prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord.

TWO KINDS OF FAITH: MERCIFUL AND TOXIC

On April 15 we will begin a sermon series based on The Gospel of Matthew and "Holier Than Thou: When Faith Becomes Toxic" by Ergun Mehmet Caner (Abingdon, 2009). The author helps us to take a good look at ourselves by encouraging us not to take ourselves too seriously. Some themes are: legalism, hypocrisy, self-righteousness and detoxing from negative (toxic) to positive (merciful) faith. Some of Jesus' replies to religious people who think they are superior Christians will be discussed. An example of the author's humor is the hymn of the Holy Huddle, "Us four...No more...And lock the door." If desired, the book can be purchased at Cokesbury for \$4.00.

WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Would you appreciate a few classes about Methodism? Or a chance to refresh your memory about what you already know about the Wesley family? The doctrine, history and structure of our church denomination will be offered in early March. I hope you will sign up at the Welcome Center counter. Sunday afternoons or Tuesday evenings? Make your preference known. Supplies provided at no cost. Don't forget to bring your questions.

THANK YOU

I greatly appreciate those who have accepted leadership positions in the church (see page one). Let's all pledge our support for those who give of their time, skills and knowledge in service to the church of Jesus Christ. Many thanks to Judy Arnold, Karen Seay and Brenda Henley for years of behind-the-scenes service in the finance area.

See you in Church,
Pastor Londia

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 LOGOS Begins	2 9:30am UMW Unit	3	4 7-10am Country Breakfast Women's Retreat
5 Holy Communion Cookie Sunday 9:30-10am Blood Pressure Check	6 7pm Rejoice Circle	7 TNT Begins	8	9 1pm WOW Circle 7pm Susanna Circle	10	11
12 12:30pm Joanna Circle	13	14	15	16 9:30am Hannah & Rebekah Circle	17 6-10pm Youth	18
19 12:15pm Singles Lunch	20 7pm LIFE Circle 7pm Book Group	21	22 Ash Wednesday 6:30 Worship	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 Church Council Meeting	28	29	Reminders and Notes:		
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	8am Prayer Group; 8:30 & 11am Worship; 9:50am Sunday School; 5pm Youth 7pm Boy Scouts 10:45am Contemplative Prayer; 5:30pm TNT Fellowship; 6pm TNT Study; 7pm Girl Scouts 9am Quilters; 5pm LOGOS; 6pm Wed. Jam; 6:30pm Prayer Group, Gospel Choir; 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7pm Devoted Stitches, Cub Scouts 7pm Celebrate Recovery					

MINISTRY UPDATES FROM OUR STAFF



A message from Donna Gregory, early education director

During the month of February we will be talking with the children about love and sharing. The preschoolers will share valentines with their friends on Valentine's Day. Love, of course, is our *Fruit of the Spirit* for February, and our bible verse is John 13:34: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

We will also talk about different types of transportation, presidents, our flag and music. If anyone would like to share a musical instrument with the preschool classes during the last week of February, please let me know! We would love to have you come!

We appreciate your continued prayers as we work daily with God's precious children. Thank you!

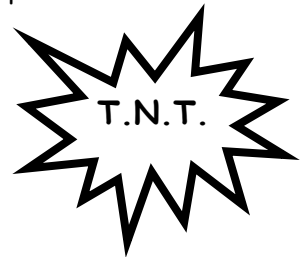
A message from Sue Kemp, adult ministries director

If you are not attending an **Adult Sunday School Class**, now is a good time to begin. There are nine different classes, each studying various topics. If you need help deciding on a class or want more information, please see Sue.



Becoming a part of the **Greeter Ministry** is a great way to serve. This very meaningful ministry does not take any extra time but is very important to making everyone who enters the doors of St. Luke's feel welcome. Thank you for considering becoming a Greeter. Sign up at the Information Center.

The first session of the 2012 **Tuesday Nights Together (T.N.T.)** will begin on Tuesday, February 7 and run through the end of May. There will be a new look for T.N.T. with fellowship and snacks from 5:30 to 5:55 instead of a meal. Sign ups have begun but it's not too late to make arrangements to attend a class. Some of the classes being offered are:



Starting Tuesday, February 7:

- **The Power of Blessing** by Kerry Kirkwood, led by Reverend Dale Shotts. Book provided. Four weeks.
- **Nooma Series** by Rob Bell, led by Antonio Booker. No books needed. Eight weeks.

Starting Tuesday, February 21:

- **24 Hours that Changed the World** by Adam Hamilton, led by Reverend Sandy Grider. Book provided. Seven weeks.

Starting Tuesday, March 6:

- **What Do You Know About Methodism?** led by Pastor Londia. No books needed. Four weeks.

For more details please stop by the Information Center to read about each class. Classes will be added throughout the first session so make sure you watch *The Scoop* or the bulletins for additions. If you have any questions or need more information on any of the classes, please contact Sue Kemp at 816-347-0388.

A message from Jason Dattilo, youth director

The Youth would like to invite anyone in grades seven through 12 to join us for any of the activities and weekly meetings held during the year. We have many exciting activities coming up including the **Winter Jam concert** on February 17 and the **Comets game** on February 19.

We are currently in the planning stages for our **summer mission trip**. This will be a week long mission trip outside of the Kansas City area to help those in need.

Youth are always welcome to join us on **Sunday evenings** (5-7pm) for our meetings where we discuss and share thoughts on current issues and work to strengthen our relationship with God. If you are looking for a place to share and grow with other youth, please join us. Contact me at jdattilo@kc.rr.com for more information.

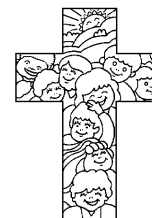


Your help is needed for a **Workday on Saturday, March 24**, beginning at 8am. Following breakfast (free-will offering) we will get the grounds ready for spring. We'll be clearing the lawn of leaves and limbs, spreading rock, trimming rose bushes, etc. Bring rakes, shovels and hedge trimmers. For information call Wil Abram at 816-525-5473 or Dave Arnold at 816-525-2379.

Cookie Sunday is February 5. Please bring individually wrapped homemade cookies to church that morning. The United Methodist Women will box and ship them to our away-from-home college students and military personnel.

LOGOS Ministry ~ Where everyone is a child of God

February 1 - April 18 WEDNESDAYS - 5 TO 7:30pm - Grades K-6



The evening will include these activities each week:

- Recreation Worship Time
- Supper & Group Fun Bible Study

Weekly themes include: Disney, Polar Express, Fireworks in February, Mardi Gras, Crazy Hat, Fun @ the Fair, Kings & Queens, Careers, Happy Easter, Rainforest and Hawaiian Luau.

Fees: 11-week session ~ \$45.00; additional children in same family ~ \$35

Please don't let the cost keep you from enrolling your children. Talk to Darci Willis (816-737-5951) or Andrea McMurry (816-763-8444) about scholarships. We can provide transportation from the after school program at Santa Fe, Truman or Dobbs, and will try to work with you to arrange rides from other locations if necessary.

Call the church office at 763-8444 to enroll.

<p>Staff Lead Pastor: Londia Granger Wright Pastoral Assistant: Bobbie Stone Adult Ministry: Sue Kemp Children: Shari Simmermon Communications: Angela Fleming Early Education: Donna Gregory Facilities: Herman Richter Missions: Mandy McConnico & Gayle Ledgerwood Music Director: Keith Curington Office: Andrea McMurry Worship: Linda Gunter Youth Ministry: Jason Dattilo</p>	<p>Do you have information to share with others? If so, please keep the following details in mind:</p> <p>Weekly Scoop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distributed electronically to members and constituents - Articles should be brief - Information is due by noon each Tuesday <p>Monthly Transformation Times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distributed electronically and in print to members, constituents and non-members the last week of the month - Articles should be brief - Information is due by the 15th of each month <p>All information submitted for publication is subject to review, edits and approval. Contact information should be provided to discuss if needed.</p>	
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Question, comments and information for the **Weekly Scoop** and **Transformation Times** must be submitted to **Angela Fleming** at tfleming57@hotmail.com and angela.x.fleming@jpmorgan.com or call 816-665-2804.



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Our Mission:

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision:

Invite, Grow, Serve.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Welcome New Member!



After many years as an active constituent, Marlene Shelby became a member on January 1. Congratulations!

"Hickman Mills Community Lenten Service"

Sunday, March 25 at 5pm

Grace Point Baptist Church
10415 Chestnut Drive
Kansas City, MO 64137

Please bring canned goods and an offering for the Community Assistance Council (CAC).

Welcome Two New Babies

Nicki, Jason and Leah Dattilo welcomed Abbie Nicole on January 19. Paternal great-grandmother is Kay Hogan. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kristy and Jack Ireland on the birth of their son, Andrew William. He was born Saturday, January 21. Maternal grandparents are George and Mary Mann.

