

# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR MIKE...

*May 2009*

Dear Friends,

I'd like to do a bit of an introduction of your new pastor, Rev. Dr. John L. and Melinda Walls. Shirley and I have known John and Melinda since the mid '80's, when we worked together in the church camp that Shirley and I directed for 25 years, Sr. High Bible Conference. Our initial impression of John and Melinda was that they love the Lord Jesus passionately, and they made great connections with the youth in the camp. That initial impression has only grown over the years.

- John is, first of all, a man of integrity in his walk with Christ. He has demonstrated faithfulness throughout his ministry, and I'm confident you will be proud to have him as your pastor.
- John and Melinda love people. That is evident in how deeply the congregation at Dayton UMC love them. While John is uncompromising regarding the gospel, he is gracious and loving in his relationships with people.
- John is an effective communicator in his preaching and teaching. John preached one of the finest first-person messages I have ever heard at Bible Conference one year, in Biblical costume, as he assumed the role of blind Bartimaeus, speaking to the youth with passion and the anointing of God's Spirit. And John is solidly Biblical in all his preaching and teaching. I am confident that you will learn and grow from his ministry.
- John is a visionary leader. He has led Dayton Church through 22 years of growth and change, through building programs, and through the stages of moving from a smaller, one-cell church to a larger, vital, alive congregation with multiple effective ministries. He knows how to lead a church to greater vision, and to growth!
- John is committed to his local congregation, but also serves with distinction beyond the local church in the larger ministry of an Elder. John has served as chairman of our Annual Conference's Evangelism Committee, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of *Good News*, an organization which works for renewal, and for Scriptural Christianity within the United Methodist Church.
- Melinda loves ministry as John's help-mate, and brings her own passion to minister to children, and to win families to Christ. She has established and led a thriving Preschool at Dayton Church, and the families of the Preschool have been touched by the love of God through her ministry.

I believe you are going to simply fall in love with John and Melinda. If you would like to send them a greeting and let them know you are praying for them, their address and email are as follows:

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God is good...all the time!  
All the time...God is good!

Pastor Mike

Gospel Echoes

# Jim's Jottings

April 2009



When we hear the word *MUG* we usually think of a picture of someone's face as in a *mug shot*, someone making a face as in a *grimace*; or worst of all, someone being robbed. Well, the St. Luke's *Muggers* do none of that. The St. Luke's *Muggers* make people *happy*, feel wanted, and invited to return to St. Luke's family meetings for more of a fruitful experience of worship. Following each weekly worship service Pastor Jim audits each attendance card for anyone who has checked the first visit box. He then prepares a copy of that card, adds a road map taken from the internet and places that with one of the prepared welcome bags from the Welcome Center in the narthex. He then calls the volunteer *Mugger* for that week to let them know a visit is needed. That week's St. Luke's *Mugger* picks up the welcome bag and visits the new attendee usually within three days following the service they attended. We have multiple new members and regular attendees now because of a visit by one of the *Mugger's* crew. **WE NEED ADDITIONAL MUGGERS AND YOU WOULD BE JUST THE PERSON TO MAKE A FIRST TIME ATTENDEE FEEL WELCOMED.** I regularly hear in meetings and congregational gatherings that St. Luke's needs to grow; well we are; we have new attendees coming. With Dewayne, Shannon, Bob, and Wayne in the parking lot before first service and Roger in the parking lot before second service we are doing a great job starting the welcoming process. From the parking lot new attendees are introduced to door greeters or ushers who help seat the new attendee with a St. Luke's member to help them feel comfortable.

We need you to help us finish the process by delivering a great welcoming package at their door and thank them for joining St. Luke's congregation in worship. **YOU CAN DO THAT.**

See Pastor Jim for details!

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Greetings,

I thought it would be beneficial to take this space to thank everyone for your support for the birth of our son Eliam Wilson. The amount of prayer, encouragement, and gifts was overwhelming and we are grateful to everyone who supported us throughout this experience.

Regarding youth activities we have many fun activities in-store for the upcoming months. In May we will have another Video Game Night, weekly Bible Study and Sunday Youth Group meetings, and service projects with the Letter Carriers' Food Drive and Kokomo Urban Outreach. This summer we will participate in a missions retreat to serve Kokomo Urban Outreach, Camp Adventure, Sr. High Summit Base Camp, and a Camping Trip. To find more information on these events, including dates and cost please see the table outside of the Sr. High room. Aside from the larger events we will have several weekly activities this summer including: Wednesday night Bible Study, Friday night Games, open Youth room on Tuesdays, and Sunday Youth Group.

Regarding spiritual development in the youth group we have been discussing a number of different topics in recent months. Our Sunday Youth Group lesson time has developed into a time of discussion of various issues. Recently we have focused on ethics and the youth have been able to develop their views on different ethical issues, while also understanding how ethics is not always tied to faith. Within our group we have even shared differing views on ethical dilemmas, and it has been exciting to see the youth engage the different issues with intensity.

Wednesday night Bible Study has been addressing a number of Christian issues, but at the moment we are at the beginning of a Bible Study series meant to reveal the significance of Jesus as the Christ. Anyone who has been in church long enough realizes that Jesus is important, but why? So far we have studied the covenant between God and Abraham and the covenant between God and David. Both of these covenants are pivotal for setting up the expected coming of the Christ, which we will cover later in the series.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Jim Wilson

## ST. LUKE'S NEWS YOU CAN USE....

**HOPE CIRCLE** will meet in the church parlor on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. Macon Dale Traxler will do the calling. Jan Adler will give devotions, and Lydia Burns will provide refreshments. Nona Sozansky will present a program of her Holy Land experience. Marsha Anderson and Joan Kellar will do May communion. Our word for the month is Trust. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble and he knoweth them that trust him." Nahum 1:7. Visitors welcome.

**ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT:** This year's campout will be Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, through the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will go to Potato Creek State Park, Family Electric Campground C. See the board by Fellowship Hall for more details. Contact Jeff or Beth Davis at 457-3011 for questions.

**You're invited to a Graduation Open House** for Kate Sozansky at her home (2161 S, 1250 E, Greentown) 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24. Contact Nina (437-6712 or via email [nsoz@vfemail.net](mailto:nsoz@vfemail.net)) for directions

**WE ARE ACCEPTING** recipes for a St. Luke's Church Cookbook during the months of March, April, and May. They need to be clearly written or typed with a name of the recipe and the person donating the recipe to the book. These recipes do not have to be original and they can even be from other cookbooks or magazines. They can be family recipes. We will take any and all. I would like to see us have at least 500 recipes for the cookbook. We can use brand names in the recipe, but if the recipe is labeled Neiman Marcus Cookies etc., we will have to use a different name because of trademark policies. All monies from the cookbook will be donated to St. Luke's UMC Food Pantry!

**NOTE! New Date: PICNIC WITH THE POTTER:** On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for an evening of food and a message from Mike Still, a local potter. Music will also be provided by "4 Given". Dinner will be at 6:15pm of sloppy joes, etc. The program will follow at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, for \$4.00 each, children 5 and under are free. This program is for the whole family and is in place of the Mother-Daughter or Father-Son event and is sponsored by the UMW. Pam Ditmer (860-5165) and Tanya Saul (480-5668) can answer any questions.

**THIS YEAR'S UNITED METHODIST CLUSTER VBS** will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, Sunday, June 14, through Thursday, June 18 from 6pm to 8pm. This year, we're going to Rome to learn about the early church from Paul...but right now the Marketplace is quiet, Paul is missing, and no one is worshipping at the Underground Church! We need your help to make Rome a city bustling with the Good News of Jesus Christ! We need plenty of shopkeepers, actors, group leaders!

**UMM BREAKFAST** will be at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Dr. DeVona Beard, of St. Joseph Hospital. Women are invited.

**THE PRAISE TEAM** for the 11:11 worship service is looking for your favorite songs that we currently do to put on our summer song list. Like last summer, we plan to save all new songs for later in the year and lead our worship with songs that are currently on our song list. Write them down and give them to Barry Clouser or Paula Shrock or call us at 765-432-6367 or 765-628-2524.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED:** You might be a little rusty, but why not give God a chance to restore your gift and use it to lead worship during the 11:11 worship service? We are looking for more musicians, including keyboards, guitars, drums, strings, brass, vocals or whatever you have been hiding. Having a full band will not only sound better but also will allow the members to feel a little less guilty when they need a week off. We could even rotate so that some could sit in the congregation occasionally. We do have a few guidelines that we will go over with you, not least of which is a desire to help others connect with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in their worship experience. Contact Barry Clouser at 765-432-6367 or [barry.clouser@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:barry.clouser@alumni.indiana.edu) or Paula Shrock at 765-628-2524 or [pjshrock@yahoo.com](mailto:pjshrock@yahoo.com) to learn more about joining the praise team.

**JOY FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am at the church. Ruth Lawson from CAM (Coordinated Area Ministry) will share about this important outreach to the homeless in our area. Following the program, we will have a carry-in lunch. Ham and beans will be provided. Please bring a friend, a dish to share, and a white elephant for bingo.

## MAY PARISH NURSE NEWS 2009

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

### **CANCER FACTS and FICTION: Myths abound. Here are some that won't go away:**

FICTION: You can get breast cancer from underarm deodorant.

FACT: This claim has generated many Internet postings and chain letter warnings. Women are prone to absorbing chemicals used in antiperspirants because of shaving nicks and cuts, but there is no known linkage between chemicals known as parabens in deodorants and many cosmetics and any form of cancer.

FICTION: You can get cancer from fluoridated water.

FACT: After decades of more than ½ of Americans drinking fluoride-treated water, the US Centers for Disease Control recently released a summary finding of the collected research. The conclusion: "No credible evidence" exists linking fluoridated water to an increased risk of cancer.

FICTION: You can get bladder cancer from artificial sweeteners such as saccharine and aspartame.

FACT: This claim is probably left over from 1969 when the FDA banned cyclamate after studies showed possible links to bladder cancer in lab animals. Secondary studies were inconclusive and ongoing research has shown no evidence that any of the sugar substitutes now in use are connected with cancer.

FICTION: There is no way of knowing whether a statement is fact or fiction.

FACT: You can check whether a claim is the result of proven research by logging on to the NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE at [www.nci.nih.gov](http://www.nci.nih.gov).

Despite the myths, more is known about cancer than ever before. With earlier detection and intervention the survival rate continues to improve. - THAT'S A FACT!

**Arthritis 2-Step Self-Help Strategy.** Arthritis isn't just one disease; it is a host of 100-joint-related conditions, including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile arthritis, gout, bursitis and conditions from lupus to psoriasis that have an arthritic component.

### **1 out of 6 Americans, arthritis is a fact of life.**

A proven way to manage inflammation pain and discomfort between doctor visits is to develop a daily routine of physical activity. If you are an arthritis sufferer, the following two-fold self-care strategy can reduce your need for medication and increase the control you have over your condition.

**HINT:** THIS IS ALSO A GOOD APPROACH FOR EVERYONE.

### **WE ALL NEED TO BECOME MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE!**

Adopt joint-friendly fitness: Preferably daily, [or every other day] Attempt ½ hour activity.

- **Walk.** In the park, at the mall, in the gym or on the road. [You could walk around the church and add praying for our Church as well!!!]
- **Swim,** 30 minutes of water strides or swimming laps.
- **Work with weights.** Keep joints flexible while strengthening muscles.

Adopt a fitness-friendly mind-set:

- See your "1/2 hours of power" as pre-emptive strikes that keep you ahead of arthritis. [If ½ hour is too long, attempt 10 minutes three times a day!!! **Just get moving!**]
- Slow and steady wins the race. Build your routine slowly; add time and variation bit by bit. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!" Phil. 4:13
- **Just do it.** The longer arthritis keeps you inactive, the harder it will be to start or keep exercising and master a routine that helps.

Keep in mind that regular exercise helps lubricate the joints, lessen stiffness, build stamina and increase your sense of overall wellness.





St. Luke's Vitals for the Month of  
APRIL



**ATTENDANCE**

**04/05/2009**

9:00 159

11:11 69

**Total: 228**

**04/12/2009**

9:00 264

11:11 67

**Total: 331**

**04/19/2009**

9:00 220

11:11 98

**Total: 318**

**04/26/2009**

9:00 205

11:11 83

**Total: 288**

April Attendance  
1165

**OFFERING**

**04/05/2009**

\$14,524.19

**04/12/2009**

\$9,494.01

**04/19/2009**

\$7,266.91

**04/26/2009**

\$6,856.00

**Total April Offering**

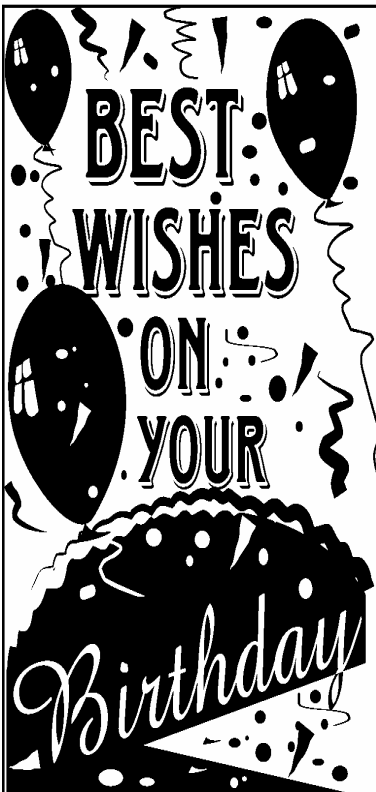
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**Needed Each Month**

\$43,210.32

**Difference**

(\$5,069.21)



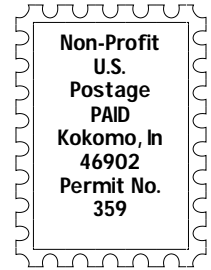
Maxine **RICH**, Becky **SWAILS**, Russ **HENSLEY**, Alison **CARIELLO**, (1); Greta **DUNLAP**, Dick **JONES**, Josh **LIVENGOOD**, (2); Sherry **MOORE**, (3); Ann **FERRELL**, Sherri **MOSIER**, (4); Wayne **McCORD**, Charles **GALBRAITH**, Tanner **HARMON**, (5); Laura **CARIELLO**, Danielle **HANDY**, Madison **JONES**, (6); Rick **QUAIFE**, (7); Metta **TEDLOCK**, Lauren **HOUSEHOLDER**, (8); Stacey **MILLER**, Erin **GEISELMAN**, (10); Meagan **WILSON**, (11); Katherine **SALKIE**, (12); Bruce **SHROCK**, (13); Eleanor **DUKE**, (15); Milo **JONES**, (15); Ronald **BARGERHUFF**, (16); Mary Jess **HAMILTON**, Jim **LAMB**, Cameron **MICKLE**, (17); Brienne **RENTZ**, (18); Lou **WESTRAY**, Sandy **HENDERSON**, (19); Dorothy **CROSS**, (20); Al **NAGY**, Elaina **SNYDER**, Beverly **SNODGRASS**, (21); Andrew **HANSEN**, (22); Alexandra **PARR**, (23); Julie **RODY**, (24); John **TOKARCIK**, Derek **DISHON**, (25); Linsay **TAYLOR**, (26); Paul **SMITH**, Rod **MILLER**, (27); Elizabeth **HUFFMAN**, Evan **ROHLFING**, (29); Gene **PRATT**, (30); Samantha **VERNON**, Ruby **STINER**, (31).

*Happy Birthday to you!*



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The primary way we are to obtain money is to work for it.

"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your own hands"

(1 Thes. 4:11).

## OFFICE NEWS

### MONDAYS in May

May 4

May 11

May 18

On Mondays I need a volunteer from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm to answer phones and sit in the church office while I am away at our weekly Staff Meeting.

### FRIDAYS in May

May 1

May 8

May 15

May 22

May 29

On Fridays I need a volunteer to stuff the bulletins from 1:00 pm until they are finished.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.**



**BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE THE THURSDAY OF THE WEEK AT**

**8:00 AM.**

**Please stick to the above deadlines.**