



# ST LUKE'S UMC TELEGRAPH JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023



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## Pastor David's Doodles

January and February are important months in the Christian liturgical calendar. Advent marks the beginning our church liturgical year traditionally. According to Laurence Stookey, "*Advent is the celebration of the promise that Christ will bring an end to all that is contrary to the ways of God; the resurrection of Jesus is the first sign of this destruction of the powers of death, the inauguration and anticipation of what is yet to come in fullness.*" Calendar: Christ's Time For The Church, pg. 121.

At dusk on December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, is the beginning of the Christmas liturgical season which lasts for twelve days. While the exact date on the calendar is not known for Jesus' actual birth, December 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen which closely follows the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. John 1: 4-9 reminds us that Jesus is the true light of the world. One of my favorite traditions is when candles are lit at our Christmas Eve services which acts as a reminder of our charge to let our light shine before others and to carry the Good News of Christ into the world (Matthew 5:16). Overall, this short liturgical season is a time to be thankful for what Jesus accomplished by being born in the manger at Bethlehem.

The first Sunday of the calendar year helps us remember the baptism of Jesus. The season of Epiphany begins officially on the Sunday following January 6<sup>th</sup> and is a celebration of the appearance of the Magi with their gifts. Both of these important days have the function to identify who Jesus was for those who did not know him yet as the promised Messiah. God audibly spoke after Jesus was baptized as recorded in Mark 1:11; "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Most people will recognize February 2<sup>nd</sup> as “Groundhog Day” and revel in the results that dictate when Spring might begin and Winter might end. Lost in most people’s minds is that this day is the fortieth day of the nativity which commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple (Luke 2: 22-40) in accord with the legislation of Leviticus 12: 2-8 concerning the firstborn male. Let’s not forget the hope and joy that Jesus brought to Simeon and Anna who patiently waited to set their eyes on Jesus.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> this year will mark the beginning of our Lenten season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This deeply devotional worship time helps us to look at our own mortality and set our eyes upon eternity and the promised resurrection to be with our Lord.

As we endure the winter months with its cold temperatures, please remember that this is a time of great meaning for us as we also identify that our hope is found in Jesus and that God’s grace is sufficient for us! Our sanctuary will be warm and our fellowship sweet . . . come to worship and be blessed!

**Pastor David Scott**

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** by Jean Bailey

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our Grief luncheon for January will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon at Rizzos in South County.

Our February 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be at 12 noon at Applebee's in Arnold. How to see you all in January

Any questions call Jean Bailey at 314-660-2912.

### **HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**

St. Luke’s has several types of durable home medical equipment that has been donated and is available for anyone who may need them. We have a variety of wheel chairs, walkers and bathroom equipment. Please contact the church office if you, or anyone you know, has need of any home medical equipment.

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

God of grace and glory, as we gather this morning to worship you, refocus our minds on the real meaning of this season: to watch and to wait. It’s difficult to wait patiently for the birth of the Christ child, all the while anticipating our Lord’s return. Help us set aside the concerns of the world in this holiday season so we may hear John the Baptist’s words, take them to heart and focus on preparing the way of the Lord. Help us repent so we come before you with contrite spirits, ready to recommit our lives to you. Amen

## **INVITABLE EVENTS**

### **Weekly**

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9AM**
- **SEW N’ SEWS:** Mondays, 9 AM
- **RE-SELL-IT SHOPPE**  
Thursdays, 9:30 - 3:30 PM  
Saturdays, 10 AM - 2 PM
- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
Thursdays, 9-11 AM,  
Fellowship Hall
- **PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP**  
Wednesdays, 9 AM

### **Monthly**

- **GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON**  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon  
At Applebee’s in Arnold

## **VITAL STATISTICS**

### *St. Luke’s 2022:*

**Average Worship  
Attendance  
72 On Campus  
50 Online Engagements**

### **OFFERING:**

**2022 Apportionment Goals for  
Mission  
\$44,481  
\$37,000 paid YTD**

**Breakthrough  
Building Fund YTD  
\$143,206**

**Building Loan Principle Owed  
\$489,011**

**Interest Paid on  
Building Loan  
\$24,438**

## **This New Year Make Stewardship Resolutions** by Pamela Jones

New Year's Resolutions offer a great opportunity to set a new goal, to start a new project or to renew a commitment to achieve an objective that might have slipped away from you last year. Most resolutions deal with the most important aspects of our lives, and they usually go to the heart of our cares and concerns.

So, this year definitely make some resolutions, but for 2023 try something different. This year rebrand them as *Stewardship Resolutions*. After all, Christian stewardship starts with the premise that we actually own nothing because God owns it all. Therefore, our time, our talent, and our treasures – and our very lives – are merely entrusted to us by a God who loves us and wants us to use all these things wisely and for Godly purposes.

As Stewardship Resolutions, your goals will not be merely tests of your willpower, but also noble exercises of faith. They will take on a deeper meaning because you are making resolutions as an act of discipleship. You can pray that God will help you keep your resolutions.

Here are some suggestions:

**Time:** We never have enough time, but somehow every moment seems to be consumed either by the nonstop urgencies of the moment on the one hand, or by mindless entertainment and activities on the other. Resolve to steward your time by planning, setting, and maintaining priorities for enriching activities, such as meaningful hobbies, leisure, reading, prayer, or rest.

**Spirituality:** We are saved by grace through faith, but we grow spiritually the more we invest ourselves in the disciplines of faith. Suggestions for growing through faith include the spiritual practices of daily prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading, nurturing spiritual relationships, serving others, and giving beyond a tithe. Resolve to be a better steward of your spirit!

**Physical Health:** God gave us wonderfully complex bodies. Good stewardship means doing what we can to keep our bodies not only free from disease but also operating in top condition. Your Stewardship Resolutions might call for such things as getting adequate sleep, exercising more, eating better, or quitting smoking.

**Mental Health:** We all carry stress, but too many of us have way too much! For stewardship of our mental health, we might resolve to play more, to meditate, to pray, to take walks, listen to relaxing music – whatever works for you.

**Intelligence:** We know that to keep our bodies healthy we have to feed it nutritious food. Our minds need to be fed, too. Your Stewardship Resolutions might call for taking (or teaching) a class, reading four challenging non-fiction books this year, or subscribing to an educational podcast.

**Family and Friends:** God has given us family and community in order that we will be happiest and most fulfilled in relationship. How are you stewarding relationships? This year resolve to strengthen ties with family and friends, and if necessary to end unhealthy relationships.

What Stewardship Resolutions would enrich your life in 2023? Pray about it. Then write them down.

## ***Building Team JANUARY 2022*** By John Newman – Building Team Co-Chair

I'm sorry if haven't gotten the revised drawing boards on display that show the work that has been completed and the work needed to be complete on the project. I hope to have them on display in early January. We now have a Building Team information panel on the wall space directly across from the church office.

**Re-Energizing** this project should be one of our main concerns which will allow all that visit our facilities to have access to all of our areas of our buildings. If you have not renewed your pledge card by now to show your stewardship commitment to making our facilities accessible and inviting to all, then please do so soon.

**ONLY JESUS**

*“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – JOHN 14:6*

*“Of all the great sages and prophets throughout world history, Jesus alone claimed to be God-become-man.” – Luis Palau*

The St. Luke’s UMM is starting the 2023 year and the officers are as follows; Joe Schneringer – President, John Oberlohr – Treasurer, and John Newman – Secretary. We are planning new events for **2023** and would like any input from our fellow church men, so please mark your calendar to attend our meetings.

Our December Pork Butt event was cancelled due low orders, we thanked the few that placed orders and apologized for having to cancel. The next opportunity to purchase a delicious smoked pork butt will be in June before Father’s Day.

Our January meeting will be on Monday January 2, 2023 in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

**At our December meeting we planned out our 2023 calendar with the following highlights;**

January 21<sup>st</sup> – SLU Basketball Game,

February – Bowling Outing,

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Fishing Fair,

May 17-20 – Fishing Retreat,

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – UMM Breakfast,

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pork Butt Fundraiser,

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day Appreciation,

July 8<sup>th</sup> – UMM Breakfast,

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Grizzlies Baseball Game,

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – UMM Breakfast,

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> – Dart Ball Preseason Event,

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Trivia Night,

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – Trunk-R-Treat,

November – Election of Officers,

December – Planning meeting & Christmas Gathering.

**Please mark your calendars.**

**MONTHLY MISSION JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

by Sandy Newman

**January 2023**

The January Mission project will be to fill Ziploc bags with powdered laundry detergent to donate to the Lifewise Bodega. The LifeWise “Bodega” thrift store offers affordably priced home cleaning supplies to their clients. We will meet after church service on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at about 10:15 a.m. in the Gospel Café. We need several volunteers to label the bags, and scoop the powdered detergent into them. All supplies will be provided. This is a quick easy mission project! Please plan to come downstairs and help out.



**February 2023**

Mark your calendar now and join us here at St. Lukes UMC for

**Your Church Mission Day**

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

This will be a day of service here at your own church – St. Lukes UMC. There will be a variety of projects for all to help with. These will be inside activities so we can stay warm as we work together in our own home church. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to pick our projects. Lunch will be provided around noon. Then we can continue as needed on the various activities. Please come for any amount of the day you are able to give of your time and talents. Just let us know you are coming for planning purposes. Let’s have a fun day as a church family!

**Festival of Sharing - Collection Opportunity**

What can we do year round to help out with Festival of Sharing? Just save the UPC Labels off of the **“Best Choice” brand items** that you purchase. It is an easy collection opportunity! There are a variety of products sold in the BEST CHOICE brand at Wal-Mart and Target. After you use the product just cut off the UPC label and bring to church to put in the Collection jar marked for that purpose. For every 1,000 labels turned in the Festival is able to collect \$33.00 to be used for hunger related projects in Missouri! We will collect these labels all year long!

## St. Luke's Homebound Members

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents

#### **Saima Davis**

16216 Autumn View Ter. #108b  
(Memory Care Unit)

Ellisville, MO 63011

(314) 277-5948 (cell)

*Birthday 07/14/1920*

**(Send all mail except cards to her daughter Carol's House)**

827 Bergquist Dr.

Manchester, MO 63011-4125

#### **Tippie Heimos**

**(Use for visits only)**

Stillwater Senior Living

1111 University Dr #149

Edwardsville, IL 62025-5591

*Birthday 12/27/1937*

**(Continue to send Mail to Tippie at her daughter Susie's house)**

3410 Wilderness Dr.

Edwardsville, IL 62025-3192

(618) 604-0021 (Susie's #)

#### **David Kaufman**

12335 West Bend Dr. #357

St. Louis, MO. 63128

(314) 828-0319

*Birthday 01/28/1958*

#### **Alma Parker**

12335 West Bend Dr. #134  
St. Louis, MO 63128-5100

(314) 722-3664

*Birthday 06/25/1927*

#### **Harding & Barbara Twyman**

10954 Kennerly Rd. Rm 108

St. Louis, MO 63128-2018

(850) 624-0918 (Barb's Cell)

*Birthday*

*Harding - 04/06/1943*

*Barbara - 07/25/1953*

#### **Doris Elliott**

2535 Oakmont Ter. #237

St. Louis, MO 63129-4744

(314) 375-7177

*Birthday 6/16/1933*

### At Home Residents

#### **Betty Cullen**

7010 Broken Oak

St. Louis, MO 63129-3908

(314) 846-6581

*Birthday 02/10/1934*

#### **Jim Monken**

2559 Rolens Dr

St. Louis, MO 63129-3314

(314) 892-9264

*Birthday 11/5/1936*

#### **George & Joan Wiesehan**

825 Camborne St

St. Louis, MO 63125

(314) 544-2336

*Birthday*

*George - 07/08/31*

*Joan - 07/02/34*



*Healthy Ministries*



by Shari Scott

*"Let all that you do be done in love."*

Corinthians 16:14

It's hard to believe that we are beginning a new year. We are praying that 2023 brings Comfort, Health & Belief May your New Year be filled with Love, Hope, Joy and Peace.

We are slowly resuming in-person visits with our homebound, nursing home, and hospitalized members. These folks (who are primarily older adults and their caregivers) often feel forgotten or ignored.

With everything going on in our community, country and the world, it's up to us to find a way to bring the church to those that are unable to be with us in person. As we start this new year, please reach out and connect with them by phone, cards or letters so they will know you are thinking of them and praying for them. Even though many are worshipping with us online, the personal touch by one of their church family calling them or sending a card or letter adds that little extra reminder that they haven't been forgotten.

There are two birthdays among our homebound friends in January and February. Big Happy Birthday wishes go out to David Kaufmann on January 28<sup>th</sup> and Betty Cullen on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to David and Betty by phone or send them a birthday card on their special day.

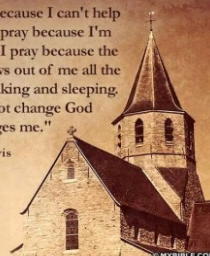
An updated list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and birthdates of all of our homebound friends is included in this newsletter. Please use the list to keep in contact with them. And, don't forget to keep our entire St. Luke's family, in your hearts by including them in your daily prayers.

***If you are contacting any of our members that have been unable to attend services in person, please let the office know that you have talked with them and how they are doing.***

### NEED PRAYER?

If you are in need of prayer, our Prayer Room is always open. You may use it to pray privately or one of our prayer warriors will be glad to pray with you.

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time - waking and sleeping. It does not change God - it changes me."  
- C.S. Lewis



# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> 9a.m. Worship service 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball	2 9a.m. Quilters 10:30a.m. AA Meeting 6p.m. UMM/UWF 7:30p.m. AA Meeting	3 10a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 6:30p.m. Choir Practice 7:30p.m. AA Meeting 8p.m. Handbells	4 9a.m. Piecemakers 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 7p.m. PG RESERVED 7p.m. NA Group	9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 5:30 p.m. PG RESERVED 6p.m. Praise Band 7p.m. Al anon Meeting	6 8:30a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting	7 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe
8 9a.m. Worship service 2p.m. Annual Charge Conference 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball	9 9a.m. Quilters 10:30a.m. AA Meeting 6p.m. PG RESERVED 6:30p.m. TSF Meeting	10 10a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 6:30p.m. Choir Practice 6:30p.m. PG RESERVED 7:30p.m. AA Meeting	11 9a.m. Card Ministry 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 6:30p.m. LIBRARY RESERVED 7p.m. PG RESERVERD 7p.m. NA Group	9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 5:30 p.m. PG RESERVED 6p.m. Praise Band 7p.m. Al anon Meeting	13 8:30a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting	14 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe
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# FEBRUARY 2023

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19 9a.m. Worship Service 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball	<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b> 9a.m. Quilters 10:30a.m. AA Meeting	21 10a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 6:30p.m. Choir Practice 7:30p.m. AA Meeting	22 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 7p.m. PG RE-	23 9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 5:30 p.m. PG Reserved	24 8:30a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting	25 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe
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## December Mission – THANK YOU

**Thank you** to everyone that donated items to the **Holiday Market** for LifeWise this Christmas. We delivered the items to be included in their Christmas Holiday market for the clients in early December. Your generous donations were greatly appreciated.



## FAITHFUL AND INCLUSIVE

“Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God.” John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, gave us these 3 simple rules to live as followers of Christ. Does anyone else feel that living a life faithful to God is anything but simple? We grapple with complex issues and differing opinions. Are we loving God with heart, mind, and soul if we reject certain populations? Can we love our neighbors as ourselves when we don’t think we share much in common? How do we discern God’s will from public opinions?

The United Methodist Church has become divided over whether or how to include LGBTQ people in the church. St. Luke’s has always taken pride in being a friendly and welcoming congregation! It’s important that we start defining what that looks like for us moving forward. With that in mind, we’d like to enter into a respectful and thoughtful discussion about how United Methodists can be obedient to God’s Word and also welcoming to LGBTQ persons in church. Our small group will kick-off with a six-week study, *Faithful and Inclusive - The Bible, Sexuality, and the United Methodist Church* by Rev. Rob Fuquay. We will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** in the **Caldwell library beginning January 11**.

Please reach out if you’d like to have a conversation or if you have any questions. We look forward to learning and growing together as a faith community!

In God’s love,

Cindy Schneringer 314-488-8504 text/call,

[cindy-joe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindy-joe@sbcglobal.net)

Chris Mehig, Lay Leader, 314-732-5567 text/call,

[cmehigh@gmail.com](mailto:cmehigh@gmail.com)

## PRAYER LIST

### 29 DAYS

Challie Allison  
Kelly Barbero  
Randy Donaldson  
Family of Ken Cieslak  
Family of Brenda Jockish-Lato  
Family of Joe Metzger  
Family of Lena Shaw  
Tippie Heimos  
Judy Johnson  
Freya Koch  
Vione McCleary  
Sharon Munster  
John & Sandy Newman  
Milleincnt Shocket  
David Smith  
Larry Snelson  
George & Joan Wiesehan

Kyle Edmonson  
Geoffrey Fasoldt  
Bridget Fischer  
Ted Fournier Jr.  
Mary Ann Francis  
Althea Hart  
Tyler Henderson  
Chris House  
Scott Keifer  
Gilda Lahrman  
Dennis Ledgerwood  
Carolina Lewis  
Jeaneen Little & Family  
Marlene Loesekam  
Richard Mashing  
Lexie Meissner  
Deb Meyer  
John Peckham  
Anita Phillips  
Sarah Pines & Family  
Cheryl Rothe  
Gabe Tinker  
Barbara Twyman  
Harding Twyman  
Christina Van Order  
Lori Wallach  
Charlene Wright  
Bill Zimmerman

### 30+ DAYS

Judy Aubuchon  
Carol Baitinger  
Sonya Bayer  
Brian Blaze  
Joe Caldwell  
Betty Cullen  
Laurie Daniel  
Saima Davis

## Thank You from George & Joan Wiesehan

We want to express our thanks to our wonderful church family. It has been a blessing to receive the kindness and love that so many of you have sent our way this past year. We greatly appreciate all of the wonderful meals we have received, and enjoy the visits very much. Since we are not able to get out of the house and come to church or go places, it is great to have you visit us in our home. Your phone calls are a nice way to catch up also. We thank you so very much for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. May God Bless each of you in the New Year.

Sincerely, George and Joan Wiesehan



# FINANCIAL REPORT

(As of 12/8/2022)

## Contributions:

General Fund and some special dedicated accounts	\$243,947	Income (General Fund):	\$ 387,153
Building Fund	\$143,206	Expenses (Staff and Operating Funds)	\$ 454,970
		<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (67,817)</b>

Number of Giving Envelopes	135
Envelopes that Gave YTD	82

Average Weekly Gift	\$77.02	Average Monthly Income	\$ 32,262
Average Monthly Gift	\$333.77	Average Monthly Expenses YTD	\$ 37,914
Average Giving YTD	\$4,005.20	Average Monthly Difference	<b>\$ (5,652)</b>

Building loan – Paid \$91,988 on the principle thru November – current value: \$489,001

Building Fund Balance: \$105,732

Monthly Building Loan Expenses		Building Fund Contributions	
Principal	\$ 4,000	Total YTD Contributions	\$ 93,206
Avg. Interest	\$ 2,200	Avg. Monthly Contribution	\$ 7,767
Total	\$ 6,200		



Your generosity, both financial and with time & talents allowed us to serve

19 turkeys donated

\$795.00 in donations

49 volunteers

146 plus meals served

Leftovers were taken to a shelter so even more people could be fed.

FREE Thanksgiving meals to our community!

We had some amazing volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, serving, greeting, bussing and clean-up.

**IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!**

## GOD MOMENT by Betty Fasoldt

A horrible moment - turning into a God moment.

A month ago I came home with tears and anguish, into the loving arms of my husband. Through sobs, I explained my ordeal at Savers Thrift Store on Watson.

I was in a self-check line behind two men. They were both at a register. The man in front of me, with his cart in front of him, moved up. I proceeded to the check-out register to start my transactions. The man turned and YELLED at me for taking his place. I said I was sorry that I had thought he was done. He YELLED at me again saying, "GET OUT OF HERE! YOU KNEW EXACTLY WHAT YOUR WERE DOING! GET OUT OF HERE! I told him again I was sorry, but he repeated his yelling and rejected my apology. I felt distraught and headed across the aisle to another check-out. The lady in front of me saw what had happened and saw my anguish and tried to console me. Once the tears start, its hard to stop.

At my car, putting my merchandise away, an elderly couple in a truck, had seen the whole episode in the store, and reached out to me. She asked my name and took my hands and prayed to God on my behalf to calm me and give me peace. A calmness did surround me and I was relieved of my misery and was okay to drive home.

God put that couple exactly where He wanted them to be, for me. FOR ME. God bless them as I have felt blessed.

# UWF CORNER

by Sandy Newman



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## January & February 2023 News

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Monday, January 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. We will host a meal at 6:00 p.m. with the UMM in the Gospel Café. Any ladies that can come early to help with the meal preparation please come at about 4:30 p.m. Then we will meet upstairs for our program and meeting in the Open Door classroom across from the office area at 7:00 p.m. We will have the Pledge Service presented by Deb Lampe.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and the program will be our "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial". A meal will be at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting in Gospel Café.

We would love for any women of the church and their friends to join us at these times. So Ladies invite your friends to join you for an evening of friendship and devotions.

***Sandy Newman, President UWF***



# Give-A-Meal-A-Month For Feed My People

(Bring donations to the Collection Room off of Fellowship Hall)

## JANUARY Main Menu

Boxed Whole Grain Pasta (Penne, Spaghetti, etc.)  
Canned Tomato or Pasta Sauce  
Any Canned Vegetable  
Any Canned Fruit/Applesauce  
Powdered Milk or Soy Milk, (shelf stable)  
All Purpose Flour, Sugar

### Additional Items -

Cold Cereal or Oatmeal  
Sugar Free or Low Sugar Juices (plastic bottles)  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac 'n Cheese  
Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, soap, shampoo/  
conditioner, deodorant, razors

## FEBRUARY Main Menu

Canned Tuna or Salmon in water  
Tuna or Hamburger Helper  
Soups (tomato, cream of mushroom, vegetable, etc)  
Any Canned Vegetable  
Any Canned Fruit/Applesauce  
Powdered Milk or Soy Milk, (shelf stable)

### Additional Items -

Baby Food, Baby Cereals, (rice, barley, mixed)  
Baby Juices, Baby Formula with Iron  
Diapers, Diaper Wipes,  
Adult Diapers, Boost, Ensure (or similar product)

## **Did you know we have Sunday School classes available for all ages?**

All classes meet following Worship and fellowship time each Sunday

**Children ages 5 thru 11** meet in room 220 on the second floor of the Parkhurst building.

**Youth ages 12 thru 18** meet in the Youth Room also on the second floor of the Parkhurst building.

**Two adult classes -** The Seekers meet in room 215/217

The Open Door Class meets in the Parlor (room 211)

(Both of these classes are in the hallway across from the church office.)

**If you don't see a class that looks right for you, contact Shari Scott and we can find one that will meet your needs!**

## Gladine Liner Stellar Mehlville Educator

As a young mother back in 1970, I wanted to raise our two daughters to love school as I had. I already knew how important their individual teachers would be through their formative years. While teaching in the Mehlville School District myself, I recognized how valuable the teachers were who developed the curriculum for each grade level along with the administrators. I met one of them—Gladine Liner—about 1981 after being actively involved with our daughters' grade school.

Gladine was born in 1922 in rural Missouri to a sharecropping family with eight siblings. At the age of 18, she received her first teaching assignment at a one-room school in Texas County, Missouri, where she taught for three years. She attended college in Springfield, Missouri. Later she continued her studies, earning a B.A in Education from Harris-Stowe Teacher's College in St. Louis City. She did graduate work at Washington University, completing her M.A. at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. During this time, she married Benice Liner and had two sons, Ben and Jim.



Gladine started as a classroom teacher in the Mehlville School District in South St. Louis County. She taught kindergarten, first and second grade. Later she became the first elementary school counselor in the district, which she did for five years.

The Mehlville School District was awarded a three-year ESEA Title III grant to develop "Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten" learning packets. In 1972, she began the Early Childhood Program with a committee. She spent eight of her nine years on the committee as Director of the Early Childhood Center. Along with fellow teacher Phyllis Wantland, Gladine developed learning packets for Mehlville parents to use with their four-year olds. These packets helped future students who had been identified as lacking necessary basic skills for a successful kindergarten experience. Workshops were planned and then the learning materials were presented to parents. The district later expanded screening services to include the district's three-year olds in the program.

Starting in the area surrounding St. Louis, Gladine worked on the committee that developed the Parents as Teachers program. She worked with Missouri's evaluation teams on early childhood programs which were requesting state accreditation. Later she was part of the committee which wrote the proposal for full-day kindergarten in the Mehlville schools.

As a result, Gladine is remembered for her contributions as a pioneer in preschool screening and as co-facilitator of Mehlville's Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten program. This program helped lead to the development of Parents as Teachers which evolved into state and nationwide programs.

Her tireless endeavors for the preschool child resulted in the widely recognized and respected preschool programs today. She had the wisdom to know the importance of parent involvement, screenings, and classes for the preschooler. Thanks to Gladine, Mehlville was one of the first public preschool programs to win a national stamp of approval. The children, parents, and kindergarten teachers have reaped the rewards of her hard work over the years.

To honor one of their first female administrators, the Mehlville Board of Education named the street to their Early Childhood Center "Gladine Liner Way." How fortunate the district was to have Gladine Liner for 30 years as a teacher, elementary counselor, grant writer developer, director of their Early Childhood program, and their Pupil Personnel Director. After retirement she served as a consultant in early childhood programs for several Missouri school districts. She was also the consultant for the St. Louis City Summer Early Childhood and Parent Program. She volunteered as a case worker at Feed My People. She remained active at her church and taught classes to train nannies at the St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

Toward the end of her life, she retired to Oklahoma to be with family. I continued our 40+ year friendship by visiting her and loved seeing how she continued to make new friends, play games, and keep in contact with her St. Louis friends.

Gladine Liner passed away peacefully in May 2021 in Norman, Oklahoma. She is buried in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, very close to the schools for which she did so much. What a wonderful woman who affected the lives of so many over her active and creative 99 years. She was a wonderful, caring person and a stellar Mehlville educator.

Written by Stephanie Taylor Bay  
St. Louis-Jefferson DAR Chapter  
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**No Reservations Needed**

**Service is live streamed every Sunday via Facebook.**

**Pastor: Rev. David Scott**  
**Executive Assistant: Maya Quintana**  
**Treasurer: Cheryl Rothe**  
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### **THE PROMISE SERIES:**

12/24 Christmas Eve Worship  
 12/25 Birthday Party for Jesus

### **SPECIAL:**

1/01 Covenant Keepers, by Rev. Rhonda Fuertado

### **HOPE HAS A NAME SERIES:**

1/08 Hope For Us  
 1/15 Hope For The Church  
 1/22 Hope For The World



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