



ST. LUKE'S UNITED
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THE VOICE

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FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. KAREN HANDY

On January 26, it was announced that the Bishop has appointed me to serve at Centreville United Methodist Church, beginning July 1 of this year. Both Chris and I and our family are so grateful for our almost 5 years here at St. Luke's UMC. We never knew it was possible to admire, respect and love a community as much as we admire, respect, and love all of you. It is hard to say good bye!

It was announced 2 weeks later that Rev. Dan Gedman will be the incoming pastor at St. Luke's as of July 1, 2020. I hope to be able to highlight more about Dan (as he likes to be called) in next month's issue of The Voice. I will say that I have known Dan for

several years now and it has been wonderful knowing that he will continue the good work that we have done with the guidance and wisdom of God. I have felt and been showered with much love during my time with you and I hope that you will do the same for Dan.

It can be a difficult time for a local church and for a pastor when there is a change of appointment. This is especially true when the appointment change comes sooner than expected. The Apostle Paul offered a final message to the Church in Corinth when it was in a similar heart-rending transition. He said this

to the grieving members:

"Keep watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." -
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

As a pastor, I wish this congregation to be so bold and compassionate. We still have work to do in the Kingdom of God.

*Pastor
Karen*





As happens once every 10 years, the census is coming! The data that the census gathers is used to allocate funding for vital programs and services like schools, healthcare, housing & so much more. The week of March 12 – 20 will see Caroline County households will begin receiving official Census Bureau invitations with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online via computer/smartphone, with a phone call, or by mail. Caroline County has created a Complete Count Committee of local leaders to increase community awareness. You can even find the committee on Facebook & Instagram at @CCMDCensus!

Need a place to complete the census for whatever reason? Not a problem. Our public libraries and schools will welcome all to come use their facilities to take the census. Don't understand something as you are filling it out? Not to worry, individuals will be on hand at these locations to walk you through it. Filling out the census takes only 10 minutes, but the effects will last a decade...

Take this opportunity and make sure that Caroline Counts!



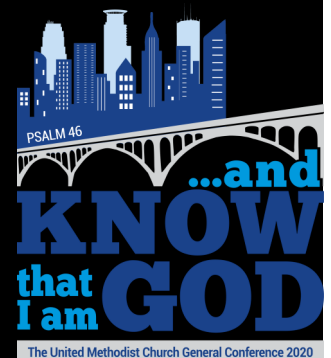
Photo of the committee on National Wear Red Day.

General Conference Listening Session

Are you confused or concerned about the upcoming General Conference? Would you like to hear the latest information? Feel free to join your General and Jurisdictional delegation for a listening session.

March 7 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC in Denton.

We will have devotions, a brief presentation, and most of our time will be spent listening to your questions and comments.



PLEASE Volunteer for the following positions in 2020:

Head Usher – 11 am service
 Greeters – 11 am service
 Children’s Moment – 8:30 am & 11 am services
 Lock-Up – Friday, Saturday & Sunday Evenings

Lock-Up Volunteer Schedule:

Feb 28 – Mar 1 Howard Muir
 Mar 6 – Mar 8 Daryl Silsley
 Mar 13 – Mar 15 Allan Blessing
 Mar 20 – Mar 22 John Webster
 Mar 27 – Mar 29 Fred Zinser



Please call the church office asap, 410 479-2171 to get information about what is involved with each “position” or to volunteer for any of the vacant needs. Thank You!!

Concerns.....

Laura Patrick	Phyllis Harrison
Sam Knox	Theda Henry
Alan Lockerman	Ruth Hynson-Palmer
Fred Spence, Jr.	

Prayers for the families of

William D. Green, Jr.	Glenn Deiter
Will Ritter	Don Riffle
Brooks Daubach	Bob “Sudsy” Seward
Travis Pepper	Martha B. Godfrey
Nancy Brendlinger	



Opportunities for Growth through Study in March

Confirmation Classes for Youth and Adults: Come explore what we believe as Christians and why. Begins March 8 on Sundays. Youth (6th grade and up) 5pm and the Adult Class is 6:30pm.

4 Week Lenten Study Why Easter Matters by Andy Stanley: This study will explore the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Sundays at 10:45am starting March 8 and Tuesday Evenings at the Parsonage at 7 pm starting March 17.

Adult Sunday School Class: Each week this class meets at 9:30 am and learns and lives life together.

U.M.W. Upcoming Dates:



Monday, March 23

Easter Lily Deadline &
Easter Egg Deadline

Sunday, March 29-
Thurs., April 2

Easter Egg Making Week
Help would be appreciated!

Thurs., April 2
Sunday, April 5

Pick up Easter egg orders
Extra Easter eggs for sale, following the 8:30 and 11:00 services

April 12
Tuesday, April 14

Easter Sunday
Executive Board Quarterly Meeting, 6:30

April 19

Prayer & Self-Denial Envelope Return

Please be a part of the flower ministry.....

Flower Dedications that are placed on the Altar for Sunday worship may be done by anyone. It can be In Memory of or In Honor of a Family Member, Friend, or a Loved One. The occasion could be a Birthday, an Anniversary, or Graduation from High School, College, or Military Service School. There is a Sign-Up sheet on the table outside the Chapel door with open dates in every month. Please consider being involved with this important ministry.



The United Methodist Men will hold their March Breakfast on Saturday the 7th at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall of St Luke's. Please as always bring a friend or family member along to share and enjoy the wonderful Eastern Shore breakfast prepared by Fred Burton, the fellowship and good Christian message by Dr. Jim Orr. If any of you "Snowbirds" are back from Florida come out and tell us the stories of your winter weather hardship.

2020 Lenten Series North Carolina Clergy Association

EYEWITNESS

VIEWS

A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Sundays at 6:00 pm - March 1 thru April 5

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	HOST CHURCH
March 1, 2020	The Preparation Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet Matt. 26:6-13; John 12:1-11	Pastor Karen Handy St. Luke's UMC	Greater Impact 13699 Greensboro Rd Greensboro, MD 21639
March 8, 2020	The Plot Caiaphas & The Sanhedrin Matthew 26:1-5, 57-67	Pastor Doug Morley Greater Impact	Jericho Faith Deliverance Church 201 Park Ave. Ridgely, MD 21660
March 15, 2020	The Betrayal - Judas Iscariot Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25, 47-56; 27:1-10	Pastor Paul Merritt Denton Church of the Nazarene	Denton Church of the Brethren 108 S 7th St. Denton, MD 21629
March 22, 2020	The Denial Peter Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75	Pastor Jeff Donihue Wayside CCCU	St. Luke's UMC 100 S 5th Ave. Denton, MD 21629
March 29, 2020	The Trial Pilate and/or Barabbas Matthew 27:11-26	Pastor Phyllis Duckery Jericho Faith Deliverance	Wayside CCCU 26993 Shore Hwy Denton, MD 21629
April 5, 2020	The Crucifixion Soldier at the Cross Matthew 27:27-56	Pastor Mike Trott Denton Church of the Brethren	Denton Church of the Nazarene 10660 Greensboro Rd Denton, MD 21629

All offerings received will support the NCCA Benevolence Fund to assist the needy of our community!

Easter Lilies 2020



The Flower Committee of St. Luke's United Methodist Women is taking orders for **Easter Lilies** to beautify the chancel area of the sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, April 12th**. The cost for each (4 to 6 bloom) plant is \$12.00. Please make your check payable to: **U.M.W. of St. Luke's** and include it with your order. You may place your order in the offering plate or bring or mail it to: **St. Luke's U. M. Church, 100 S. Fifth Ave., Denton, MD 21629. Orders must be in by Monday, March 23rd** You may take your lily home following 11:00 a.m. worship on Easter Sunday. Please let us know if you will NOT be picking up your plants.

How many plants? _____ Total Cost? _____

Your Name _____ Phone number _____

Given in memory of _____

Given by _____

Given in honor of _____

Given by _____

(If you have any questions, please call me, Mrs. Carol Rouse at 410-479-0233)

United Methodist Women of St. Luke's Homemade Easter Egg Sale 2020

The United Methodist Women of St. Luke's United Methodist Church are now taking orders for Easter Eggs. The eggs are approximately 8 ounces each and come in a choice of **milk chocolate-covered peanut butter or dark chocolate-covered coconut**. The cost per egg is \$6.00.

Please complete this order form and return it to the church office at 100 S. Fifth Ave., Denton, MD 21629 or give it to a U.M.W. member with your full payment by **March 23, 2020**.

Checks should be made payable to **U.M.W. of St. Luke's**.

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

How Many? _____ Milk Chocolate-covered peanut butter eggs

_____ Dark Chocolate-covered coconut eggs

Total cost \$ _____ Check # _____



**Your Easter Eggs will be ready for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall
on Thursday, April 2, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

Proceeds from this Easter Egg Sale benefit the mission projects of the U.M.W. of St. Luke's.

MARCH 2020



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	8:30 Worship 9:30 S School 9:40 Ignite 11:11 Worship No MYF 6:30 Bible study	2	3 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Bible Study	4 6 Bells 7:30 Praise Tm 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 6:30 Cub Scouts	6	7 8 Men's Breakfast 2-5 General Conf. Listening Session		
8	8:30 Worship 9:30 S School 9:40 Ignite 11:11 Worship 5 Confirmation 6:30 MYF 6:30 Bible Study	9	10 11 Prayer Gathering	11 1 Cookies & Cards HR 6 Bells 7:30 Praise Tm 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 530 Rebuilding Together 630 Scouts	13	14 Pinewood Derby		
15	8:30 Worship 9:30 S School 9:40 Ignite 11:11 Worship 5 Confirmation 6:30 MYF 6:30 Bible Study	16	17 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Lenten Bible Study	18 6 Bells 7:30 Praise Tm 7:30 Chancel Choir	19 9 DCom 730 Leadership Team 630 Scouts	20	21 Share Shop- Breaking Bread Bishop Confirmation Rally		
22	8:30 Worship 9:30 S School 9:40 Ignite 11:11 Worship 6 NCCA Lenten Service	23	24 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Lenten Bible Study	25 6 Bells 7:30 Praise Tm 7:30 Chancel Choir	26 9 DCom	27 10-1 Denton Home School	28 9am EMMMAUS Reunion Group		
29	8:30 Worship 9:30 S School 9:40 Ignite 11:11 Worship 5 Confirmation 6:30 MYF 6:30 Bible Study	30	31 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Lenten Bible Study	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> North Carolina Sunday Evening Lenten Services begin March 1 @ 6pm. Check out the schedule of locations and speakers in this edition of The Voice. </div>					



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of St. Luke's

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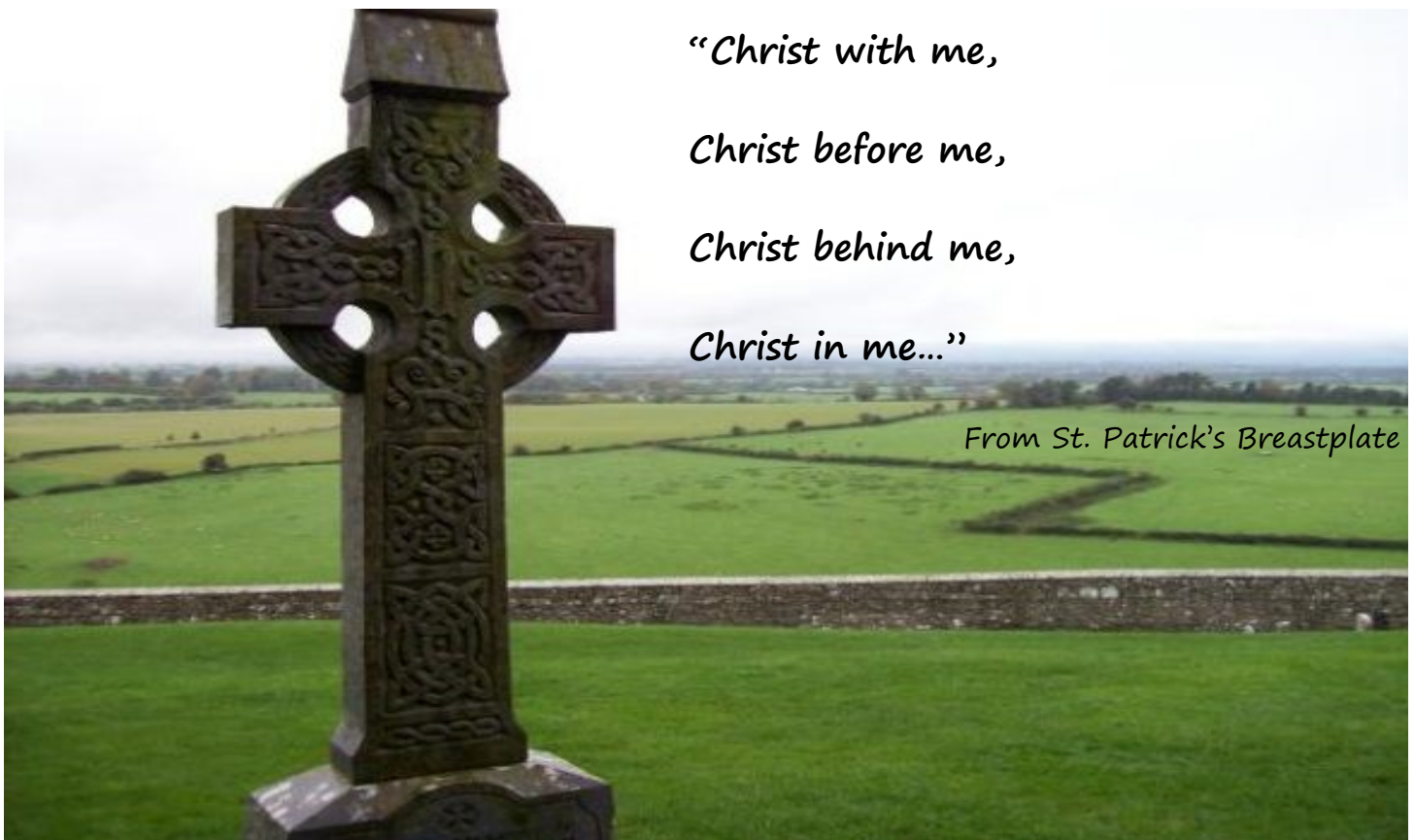
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To:



*“Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me...”*

From St. Patrick's Breastplate