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These volunteers have agreed to help lead the church.

If you have any questions about what is happening around St. Luke's please contact one of them.

WAYS TO GIVE AT St. Luke's



IN PERSON

Drop your gift in one of the offering boxes at worship or in the offering plate.



ONLINE

at
stlukeskilgore.org



TEXT

"give" to 903-833-3576



BY MAIL

St. Luke's UMC
401 E. Main St
Kilgore, TX 75662

HOLY HUDDLERS

We would like to invite and welcome everyone to eat and fellowship with the Holy Huddlers. We meet twice a month (not always the same week of the month due to holidays). Supper will be on you, but the fellowship will be shared by all.

October 7

6:00pm

Huddle House, Kilgore

October 21

6:00pm

Oceans Restaurant, Kilgore

If you have any questions, please call
Mikki Ellis at 903-987-2506.

3 ST. LUKE'S KIDS & MDO

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

October 7

Parent's Night Out

6:00pm-10:00pm

October 9

Children's Choir performs

10:30am

October 16

Change in Children's Church

10:30am

October 23

Acolyte Training

11:30am

Please see the calendar on [page 9](#) for a complete list of this month's events and meetings.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 7 | 6:00pm-10:00pm

Everybody needs a break now and then. Parents let us help you out. We will watch your kiddos so you can have a night out. Kids can be dropped off in the St. Luke's Gym at 6:00pm, we will feed them dinner, play games, watch a movie, and have fun. Pick up is no later than 10:00pm. The cost is \$10 per child and can be paid online at the time of registration or in person at drop off. Visit our website stlukeskilgore.org to register your child.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sunday, October 9 | 10:30am

The St. Luke's Children's Choir will have their 1st performance of the year on Sunday, October 9. The kids will meet in the Choir Room at 9:30am to arm up and practice and they will perform at the beginning of the 10:30am Worship Service. Following their performance, children 4years-2nd Grade will be released to Children's Church.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHANGES

Sunday, October 16 | 10:30am

Children's Church is an important part of our Children's Ministry program and we want to make sure that it is best serving our families, our volunteers, and especially our children. Beginning Sunday, October 16 Children's Church will be returning to it's pre-covid schedule. Every Sunday during the 10:30am worship service we will provide Children's Church for kids 4years old- 2nd Grade. Kids will NO LONGER be dropped off in the Children's Church Room prior to worship. They are invited to participate in the beginning of the worship service with their parents and will be released to Children's Church following the Children's Message in the worship service. After worship has concluded, parents can pick up their children from the Children's Church Room in the Children's Courtyard. We hope that by having kids in the beginning of the worship service we are helping to teach them what it means to worship and how they can be an active participant in the service. Children's Worship Packets are always available for those kids that need a little more activity to keep them focused during worship. These packets can be picked up at the Welcome Desk in the back of the Sanctuary and at the Welcome Desk in the Sanctuary hallway. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office at office@stlukeskilgore.org.

WORK IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Kids & youth are encouraged to work in the Pumpkin Patch to earn money for Church Camp & Summer Activities. \$20 will be donated to the Camp Fund in your child's name for every hour they work in the Pumpkin Patch.



STAYCONNECTED

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening in children's ministry and at St. Luke's MDO

St. Luke's Kids

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeskilgorekids>

St. Luke's MDO

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmdo>

St. Luke's will have Childcare for the Called Church Conference on Sunday October 9. See page 6 for more information about this event

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, October 23 | 11:30am

We have missed seeing our kids bring in the light of Christ at worship each week. Beginning in November we will be scheduling kids to acolyte in both worship services each Sunday. Kids 3rd-6th Grade are invited to be part of worship by serving as an acolyte one or two Sundays a quarter. To get everyone ready James Vermillion will be hosting an Acolyte Training on Sunday, October 23 following the 10:30am worship service. We will provide a snack lunch for the kids prior to a short training. Please contact the church office (office@stlukeskilgore.org) or James Vermillion (music@stlukeskilgore.org) if you have any questions or to let us know that your child will attend.

ST. LUKE'S *Spotlight*

**Congratulations to our
Third Graders.**

Jackson Aguilar and **Josie Johnston**
received their Third Grade Bibles
in worship on September 11.



ST. LUKE'S MDO

The first days of MDO went beautifully despite torrential rains at either drop-off or pick-up. The children settled nicely into their new rooms and quickly learned the new routines. They made beautiful arts and crafts to go along with the weekly themes and sang songs and listened to stories. From the toddlers to pre-k, all the children were able to explore the playground and the gym for free play. The tricycles are definitely a favorite for the two-year old's and older. What a blessing to see so many happy faces in the morning ready for a fun filled day at Mother's Day Out.



5 PUMPKIN PATCH

PUMPKIN PATCH SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2

Make plans to wear your Pumpkin Patch t-shirt to worship and stick around for the Chili Cook-off lunch at 11:30am. If you would like to enter your chili in the cook-off contest, contact the church office or Richelle Rathbun.

WE NEED CANDY

We need unopened bags of individually wrapped candy for Trunk-or-Treat on October 26. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or at worship.

VOLUNTEER IN THE PATCH

We need volunteers to help us man the pumpkin patch every day. Volunteers are asked to sign up for two-hour shifts from 10:00am-6:00pm. Visit our website, stlukeskilgore.org to sign up or see Jennifer at the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning.

BE A SPONSOR

Sponsors are an essential part of how the Pumpkin Patch raises money to help support our community. Funds raised through sponsorships have helped us provide donations to Rehab's Retreat, Helping Hands, St. Luke's Mother's Day Out, and Kilgore Boys and Girls Club. Sponsorship forms are available in the church office and at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings.

STORYTIME READERS

Pumpkin Patch Storytime sees over 1000 students from our community. This is a fun experience for kids to see the pumpkins and enjoy a story from one of our amazing volunteers. We need volunteers to sign-up for 30-minute time slots, October 10-October 18. Visit our website, stlukeskilgore.org to sign-up for a time slot.

PUMPKIN PATCH T-SHIRTS

\$10 each

Pumpkin Patch t-shirts are on sale in the church office or at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings.





ST. LUKE'S PUMPKIN PATCH

OPEN DAILY

September 29-October 31
10:00am-6:30pm

2022 Pumpkin Patch Events

September 28
Pumpkin Unload (5:00pm)

September 29
Pumpkin Patch OPENS (10:00am-6:30pm)

October 2
Pumpkin Patch Sunday
Chili Cook-off Lunch (11:30am)

October 4
Party in the Patch (6:00pm-7:30pm)

October 15
Family Fun Night
5:00pm-7:00pm Food & Games
7:30pm Outdoor Movie

October 19
Pumpkin Carving Contest (6:00pm-7:15pm)
Pumpkin Glow (7:45pm)

October 26
Trunk-or-Treat (6:00pm-7:00pm)

OCTOBER 9

9:30AM

Gathering

You are invited to gather for a time of fellowship in the Family Center. We will be providing a light breakfast during this time.

9:30AM-10:15AM

Come and Go Communion

Pastor Allison will be in Knowles Chapel during this time to serve Holy Communion for any person wishing to partake.

10:30AM-11:30AM

Combined Worship

The Arise Band, Chancel Choir, and Children's Choirs will be performing during worship. Rev. Karen Doris, the North District DS will be bringing our sermon.

11:30AM-12:00AM

Break

Everyone will be asked to leave the sanctuary and return to sign in and receive a ballot.

12:00PM-1:00PM

Called Church Conference

The District Superintendent will preside over the Called Church Conference. We will have child care for children 8wks -5th Grade including a light lunch.

If the resolution to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church is passed then the meeting will be adjourned. If the resolution does not pass we will move into our annual Charge Conference Meeting.

CALLLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 9

After completing a period of prayerful discernment of more than 40 days, including a call to the membership for prayer and fasting, town hall meetings, publishing links to articles and videos about reasons for disaffiliation and about reasons to remain with the United Methodist Church, the Board of Stewards of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Kilgore resolves to request the District Superintendent to convene a church conference for the purpose of discussion and vote on whether St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Kilgore will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

This Called Church Conference has been set for Sunday, October 9 at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Please keep in mind the following:

- You must be a full professing member of St. Luke's UMC and be present at the Church Conference in order to vote. (If you are unsure of your membership status please contact the church office)
- In order to disaffiliate from the UMC, 2/3 of members present at the Church Conference must approve the resolution to do so. (please make every effort to attend the combine worship and Church Conference on October 9)
- Voting will be by written ballot.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The church office has sent out letters to all current full professing members requesting an update to your household information. If you believe that you are a member of St. Luke's and you have not received this letter, please contact the church office prior to October 6.

7 ST. LUKE'S YOUTH

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SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS

Sunday, October 16 | 8:30am

The youth will be headed for a day trip to Six Flags in Dallas, on Sunday, October 16. Youth will attend the 8:30am Arise Service as a group prior to leaving for Dallas. Tickets are \$30 each. Students should sign-up with Michael or Cynthia by Sunday, October 9.

If you would like to donate funds to the youth program to offset the cost of this trip please contact the church office.

PRE-TEEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, Beginning October 2 | 4:00pm

Girls 10-14 (4th Grade-8th Grade)

8 week study (Excludes October 16)

Who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? Good questions need clear answers. We live in a world where there is much confusion about the person and work of Jesus. It seems these days that people want to shape Jesus and His message to fit their personal needs or political agendas. How can we know the truth. Pre-teen girls are invited to join us for a new small group Bible Study specifically designed for them, lead by Amanda Gillen-Hall. For more information contact Cynthia Mathis.

YOUTH JAM SESSION

Every other Sunday Beginning October 9 | 5:00pm

Any youth play an instrument or like to sing? Cody and Veronica Sprayberry are starting Sunday Night Jam, Sessions for youth and young adults. We will focus on developing skills involved in worship and learning how to praise through music. All instruments are welcome.

PUMPKIN PATCH *Silent Auction*

The Pumpkin Patch silent Auction will open on Sunday, October 9 and be available for view through, Sunday, October 30. If you would like to donate items to the Silent Auction please contact Misty Shipman or Susan Moore.

YOUTH EVENTS

October 2

Pre-Teen Girls Bible Study Begins
4:00pm

October 9

Youth Jam Band
5:00pm

October 16

Six Flags
8:30am

October 23

Youth Jam Band
5:00pm

Please see the calendar on page 9 for a complete list of this month's events and meetings.



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Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening with St. Luke's Youth.

St. Luke's Youth

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesyouthkilgore>

@sly_srhigh

We Don't Know What We Don't Know

In 1984 at the age of 18, the summer before I would be a freshman at SMU, I spent two months in the British Isles. To be precise, I believe my parents were all too happy for me to accompany my older sister, Susan, on a college trip to the UK. The program was "Baylor in the British Isles." It was one of the shining moments of my early adult life. We stayed in the dorm rooms of Westminster Prep school, next to Westminster Abbey. We could get to Parliament, a musical or a play, and almost any historical site with just a slight jaunt on the underground "tube."

While there, the entire lot of us became so enamored with our independence in a foreign country that we "scaled up" our plans and schemes. When we weren't required to tour "yet another cathedral" or listen to a lecture, we were off to new lands. One day my sister announced that we were to embark on an overnight jaunt to Scotland. I remember that I didn't even ask "where in Scotland?" It sounded great to me. Sign me up! Shortly thereafter, we were on a sleeper train to St. Andrews. (Again, I knew nothing about the historic nature and rugged beauty of that spot.)

Upon disembarking from the train, we immediately gazed upon a rocky, green terrain and felt overpowering gust of ocean hitting our faces. A short taxi ride took us to a handsome estate. No, wait! That is an ancient castle with a golf course, I realized. It was only then that my sister thought to tell me that we were there TO WATCH THE BRITISH OPEN!

We were too young to worry about decorum. And so, we entered through the main gated opening of the St. Andrews Golf Course and walked up the avenue to the clubhouse. (How was it that no one stopped us?) As we drew nearer to the beautiful clubhouse, we looked to our left to see the golfers teeing off on hole #1. The face of the first golfer was familiar. It was probably Lee Trevino! We were beginning to realize we were treading on hallowed ground. With voices now appropriately lowered to tiny whispers, we exclaimed to ourselves what an amazing situation we had stumbled into. While whispering about what our next move should be, two golfers walked directly in front of us to line up for their first shot: Jack Nicklaus and a very handsome Payne Stewart in his telltale golf knickers. We were gob smacked that BOTH legendary golfers looked in our direction, smiled, and lifted their hand to us.

This was too exciting to contain. SOMEONE, anyone, must be told about our erstwhile adventure! Upon leaving the area, we found one of those cute and amazing red phone booths and made a collect call to my parents. "Daddy!" I yelled. A flat voice answered, "Yes." "We are in Scotland at St Andrews Golf Course. The British Open is happening and we saw Jack Nicklaus and Payne Stewart walk three feet in front of us!" There was a pause. I wondered if the distance across the ocean was causing problems with the phone connection? Then he answered, "That's good. Do you want to talk to your mother?"

Well, this was nonsensical! I had described the greatest golfing moment that anyone in our family could ever imagine for themselves! Golf was my dad's favorite sport to fall asleep watching, and he was uninterested? We were crestfallen that my parents seemed so incredibly unimpressed.

It wasn't until years later that I asked my parents why they weren't more impressed. To my astonishment, they stated the obvious. It was 3 am when we called them. Susan and I had forgotten the time gap. They were actually just really sleepy!

The lesson is simple. We don't know what we don't know. And because of this, other people can disappoint us without even realizing they have. Until we take a moment to think about their viewpoint or situation, and until we are willing to just live in peace with unexplainable differences, we will feel mistreated and confused.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 spoke about love. It is a beautiful and poetic piece of his writing. And yet the most profound portion for me is the ending statement written more bluntly: "Now we see through a mirror dimly, but then we shall see face to face. Now we know only in part, but then we shall know fully, even as we are fully known."

Isn't it more than enough to know that we are FULLY KNOWN by God? Any confusion or unanswered questions about life and faith will come into focus when we are with Him for eternity. Until then, it's okay if we don't understand everyone and everything.



Rev. Dr. Allison Andrews
Sr. Pastor

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2 Pumpkin Patch Sunday Chili Cook-off 11:30am Pre-teen Girls Bible Study 4:00pm	3	4 Party in the Patch 6:00pm-7:30pm	5	6	7 Parents Night Out 6:00pm Holy Huddlers at Huddle House 6:00pm	8
9 Church Conference see page 6 for schedule Silent Auction Opens 8:30am Pre-teen Girls Bible Study 4:00pm Youth Jam Band 5:00pm	10	11	12	13	14	15 Family Fun Night in the Patch 5:00pm
16 Youth to Six Flags 8:30am	17 Board of Stewards Meeting** 6:00pm	18 Mission Team Meeting** 6:00pm	19 Pumpkin Carving Contest 6:00pm NO Wed Night Studies	20	21 Holy Huddlers at Oceans Restaurant 6:00pm	22
23 Acolyte Training** 11:30am Pre-teen Girls Bible Study 4:00pm Youth Jam Band 5:00pm	24	25 Worship Team Meeting** 6:00pm	26 Trunk-or-Treat 6:00pm NO Wed Night Studies	27	28	29
30 Soup Lunch 11:30am Silent Auction Closes 12:00pm Pre-teen Girls Bible Study 4:00pm	31	See Page 5 for a list of the Pumpkin Patch operating hours and events,		* Nursery provided for this event. ** Nursery can be arranged for this event. Call Niki Chowdhury, 903-984-3576		

RECURRING WEEKLY:

Sunday

8:30am | Arise Worship* (Sanctuary)
9:30am | Sunday School*
10:30am | Traditional Worship * (Sanctuary)
11:30am | **Handbell Choir** (Handbell Room)

Monday

9:00am-2:00pm | Mother's Day Out (Children's Courtyard)

Tuesday

8:00am | Prayer Group (Knowles Chapel)
11:45am | Lunchtime Bible Study (Family Center)

Wednesday

9:00am-2:00pm | Mother's Day Out (Children's Courtyard)
3:15pm-5:30pm | **Children's Choir** (Gym/Choir Room)
5:15pm-6:00pm | **Dinner** (Family Center)
6:00pm-7:00pm | **Studies**
6:00pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday

6:30pm | Arise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep us updated on your loved ones. People will remain on this list for one month. Please let us know if they need to be on the list longer, 903-984-3576.

For a complete list of Joys & Concerns, military members, and members in care facilities, please contact the church office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Sharry Christopher
Cindy Frederick
Tommy Freeman
Gary Gray
Pat Haynes
Sam Holley
Keith Hooks
Dwayne & Elaine Kirksey
David Morgan
David Phipps
Angela Thompson
April & Nathan Watson
Wilbur & Kay Yates

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Danny Acuna.....brother of Carolina Bryant
Babby Carroll.....sister of April Watson
Allison Covington.....niece of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Lisa Gillespie.....daughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher
Gloria Kinney.....granddaughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher
Sam, Sandi, Kelsey, & Jenna Lewis.....friends of many
Melody Martins.....great niece of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Joey Pipkin.....nephew of Dan & Shelia Cross
JR & Laurie Tarply.....friend
Jan Watson.....sister of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Tom Watson.....nephew of Bill & Peggy Clarke

OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS

Pumpkin Patch
Pirtle UMC
Kilgore Middle School
England

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Please say a prayer for our church family on their special day.

If we missed your date, please call the church office (903-984-3576).

October 2
Daniel Ellis

October 21
Lori Beck
Ludie Courtney

October 6
Nancy Bullock
Tara Hoberecht
Steffen Jones
Debra Wheeley

October 22
Cooper Clark
Toby Monday

October 8
Mackenzie Chowdhury

October 23
Bailey Ingram

October 9
Robert Ellis
Sally Thompson

October 25
Jeanette Lawrence

October 11
David Holcombe

October 26
Rene Holt
Cindy Silvey

October 12
Kay Yates

October 27
Clemmie Richards
Marshall Tinkler

October 14
Meggan Clark

October 30
Annette Morgan
Agnes Oliver
Wilbur Yates

October 15
Carmen Vermillion

October 16
Jake Thompson

October 31
Clifton Lynch

October 19
Cooper Shipman

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

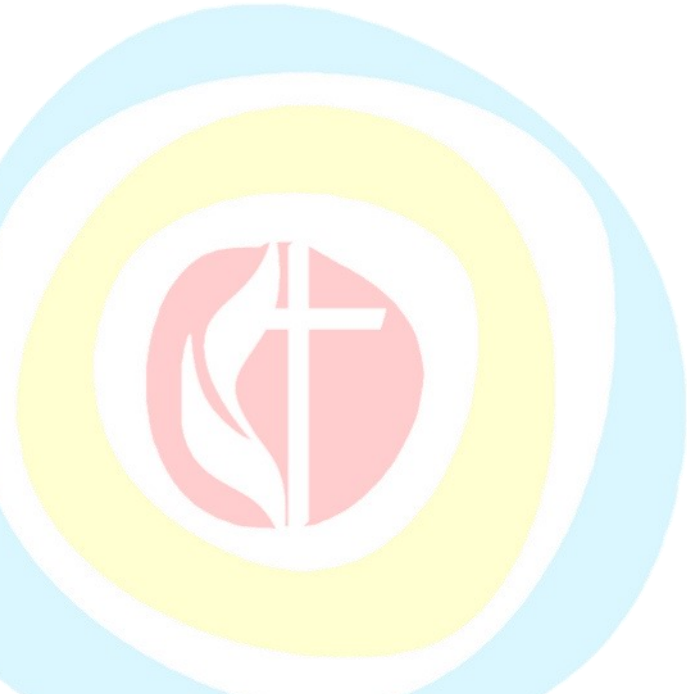
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Jeff & Lori Beck	Oct 19, 1990
Brian & Lori Todak	Oct 31, 2001

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CHILI COOK-OFF LUNCH

Sunday, October 2

11:30am

Contact Richelle Rathbun or
the church office to enter
your chili in the contest.