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Class of 2023

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Sheryl Caraway

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Denise Reinert

Class of 2024

Gabrielle Fraschiseur

Milton Hattaway

Jim McCann

Susan Moore

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year a team of ladies from St. Luke's help to deliver Meals on Wheels in our community. The ladies volunteer for a 4 week span and deliver over 140 meals. Ministry is always quietly happening in our community and you can be a part of it. If you are interested in helping out or if you see a need we can address let us know.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

November 4

Parent's Night Out

6:00pm-10:00pm

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



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>

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 4 | 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.

ST. LUKE'S KIDS IN THE PATCH



ADVENT DECORATION

Monday, November 21 | 10:00am

Help! We need all the hands we can get to help us decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent Season, There's the tree to trim, and the garland to, and the wreaths to fluff. It's going to take a lot of people. Come help us out!

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, November 20

10:00am Worship

11:00am Reception

Make plans to join us for this exciting milestone celebration. For 90 years we have been worshipping God in our beautiful rock sanctuary. To celebrate we will have a special worship service with a guest preacher, a reception, and a display of memorabilia.

We hope to see you there!

PICTURES!!

Do you have pictures of you or your family in the Sanctuary. A child singing in the children's choir, an aunt playing handbells, a cousins wedding, your baptism. We are looking for images of the sanctuary to use in the celebration on November 20. If you have any images you would be willing to share with us, please contact Jennifer Powell in the church office.



The Visitor

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.

November 4

6:00pm

Denny's, Kilgore

November 18

6:00pm

Chick-fil-a, Kilgore

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

NOVEMBER MENUS

November 2

Brisket Tacos, Nachos, Mexican Corn,
Chips & Salsa, Dessert & Drink

November 9

Baked Potatoes (Regular or sweet),
Salad, Dessert & Drink

November 16

Beef Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert & Drink

November 23

NO Wednesday Night Meal
Thanksgiving Break

November 30

Marinated Pork with Rice,
Ham & Cheese Roll-ups, Veggies with Ranch,
Dessert & Drink

Adults \$6

Kids under 12 \$3

5 PUMPKIN PATCH



PUMPKIN PATCH BY THE NUMBERS

Number of kids that visited Storytime in the Patch	584
Number of mini pumpkins given to schools & community groups	939
Number of volunteers in the patch	67
Number of hours volunteers worked in the patch	254
Number of zip ties it took to hold together the maze	532
Number of tents we lost to the wind	1
Number of times we had to fix a sign that had fallen	16





WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Last year the St. Luke's Pumpkin patch raised \$4,700. These funds were added into the Pumpkin Patch Fund to be used for various projects around the church and in the community. Pictured above is our Pumpkin Patch Team presenting a donation to the Kilgore Boys & Girls Club.

Here is a look at where our money went

Outdoor movie equipment	\$1,400
Youth & Kids Summer Camp Fund	\$330
Kilgore Football Booster Club Sponsorship	\$500
Kilgore Boys & Girls Club	\$1,000

The remaining funds were deposited back into the Pumpkin Patch Fund to be used for future projects.

Be on the lookout for a report about this year's Pumpkin Patch profits.

2022 Pumpkin Patch Sponsors

Thank you for your support.
Your generous donations help
The Pumpkin Patch Team support local
missions and church ministry
opportunities.

Orange Level

Selleck Accounting & Finance
Bodacious Bar-B-Q

Bronze Level

Kathy Brown
Billy & Billie Sue Mims
Jim & Sharon McCann

Silver Level

Dan & Janel Brown
Bob & Hope Cantu
Kay McKinley
Dennis & Mikki Ellis
Tracey & Mark Varvel
Lefty & Cecilia Mitchell
Austin Bank
McKay's Ranchhouse Restaurant
East Texas Hardware
Gabriel Jordan

Gold Level

Alan & Meggan Clark
David & Anette Morgan
Citizen's Bank
Geonix LP
Patterson Motors of Kilgore
Danny Harrison Lawncare

7 ST. LUKE'S YOUTH

FRIENDSGIVING

Thursday, November 17 | 6:00pm

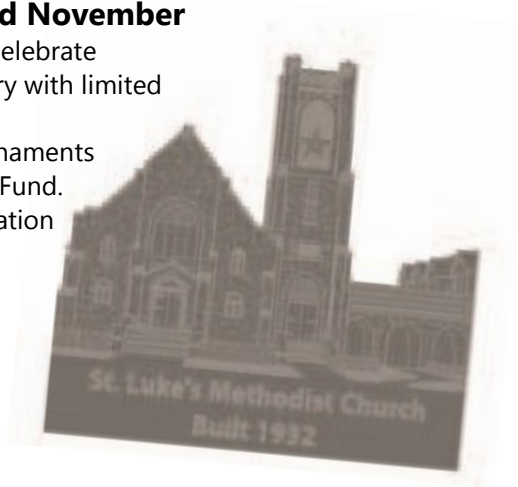
Youth and their families are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving celebration. We will meeting the Family Center at 6pm on Thursday, November 17.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

\$15.00 each | On sale in mid November

The St. Luke's Youth are excited to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the sanctuary with limited edition Christmas ornaments.

All proceeds from the sale of the ornaments will go to the Youth Summer Camp Fund. Be on the look-out for more information on how to purchase your ornament.



YOUTH EVENTS

November 6

Youth Jam Band

5:00pm

November 17

Friendsgiving

6:00pm

November 20

Youth Jam Band

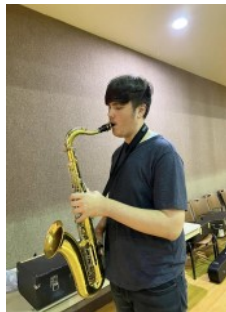
6:00pm

November 21

Decorating for Advent

10:00am

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PICTURES:

Pre-teen Girls Bible Study, Youth Jam Band, & Youth visit Arbor Grace Nursing Home.



STAYCONNECTED

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

I recently read that the New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings," or days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as a military victory or the end of a drought. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Native Americans from the Wampanoag Tribe and 53 Pilgrims.

I once read the comment, "But shouldn't every day be a day of thanksgiving?" Of course, the answer is "yes," even when our attitudes are screaming at our psyche to complain and be angry. The Bible does not indulge the idea, however, that followers of God should see themselves as victims, even when terrible suffering occurs. First Chronicles reads, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Indeed, our holy scripture is filled with commands to give thanks to God. Many passages give reasons why we should thank Him, such as "His love endures forever" (Psalm 136:3), "He is good" (Psalm 118:29), and "His mercy is everlasting" (Psalm 100:5). We find that we give thanks, not necessarily because our life circumstances are going well, but because when we are in the presence of God, it is well with our soul regardless of struggles.

1 Thessalonians reads "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This scripture reminds us how gratitude helps us to keep bitterness at bay. We realize that we can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. "We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience." (Pastor John Vaughn)

When we learn to be thankful "in everything," then every day becomes Thanksgiving Day! This is my prayer and hope for us all at St. Luke's, that the hope of Christ shines forth through our attitude of gratitude!

Come to Church every Sunday and learn more good news!!

In gratitude for each of you,



Rev. Dr. Allison Andrews
Sr. Pastor

		1 Methodist Women 6:00pm	2	3	4 Parents Night Out 6:00pm Holy Huddlers at Denny's 6:00pm	5
6 Youth Jam Band 5:00pm	7	8	9	10 Mission Team Meeting 6:00pm	11	12 Saturday Bread 8:30am
13	14 Board of Stewards Meeting 6:00pm	15 Worship Team Meeting 6:00pm	16	17 Youth Friendsgiving 6:00pm	18 Holy Huddlers at Chick-fil-a 6:00pm	19
20 90th Anniversary of the Sanctuary Worship 10:00am Reception 11:00am Youth Jam Band 5:00pm	21 Decorating Sanctuary for Advent 10:00am Office Closed	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25	26
27	28	29	30	<div> <p>* Nursery provided for this event. ** Nursery can be arranged for this event. Call the church office, 903-984-3576</p> </div>		

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	Dwaine & Elaine Kirksey
Cindy Frederick	David Morgan
Tommy Freeman	David Phipps
Gary Gray	Angela Thompson
Pat Haynes	April Watson
Sam Holley	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
Kynan Laird.....	friend of many
Melody Martins.....	great niece of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Nelda Morgan.....	St. Luke's Custodian
Joey Pipkin.....	nephew of Dan & Shelia Cross
JR & Laurie Tarply.....	friend
Tom Watson.....	nephew of Bill & Peggy Clarke

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

April Watson on the death of her husband, **Nathan Watson**.

Bill Clarke on the death of his sister, **Jan Watson**.

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

St. Luke's Women's Ministry
Crossroads UMC
Kilgore High School
Pakistan

NOVEMBER 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).

November 2 Alex Mathis Harrison Weathers	November 16 Cason Castaneda
November 5 Cathy Geese Don Nicholson	November 19 Dan Cross Suzie Gibson
November 7 Amy Bruyere	November 21 Victoria Shipman
November 8 Liz Rodgers	November 26 Joy Tate
November 9 James Hanshaw	November 27 Tamara Dean
November 11 Cathy Mount	November 29 Carolina Bryant
November 12 Emma Reinert	November 30 Cason Middlebrooks Pat Sers
November 14 Bob Davis	
November 15 Michael Barnard Luke Weathers	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

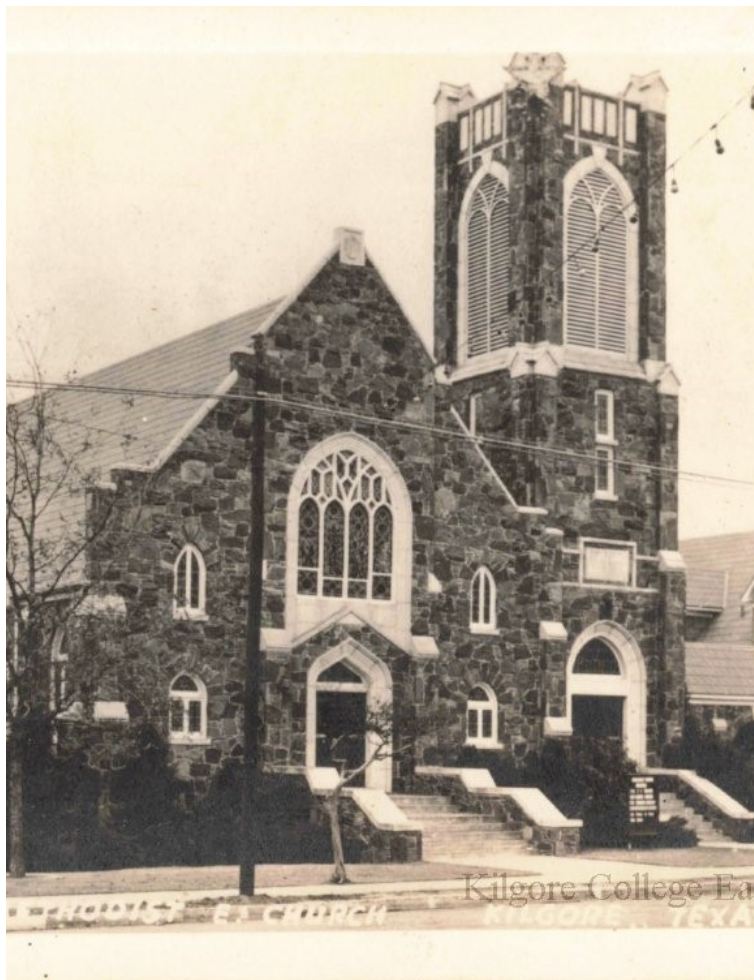
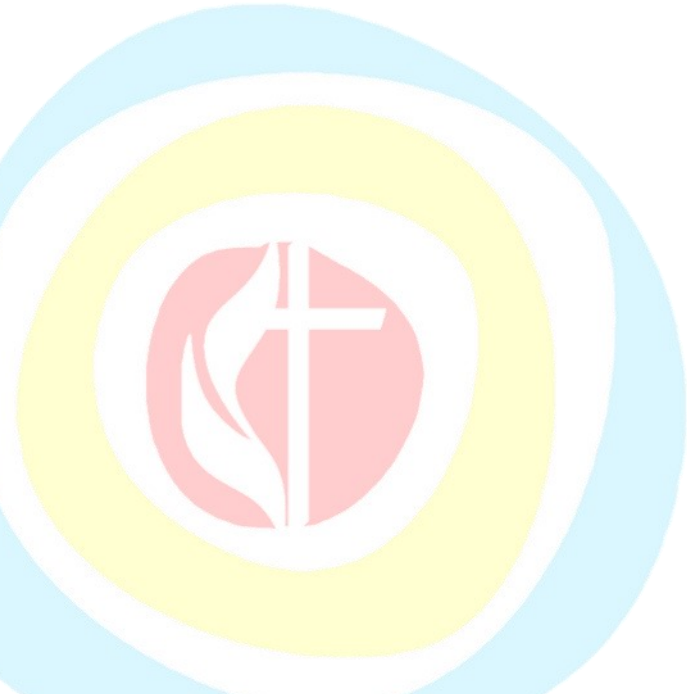
Name	Date
Bo & Amy Bruyere	November 10
Randy & Sally Holder	November 12
Robert & Joan Smith	November 15
Tommy & Laura Farnham	November 19
Gregg & Sheryl Caraway	November 28

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90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 20

10:00am Worship

11:00am Reception