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Fall Fest • November 5 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fall Fest will consist of the Silent Auction, Sweet Shop & Craft Store, Catered Lunch and a chance to win the Quilt!



New items being donated to the Silent Auction need to be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. or Friday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.

The Upper Room Class will be sponsoring the Sweet Shop & Craft Store located in the Emmanuel classroom. They will be offering their famous Pecan Tarts, delicious baked goods and crafts. We encourage the other adult classes to bring baked goods and crafts for the shop as well. All baked goods being donated need to be delivered to the church on Friday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or before Fall Fest begins on Saturday morning.



Leslie Duncan and Randy Fox have made the quilt for this year's Fall Fest. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each for a chance to win the quilt.

Tickets on sale in the north foyer.

This year's quilt is on display in the Upper Room classroom.



Lunch is being catered by Linda Schmidt and will consist of three kinds of soup, cornbread, dessert, tea & water. The cost is \$10.

You can call the church office at 817/838-6834 to order tickets or purchase them in the north foyer.



*Celebrate
All Saints Sunday
November 6, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.
Worship Service*

On this All Saints' Day, may all peoples be blessed by the Lord and the Lamb, and may all give thanks to Him and those that have followed his path.

All Saints Sunday is the day on which we remember and give thanks for all those Christians who died and are now part of the church triumphant. In the words of the Apostle Paul, they have, *fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith and now they have received their reward in heaven.* This is our day to reflect, remember and give thanks for them. Please join us for this meaningful worship service.



Breakfast with Our Neighbors

Our next community breakfast will be Sunday, November 13.

We will have the same format with all Sunday School classes joining together to share breakfast. This includes all children, youth and adult classes. There is no cost for this meal, but donations are appreciated.

Coming together with our community fits in exactly with what we are called to do - **to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world** - and that often begins with a shared meal and a cup of coffee!

Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Gathering & Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome from Mel Bishara
- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Menu:

Egg Casserole, Hash Brown Casserole, Waffles, Biscuits w/gravy, Fruit, Milk, Orange Juice & Coffee

Questions??? or to make reservations:
Call the church office at 817/838-6834



What is in a name?

During the week of my niece's wedding in Mexico, friends and family members gathered from different states and Israel to celebrate this wonderful occasion. One of those travelers was my great niece, Everly Rose (4 years old). Everly Rose gave Susan a new name, all week she called her Honey, and I was given the name Pooh Bear. We loved our new names for the week.

A name is a word or a group of words that is used to identify a person, place or thing distinct from any other, e.g. Abraham, Sarah, Miriam, Moses, St. Luke United Methodist Church, etc. There is a good name and a bad name. Solomon said, *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.* (Proverbs 22:1)

It has been said the sweetest sound in the world is your own name. What is in a name? Does a name serve any importance in representing a person? Is it just a form of reference, given to a person at the time of their birth?

There is a story about a man who was named "Odd" by his parents. That's right. His name was "Odd." Poor kid! Obviously, throughout all his childhood, he experienced ridicule and mockery. Because people teased him his entire life, he decided that upon his death, he wanted an unmarked tombstone placed at his grave so his name would never be uttered again. His wishes were honored. The problem was, when people saw this tombstone without an inscription, they almost always said, "That's odd."

Did you know that God is in the name-changing business? God changed Jacob the deceiver to Israel the prince, the fisherman Simon to the apostle Peter, the persecutor Saul to the preacher Paul, and Joseph of Cyprus to Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement). There is a promise that you as a child of God have been given a new name. Look at Revelation 2:17, *I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.*

What is your new name going to be? I believe it will represent your inner character of who you really are and how God sees you. Jesus gave to His disciple Simon the new name of Rock. Why? He knew Peter would eventually grow into the name. Biblical names were given based on the character of the person. How does God build this character? God purges out the trash, the scum, the dirt, the ugliness, and the sin of our old life and creates within us the new life we have in Christ.

Now you don't have to change your name to be who God wants you to be. All you have to do is change the perception of who you think you are to what you want to be.

1. Drop all the negative attitudes about yourself and start living as the child of God.
2. See what you can do, instead of focusing on what you can not do.
3. Use positive affirmations about who you are. i.e. I am a good person, I have good heart, I am generous, I am helpful, I am capable, I am grateful, I can forgive, I can participate, I can enjoy, I am loving, I have hope, I am the child of God, etc.
4. Remember that you can begin a new day now. Trust God.

Oh, by the way Pooh Bear likes to have a good cup Honey.

In Christian love and grace, Mel



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Marilyn Smith's cousin, Kim Masters; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Vicki Kovar; Lisel Richardson's Aunt Vicki; Sam & Ann Kiker; Ross & Betty Longeway; Sandra Mason; Byron Lechler; Sarah Harris' husband, Tom; David & Kay Stapp; Norm & Betty Turnage; Betty Holshouser; Ovella Russell; Lou Coursey; J. R. & Bettie Lennox; Scott Paris; Karen Angle's brother & sister-in-law, Jerry & Debbie Biles; Bill Henderson's daughter, Sandy; John Benson's son & daughter-in-law, Paul & Carolyn Benson; Burt & Marylou Moore; Larea Pippen's sister, Lanette; Steve Johnson; Danny & Jerry Chism; Bill & Pat Whisenant; Cathy & Art Gordon; Barbara Burnett's sister, Mary Neeb; Ron & Larea Pippen's granddaughter, Kassie; Bill & Pat Whisenant's daughter-in-law, Sheila Brown; Gail LaRue's daughter, Maya and her son; Patty Tucker; Pat Hooper; Libby Conant; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's sisters, Susan & Karen; Jack Bostick's sister; Pastor Ditu's sister & brother-in-law; Doris Crocker; John Kasonga's father; Betty Turnage & family with the loss of Norman; Raymond Hames; Don & Karen Carter; Mary Khoury & family; Michelle Paris' mother, Penny Collins; Marilyn Smith; Buddy & DeeDee Hills' daughter-in-law, Megan's father, Mike passed away

This Week's Concerns: Bart Hines; those affected by isolation & loneliness; those affected by flooding and wild fires; those affected by gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation; those affected by COVID-19; our first responders, doctors, nurses, essential employees & frontline workers

Our Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox



The Community Table Food Pantry

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday & Thursday:
4:00—7:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, the food pantry offers the following:
Dairy Products, Meat, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Bread Products, Canned Vegetables, and Non-Perishables

There's always room at the table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had ten people in attendance and everyone enjoyed Roxie's lesson. We have several birthdays to celebrate. We wish a very Happy Birthday to Roberta Reeves 10/19; Barbara Jones 10/21; Ed Baker 10/22 and Shirley Baker 10/30.

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Greetings from the Upper Room Class. We had 13 members and one visitor present on this beautiful Sunday morning. It was so good to see Earline and her daughter Cindy in attendance. Steve Hughes had a successful back surgery and Doris Crocker is back home after hip surgery and rehab. We praise God for His healing. Also, we want to remember Bill and Pat Whisenant, Libby Conant, Gail and Gerry LaRue and family, Ron and Larea Pippen and family, Riley Pippen who is facing knee surgery on October 31, and all those members who are unable to be with us due to health issues. Ronnie Pippen delivered the morning prayer asking the Lord to help us understand His word and apply it to our lives. Our joys were events in our grandchildren's lives. Noah Osborn, Toni Hood's great grandchild, made All Region Choir and Lucas Lechler-Emblin, grandchild to Gloria and Byron Lechler, played first chair French Horn in his seventh grade band concert this past week. We were joyed to hear that Care Connection was starting again. Last word on that was the care-givers visited 18 homes on Monday of this week. We discussed preparations for the Sweet Shop in readiness for Fall Fest and plans for our upcoming Christmas party. The Christmas party will be held 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on December 13. The menu will be chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, vegetable salad, pecan and mince meat pies. We will have the usual Chinese gift exchange for entertainment.

Resale Shop: \$245

Prayer Meeting: Jack and Lorna Bostick 5:15 p.m.

Devotion/Refreshments: Jack and Lorna

Scripture Lesson: Psalms 18

Gloria Lechler

Youth News:



Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:26

This Sunday we shared with the youth on the importance of being one as a body of Christ. We might be from a different background, different race, and color, but under the church of Christ, we are all one. Our blood is red deep inside our veins. Christ did not come for a specific kind of people; he came and gave his life so that anyone who believes in him will be saved. It does not matter if you are Chinese, an African or an American, we are all saved by this one God. God is a God of difference. He created differences for a beautiful world. Let us remember that we are all one in Christ and because of that we shall walk in love. AMEN.
Stanislas Ndecky



Church Conference
November 6 † 5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

St. Luke UMC will hold a Church Conference meeting to discuss the new Church Council governing model that Mel Bishara introduced at the last Church Council meeting held on October 4.

Everyone is invited to attend.



St. Luke United Methodist Church
Facebook Page
SLUMC-Haltom City

We are trying to increase our Facebook presence, please "Like" or "Share" our posts to increase our audience. Thank you!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Gospel of John

November 2 • 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall • We invite you to join us.



Daylight Saving
Time Ends Sunday,
November 6, 2022.
Please remember to
set your clocks back
one hour.



**Second Chance
Resale Shop
Needs Volunteers!**

The Resale Shop is in need of volunteers to work Thursdays beginning at 8:00 a.m. to help with pricing and moving merchandise.

We also need volunteers to work
Friday and Saturday!



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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

French Worship Service: In-person and Online Worship • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Table Food Pantry Open Tuesday & Thursday • 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT:

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Sunday, October 30, 2022

21th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

Monday, October 31, 2022

9:00 a.m. Newsletter DEADLINE

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community Table Food Pantry Distribution

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 3, 2022

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast - Bluebonnet Café
 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community Table Food Pantry Distribution
 5:15 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. Fall Fest Set-up

Friday, November 4, 2022

10:00 a.m. Fall Fest Set-up
 10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10:00 a.m. Fall Fest
 10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, November 6, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day † Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Church Conference Meeting



*Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 for In-Person Worship or via our
 Facebook page & You Tube:*

SLUMC—Haltom City

***Sunday, October 30, 2022
 21th Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance

Wednesday Night Youth Activities • October 19—7

Wednesday Bible Study • October 19—12

United Methodist Men Breakfast • October 20—10

Sunday, October 23, 2022

St. Luke UMC • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—56

In-Person Worship—43

Online Worship—344

French Worship Service

In-Person Worship—57