

# ST. LUKE'S

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



July 6, 2014  
11:00 a.m.

**Our Mission:** Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

**Our Vision:** To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.



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1978 Mt. Vernon Road

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8:30 a.m. Chapel Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

*Nursery provided for all services and Sunday School*

### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Jason Whitener, Pastor

Rev. Shannon Dill, Associate Pastor

Rev. Phil Brown, Associate Pastor

Dr. E. Moss Robertson, Pastor Emeritus



**That All May Worship:** St. Luke's strives to be a welcoming church for all. Assistive hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and pew cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.

**Parents:** During the worship service, if necessary, the parlor is a comfortable place to be with your child and still see the service. Children's Worship Notebooks and activity sheets are available for all ages on the shelves in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). An usher can assist you.

For your convenience, there is a **Family Restroom** located in the hallway of the administrative offices, on the first floor, near the main lobby.

JULY 6TH, 2014 • 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

*White is used on days we celebrate the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas, Easter and Communion Sundays.*

### SERVING TODAY

**Nursery Supervisor** ..... Molly Naugher

**Chancel Guild**..... George & Amy Stewart

**Greeter** ..... Jane Bouchard

**Ushers** .....Dwight & Sally Shelton,  
Joe & Jan Billions, John Tienken

**Communion Servers** ..... Beth Underhill, Captain;  
Marylyn Brown, Mary & Ted Guerrant,  
Nancy & Daryl Moore, Nancy Self

**Continental Breakfast**..... Sally Birsinger

**Sound Crew** ..... Bob Burroughs

**Open/Close**..... Steve Klein

### WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshiping with us! As a guest, you are invited to:

1. During the **Celebration of Community**, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.
2. After the worship service, please join Deacon Keith Williams, Elder Chris Wallace, and our Pastors in the Narthex (Sanctuary lobby). They will answer questions and provide you with a Guest Packet and a loaf of bread lovingly made by St. Luke's member, Cindy Nunez.
3. If you are interested in learning more about St. Luke's or are interested in joining, please contact Jason Whitener: [jasonwhitener@slpres.org](mailto:jasonwhitener@slpres.org) or 770-393-1424, ext. 223.

## In Preparation for Worship

You are our guardian and shield, O God, our protector Who keeps us from falling. You surround us with righteousness that wards off evil forces; in Christ is the assurance to withstand ways that may tempt us. You shower us with Your mercy that cleanses wrongdoing. You temper Your judgment with compassion. We stand in adoration and in praise of Your name. Amen.

## Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Jason Whitener

### Prelude

There Is a Happy Land / HAPPY LAND

### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 45

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

**People: I will cause Your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise You forever and ever.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

### Hymn #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past / ST. ANNE

## Celebration of Community

Shannon Dill

### \* Invitation to Confession & Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### \* Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### \* Assurance of Forgiveness

### \* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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### Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

We always encourage children to remain in worship. However, we currently provide child care for infants through young elementary children in the event that families wish to use it. All classes meet in Sheppard Hall, which is located just across the garden.

### Old Testament Reading

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 / page 545

TJ McGoldrick

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Solo

Bless This House / May Brahe

Sally Larson, Soprano

Bless this house, O Lord we pray, make it safe by night and day.  
Bless these walls so firm and stout, keeping want and trouble out.  
Bless the roof and chimneys tall, let Thy peace lie over all.  
Bless this door that it may prove ever open to joy and love.  
Bless these windows shining bright letting in God's heavenly light.  
Bless the hearth a-blazing there with smoke ascending like a prayer.  
Bless the people here within, keep them pure and free from sin.  
Bless us all that we may be fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee.

*Helen Taylor*

### New Testament Reading

Romans 7:15-25a / page 147

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon



Jason Whitener

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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### \* Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the**

**dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Offering & Offertory**

Jerusalem, My Happy Home / LAND OF REST

### **\* Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Supper**

When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the center aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as the communion servers come down the center aisle and you will be served by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. Children who have discussed the sacrament with their parents and/or a pastor are welcome. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please indicate your preference as you approach. Parents, please note the center rings of the communion are filled with wine. Only the outer ring is filled with grape juice.

## **Communion Music**

#504 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether / UNION SEMINARY  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / O WALY, WALY  
Nearer, My God, to Thee / BETHANY

## **Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

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### **\* Sending Hymn #339**

Be Thou My Vision / SLANE

### **\* Benediction**

### **\* Postlude**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound / NEW BRITAIN

WORSHIP NOTES: The organ pieces are arrangements of early American hymn/folk tunes by jazz pianist George Shearing. Both the tunes and the harmonies combine for a distinctly American flavor.

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## KNOW

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**Summer Sundaes start TODAY!** Every Sunday in July at 6:30 p.m., join the Fellowship Committee at St. Luke's for fellowship and ice cream sundaes!

**After Summer Sundaes** each week, around 7:15 p.m., the chapel will be open for time to talk and pray. Elders, Deacons, and Shannon and Phil will be there to answer questions about what's going on as best we can, to listen, and most importantly, to pray together. Childcare will be provided in the Great Hall.

**We invite all "newer" members** who would like to get to know other members of St. Luke's to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in room 230. We will study *Making Sense of the Christian Faith*, through engaging conversation and exploration of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Please contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) with questions. Feel free to invite a friend!

**Friday Morning Men's Bible Study:** join us every Fri. for fellowship and Bible study from 6:40-8 a.m. in the Parlor with Dave Elkins.

### From the Choir Loft (Music Ministry)

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Contact Clair Maxwell: clairmaxwell@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 227

**Summer Music Sundays:** The choirs take a break over the summer, but music is still needed at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. If you play an instrument, take lessons, or sing, this is your chance to share your gifts with the congregation – all singers and instrumentalists are welcome and appreciated! Contact Clair Maxwell for more information.

**Pipe Organ Rebuilding:** Our sanctuary organ is undergoing a significant rebuilding this summer, thanks to your financial support of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign. Robert Coulter Organbuilders has developed an exciting design, including a complete renovation of the organ console from analog to digital. This will greatly enhance our sanctuary worship and ensure that our fine instrument continues playing well into the future. Stop by the organ and talk to Clair about the details any Sunday after 11:00 worship.

### Youth Connection (SLYC)

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Contact Phil Brown: philbrown@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 238

Last week at Mountain T.O.P., we had 31 people do some amazing projects and served with some really great people. Thank you for all of your prayers while we were away.

**Wednesday, July 9:** Let's meet at Moe's at 11:45 for lunch and some time to catch up with each other.

**August 17th:** Serve dinner at Druid Hills Night Shelter, Journey. More details to come.

**August 24th:** St. Luke's Pancake Breakfast. More details to come.

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## Adult Sunday School (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

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Contact Shannon Dill: shannondill@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 229

**The Story of the Bible** (Room 145, The Parlor) Each Sun. includes a 30 min DVD lecture by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, followed by class discussion.

**F.I.N.C.H** (Room 203) We are not meeting in July. Please consider joining us in Aug.

**Seasons of the Spirit** (Room 231-233) A biblically-based discussion class following the revised common Lectionary.

**Faith Foundations** (Room 232) We are studying the Gospel of Matthew with emphasis on the Church as an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God.

**Soul Food** (Room 235) Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives.

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## SPLASH! Children's Ministries

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Contact Catherine Anne Thomas: cathomas@slpres.org, 770.393.1424 ext. 228

**Weird Sunday Mornings in August, 9:30-10:30 a.m.** The "Amazing Animals" (three's, PreK, and K) will gather in Rm. 120 to explore the animals in some of our favorite Bible stories. First through fifth graders will gather in the Great Hall for "Weird Animal Games." Each of these classes will require **two adult volunteers each week**. If you can help, please sign up on <http://goo.gl/uMnk0k> and tell us which Sun. and which class, we'll do the rest!

**Starting Today: Summer Sundaes!** Every Sunday in July at 6:30 p.m., join the Fellowship Committee at St. Luke's for fellowship and ice cream sundaes!

**Never a Dull Moment in Sheppard Hall!** We have some big projects to accomplish this summer for the children of Saint Luke's... can you help? We need to:

- refurbish the first-grade Sunday School room to become "The Harbor" – requires painting, furniture moving, and creative brainstorming
- relocate the Faithful Friends room from downstairs to "The Harbor" – requires a lot of supply moving and some furniture relocation

We are hoping to accomplish the work in "The Harbor" over the last two weeks of July... so that "Faithful Friends" can be relocated during the first two weeks of August... so that our SLLS Kindergarten may completely move in by mid-August. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact [cathomas@slpres.org](mailto:cathomas@slpres.org). Thank you!

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## SHARE

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**Summer Mom's Group** Don't let summertime keep you from Christian fellowship, fun and learning! Our popular Moms' Group will meet from 10-11 a.m. on July 9, July 16 and July 23. And since it's a group for Moms, we will offer child care and fun activities for the little ones. Come each week or just when you can, but we would appreciate reservations in advance for children. Contact Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) for more information.

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**Tai Chi** for strength, flexibility and balance: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:30-1:30 p.m.; \$10 per class. Contact Sam Evans: educcons@aol.com, 678.650.2399.

**Did you know** you can give flowers for a Sunday worship service in memory or in honor of someone or for a special event? Sign up on the main lobby bulletin board; cost is \$80. Call Celeste Fischer: 404.434.8099 or Faye Cashwell: 770.409.1960.

**Christian Music Zumba** is a fun way to get fit! Thursdays: 7-8:00 p.m.; \$6 per class. Contact Chris Wallace: clw7324@comcast.net, 770.395.7324.

**Through a generous church family member,** St. Luke's has created a scholarship for graduating seniors in the amount of \$2,500. This year, an additional \$2,500 scholarship is also available. The scholarships are open to children and grandchildren of St. Luke's members. If you are interested, you can pick up an application in the church office or contact Scholarship Chairman, Paula Barbin: 678.297.9877 or barbin@fulton.k12.ga.us. **The deadline for applications is Aug. 1, 2014.**

**SporTots** Summer Camp is at St. Luke's for the following weeks (sportots.com/slpres/): July 7-11, July 14-18, Aug. 4-8, Aug. 11-15, Aug. 18-22, Aug. 25-28.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held on **July 13th** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. The purpose for this meeting is to vote upon the request of Dr. Jason Whitener to have the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta dissolve the pastoral relationship.

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**Take a vacation from your problems.** Easier said than done. Your Stephen Ministers are available any day or any week or any season you might be in need. If you would benefit from a listening ear please contact either Shannon Dill or Laura Strange, our Stephen Leaders for a referral. Summer can be a wonderful season of rest and renewal. It is our hope we can help provide this for you.

**Electronic Giving Cards** are available in the back of the chapel or in the narthex of the sanctuary for members to place in the Offering plates so they can physically participate in that part of worship. The St. Luke's Finance Committee appreciates online contributions because it helps provide a more steady income flow throughout the year. Go to our website ([www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org)) and click on the "Giving" tab to find out more.

**Time for Summer Vacation Photos!** Each summer St. Luke's features vacation photos of our members and friends on the lobby screens, and we'd love to include you! Please send us a couple of your best vacation shots, preferably with **you** in the picture. Photos should be high quality jpeg format, but we can work with whatever you have. Email Roby Price ([robypri@slpres.org](mailto:robypri@slpres.org)) or drop off a thumb drive or disc at the office.

## Faith & Film

Faith & Film meets the 3rd Friday of each month. It's an informal opportunity for adults of all ages to watch great movies and explore their own faith through the lens of today's film culture—bring a friend! A potluck dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:45 p.m. in room 207. If you plan to attend and would like help with food, please RSVP to Cindy or Josh Nunez at [breakingbread14@gmail.com](mailto:breakingbread14@gmail.com) or 678-230-1236.

### Now Showing:

July 18 . . . . . *The Letter Writer*, NR / 2011  
Maggie Fuller (Aley Underwood), a rebellious and troubled teenager, receives a life-affirming letter from an unknown source. When Maggie tracks down the writer of the letter — an old man in a rest home (Bernie Diamond) she has never met — she decides to become a letter writer herself by being the old man's apprentice.

### Coming Soon:

August 15 . . . . . *The Book Thief*, PG-13 / 2013  
September 19 . . . *Keeping the Faith*, PG-13 / 2000  
October 17 . . . . . *Life of Pi*, PG / 2012  
November 21 . . . . . *Soul Surfer*, PG / 2011  
December 19 . . . *The Christmas Choir*, NR / 2008

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## SERVE

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**Helping Hands:** Could you use your time and talent to assist someone in the congregation? This ministry matches short term needs (like setting up a computer, driving a member to an appointment, helping change light bulbs) with available resources. If you'd like to help, contact Rebecca Strickland: rebstrick@gmail.com, 404.664.5392. If you need the Helping Hands team, contact your Deacon.

**Serve your church with your smile:** be a greeter! Please sign up on <http://goo.gl/XtWrDn> or contact Meg Wallace: megwallace24@gmail.com, 404.293.1328. **St. Luke's also needs ushers!** Contact John Tienken: 770.394.1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

**Buy Some, Share One:** You can support local food pantries by buying an extra non-perishable item every time you go to the grocery store, and placing your donation in the carts in the main lobby. We alternate our donations monthly to the Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) and Community Assistance Center (CAC). Your donations make a big difference!

**R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Through Crocheting & Knitting):** Every Wed., 10 a.m. - noon in the Parlor. Men and women of any age and skill level are welcome to join us in making prayer shawls, layette sets, blankets, etc. for outreach projects.

**Prayer Ministry:** Our St. Luke's Prayer Ministry Team is involved in intercessory prayer (praying on behalf of others). If you would like to become a part of the Prayer Ministry Team, contact Paula Barbin: barbin@fulton.K12.ga.us, 678.297.9877.

**Get together for breakfast** every Sunday morning and welcome folks as they arrive. If you and your friends could furnish a continental breakfast, we will be glad to reimburse you. Please sign up on <http://goo.gl/GevLpf> or contact Meg Wallace: megwallace24@gmail.com, 404.293.1328.

**A new ministry!** If a member has been less active at church for a time, they often find it difficult to reengage. Whatever the circumstances, we want everyone to know that the door at St. Luke's is always open! **Our first training class will be Aug. 3, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** Please RSVP to Shannon (shannondill@slpres.org) if you plan to attend.

**Looking for a great way to serve your church family?** St. Luke's Meal Ministry provides meals for families or individuals who are recovering from a recent surgery or illness, suffering from the loss of a loved one, or celebrating the birth or adoption of a new baby. If you are interested in delivering a meal to a congregation member or would like more information, please contact Krissy Williams: kcwills7104@yahoo.com.

**Family Promise: July 20-27.** Next month is another opportunity to host homeless children and their parents. The signup link is <http://goo.gl/aBn1ur> (a direct link can be found in the weekly "Highlights" email). Thank you!

Join us for a **Family Promise informational/training meeting** in the session room (Rm. 109) on **Sun., July 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Pizza, salad and drinks provided. Children are welcome. Contact Beth Underhill (bunderhill.mail@gmail.com) with questions.

*(use this space to record your personal reflections)*

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## ATTENDANCE

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June 29	Worship	Nursery	Visitors
8:30	84	3	2
11:00	209	19	29

Each Sunday, many of our pews have first-time or repeat visitors. Your smile and welcoming words express the inviting and hospitable character of this congregation. Your kindness makes a difference.

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## CHURCH STAFF

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<b>Pastor</b>	Dr. Jason Whitener
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Shannon Dill
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Phil Brown
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Dr. E. Moss Robertson
<b>Dir. of Music &amp; Organist</b>	Clair Maxwell
<b>Dir. of Children's Ministries</b>	Catherine Anne Thomas
<b>Dir. of St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool &amp; Kindergarten</b>	Carol Perry
<b>Dir. of Communications</b>	Tina Knoedler
<b>Administrative Assistants</b>	Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar
<b>Receptionist</b>	Sally Hawkins
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Roby Price
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Phipps

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## ST. LUKE'S PERIMETER COUNSELING CENTER

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## ELDERS

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### Class of 2015:

Jennie Burroughs, Jared Elliot,  
Samantha Holley (*youth*),  
Tricia Igleheart, Fern Mitropoulos,  
Mark Reed, Chris Wiseman,  
Chris Wallace, Les Woodsides

### Class of 2016:

Rich Crutchfield, Mary Guerrant,  
Tom Loftis, David McKenney,  
Wayne Radloff (*Clerk*), Mark Ryan,  
David Tharp, Allison Thornton

### Class of 2017:

Candy Cox, John Eagar, Saralyn Hill,  
Brian Lamb, TJ McGoldrick,  
Donna Nall, Gary Phipps,  
Pete Shelton

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## DEACONS

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### Class of 2015:

Maria Barnhart, Matt Biggerstaff,  
Sarah Caverhill, Peter Keohane,  
Julie Knotts, Billy Martin (*Moderator*),  
Jack McKenney (*youth*), Gena Spears,  
Taylor Vivian, Krissy Williams

### Class of 2016:

Sandra Clay, Amanda Dunnick,  
Shawn Hamlin, Niki Rabren,  
Katherine Robeson,  
Rebecca Strickland, Jenny Troha,  
Michelle Vail, Meg Wallace

### Class of 2017:

Joyce Kratzenberg, Stacey Kruse,  
Joanna Mangum, Stephen Moss,  
Sharon Polensek, Tom Schaap,  
Barry Smith, Keith Williams,  
Russell Wolfe