

# ST. LUKE'S

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



August 17, 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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

1978 Mt. Vernon Road

Dunwoody, Georgia 30338-4617

770-393-1424 www.slpres.org

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.

Rev. Shannon Dill, Associate Pastor,  
Acting Head of Staff

Rev. Phil Brown, Associate Pastor

Dr. E. Moss Robertson, Pastor Emeritus

AUGUST 17TH, 2014 • 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

*Green is used to represent spiritual growth.*

## SERVING TODAY

### Acolytes

**Supervisor**.....Cailin Thelen

**Bible Bearer**.....Hannah Price

**Candle Lighter**..... Catherine Kitchens

**Crucifer**..... Emma Troha

**Bell Ringer**..... Valentina Thelen

**Nursery Supervisor**..... Marcy Williams

**Chancel Guild**..... Bona & Carol Allen

**Ushers**..... Ken Painter, Captain;  
Joel & Martha Knight, Dave Tharp,  
Josh & Cindy Nunez

**Greeters**..... Ted Guerrant, Joanna Mangum

**Continental Breakfast**.....Niki Rabran

**Sound Crew**..... Roby Price

**Open/Close**..... Josh Nunez

## 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 Stacey Kruse, Elder Dave Tharp, 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 Saint Luke's member, Cindy Nunez.
3. If you are interested in learning more about Saint Luke's or are interested in joining, please contact one of our pastors at 770.393.1424.



**That All May Worship:** Saint 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.

## In Preparation for Worship

“In one way or another, God makes sure that we all experience what it means to be outside so that he can personally open the door and welcome us back in.” *Frederick Buechner*

## Gathering Prayer of Adoration

Shannon Dill

### \* Prelude

Song without Words – “Faith” / Felix Mendelssohn

## Call to Worship

Leader: Who among the gods is like You, O Lord?

**People: Who is like You — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?**

Leader: In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. In Your strength You will guide them to Your holy dwelling.

**All: Let us worship God!**

## Hymn #439

In Christ There Is No East or West / ST. PETER

## Celebration of Community

Minute for Worship Committee

Mary Guerrant

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

Paula Morris

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### \* Prayer of Confession

**God who loves us, You have always given us what we need. You have taken care of us even when we could not care for ourselves. You have given us life and breath. Why is it that we still doubt You? Why do we persist in doing things our own way? God, we have hurt ourselves and others by being so fiercely independent. Give us courage enough to place our trust in You. Through the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, we pray. 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

Catherine Anne Thomas

#### Welcome, Emily Wilmesherr, Children & Youth Intern

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.

### 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.**

### Anthem

You Raise Me Up

Mother/Daughter Ensemble

Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland, arr. Roger Emerson

When I am down and, oh, my soul, so weary; When troubles come and my heart burdened be; Then I am still and wait here in the silence, Until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains; You raise me up to walk on stormy seas; I am strong when I am on your shoulders; You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life - no life without its hunger; Each restless heart beats so imperfectly; But when you come and I am filled with wonder, Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:1-15 / page 40

Emma Troha

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28 / page 16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

God's Paradoxical Plan

Shannon Dill

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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### \* Affirmation of Faith

From *The Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA

Paula Morris

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, Fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **Offering & Offertory**

Lamb of God / Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

Ensemble

Your only Son, No sin to hide. But You have sent Him, From Your side. To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of Love, They crucified. They laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble King, They  
named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God. Oh wash me in His precious  
Blood, My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side. To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God.

### **\* 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.**

### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

Paula Morris

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WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

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### **\* Sending Hymn #408**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life / GERMANY

### **\* Benediction**

### **\* Postlude**

Andante con moto / Mendelssohn

WORSHIP NOTES: The mother/daughter ensemble this morning is: Jenny & Claire Cumiskey, Beth & Ellie Eisenmesser, Mary & Carly Guerrant, and Kay Loerch & Katie Ryan.

**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.

Next week is Saint Luke's Annual

# **Fall Kick-Off** and **Pancake Breakfast!**



## **August 24th**

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Pancake breakfast served by  
Saint Luke's Youth in the Great Hall.

Donations welcome.

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## Music Ministry

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Contact Clair Maxwell:

clairmaxwell@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 227

**Pipe Organ Rebuilding:** You may be able to tell that the organ rebuilding project is well underway. Many pipes from the organ have been removed for voicing at the organ shop. Also, in the chancel, you can see that the organ console has been completely removed for refinishing and upgrading to digital controls. Many thanks for your continued support of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign for making this possible.

Our adult choirs return soon, please consider joining us! **Chancel Choir** rehearsals begin on Wed., Aug. 20 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room.

**Festival Ringers** handbell choir will begin rehearsals with a Bell Polishing Party on Wed., Aug. 27 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the handbell room. Join us and invite your friends!

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## Youth Connection (SLYC)

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Contact Phil Brown:

philbrown@slpres.org / 770.393.1424 ext. 238

**August 17: Sunday School** 9:30-10:30; come meet our new Children & Youth Ministry Intern!

**August 24:** Youth sponsored, church-wide Pancake Breakfast, 9:00-10:30 a.m. There are spots for everyone to help. See Phil or the weekly *Highlights* email to sign up. Druid Hills Night Shelter in the evening. Bring siblings, friends, and food; see Phil for more details.

**August 31:** No Sunday School.

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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)

**F.I.N.C.H** (Room 203)

**Seasons of the Spirit** (Room 231-233)

**Faith Foundations** (Room 232)

**Soul Food** (Room 235)

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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:** "Amazing Animals" (three's, PreK, and K) gather in Rm. 120 to explore the animals in some of our favorite Bible stories. First through fifth graders meet in the Great Hall for "Weird Animal Games." These classes require **two adult volunteers each week**. Please sign up on <http://goo.gl/uMnk0k>. **Sept. 7** is the first day of our new fall Sunday School classes.

**The President has a Cabinet; we have a Closet!**

Please consider joining the Children's Ministries leadership team, the "Children's Closet." Meetings are once a month after the 11:00 service; lunch and childcare provided. Contact Catherine Anne.

**Faithful Adults are needed** to teach our Faithful Friends (PreK, K and First Graders) during the 11:00 worship service starting Sept. 7th. Materials and lessons are provided. See Catherine Anne for details and sign-up at: <http://faithfulfriends.slpres.org>.

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## SHARE

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**Presbyterian Women Registration!** Join us at one of our three monthly circle meetings: the second Monday at 9:30 a.m. (childcare available), the second Monday at 7:30 p.m., or the second Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. This year we will study the devotional *40 Treasured Verses* by James C. Howell. Stop by our table in the lobby on **August 17, 24 and 31** for more information and to register. Contact PW Moderator Christy Keohane at [christykeohane@yahoo.com](mailto:christykeohane@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Attention Saint Luke's Boys!** Looking for fun challenges and adventures? If you are a boy in first through fifth grade (or ages 7 to 11), then Cub Scouting with Pack 764 is for you! Join St. Luke's Scout Pack as we go hiking, camp in an aquarium, visit cool places, and have lots of fun along the way! Our Open House for new and returning Scouts is Sun., Aug. 24, 3:30-5 p.m. Stop by to learn about Scouting and visit our website, [www.pack764.org](http://www.pack764.org). (Cubmaster Peter Keohane: [pack764@gmail.com](mailto:pack764@gmail.com))

The **Marriage Enrichment Group** meets monthly this Fall: Sept. 28, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. Mark your and call Kimey Reed for more details: [kimeyreed@gmail.com](mailto:kimeyreed@gmail.com) / 404.441.8614.

**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 Fay Cashwell: 770.409.1960.

**Summer Vacation Photos:** Thanks to all who have shared a few of their vacation photos on the lobby screens, they are priceless! It's not too late to be included - please send Roby Price ([robypri@sllpres.org](mailto:robypri@sllpres.org)) a couple of your best vacation shots, preferably with **you** in the picture. High quality jpegs are preferred.

**Change is the only constant** We have entered a time of transition at Saint Luke's. It may be challenging in a variety of ways for all of us. Our Stephen Ministry team offers compassion to everyone with a gentle listening ear in a non-judgmental way. We would like to invite you to conversation—be it a phone call, to meet for a cup of coffee or take a walk, to pray together on a regular weekly basis or perhaps only a few times. It would be a privilege to be invited to offer confidential care to anyone in our congregation as we support one another as a church family. Stephen Leaders Shannon Dill or Laura Strange are available anytime to make a referral.

**A.S.K. OPEN HOUSE** Come see what A.S.K. is all about! Aug. 25th, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Starting Sept. 8, Saint Luke's will be hosting **A.S.K. (After School Kids)**, a weekly Bible study for kids (K-5th) of different backgrounds, churches and degrees of Bible knowledge. Students and volunteers will be here on Mondays, 3:45-5:15 p.m., for 10 weeks. Contact Tricia Baynton: [tbaynton@comcast.net](mailto:tbaynton@comcast.net) / 678.571.7624 for more info.

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**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 Saint Luke's Finance Committee asks everyone to consider making their contributions online: go to our website ([www.slpres.org](http://www.slpres.org)) and click on the "Giving" tab to find out more.

**Saint Luke's Library** is located upstairs, directly above the lobby. Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful resource! Here is a sample of what the library has to offer:

*Girl Meets God*, by Lauren F. Winner

Lauren F. Winner chose to become an Orthodox Jew. But as she was observing Sabbath rituals and studying Jewish law, Lauren was increasingly drawn to Christianity.

*Proof of Heaven*, by Eben Alexander, M.D.

Dr. Eben Alexander, a highly trained neurosurgeon, experiences a medical miracle in which he is guided by an angelic being into realms of super-physical existence, proving to Dr. Alexander that there is a heaven and a God.

*Heaven is for Real*, by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent  
A young boy undergoes an emergency appendectomy and has a glimpse of heaven. This beautifully written true story is revealed by the young boy to his parents over a period of time. Now a movie.

## Faith & Film

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Faith & Film meets the 3rd Friday of each month, and is 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. 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. Bring a friend!

### Coming Soon:

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

## Fitness

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**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](mailto:clw7324@comcast.net), 770.395.7324.

**Tai Chi** for strength, flexibility and balance: Tues. and Thurs. 12:30-1:30 p.m.; \$10 per class. Contact Sam Evans: [educcons@aol.com](mailto:educcons@aol.com), 678.650.2399.

**SporTots Summer Camp** still has openings at Saint Luke's for the remaining weeks in August ([sportots.com/slpres](http://sportots.com/slpres)).

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## SERVE

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**Serve your church with your smile!** 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. Sign up at <http://breakfast.slpres.org>. Another great way to serve: be a greeter! Sign up at <http://greeter.slpres.org>. For questions about breakfast or being a greeter, contact Meg Wallace: megwallace24@gmail.com, 404.293.1328.

**Saint Luke's also needs ushers and people to manage the sound board at 11:00 each Sunday:**

Usher contact: John Tienken, 770.394.1104, tienkenj@gmail.com.

Sound crew contact: Roby Price, 770.393.1424 x 244, <http://soundcrew.slpres.org>

**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.

**Prayer Ministry:** Our Saint 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.

**Looking for a great way to serve your church family?** Saint 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.

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### **Adult Fall Mission Trip with Mountain T.O.P.**

Join other adults from Saint Luke's for a long weekend serving in the mountains of Tennessee, Oct. 16-19. There is something for everyone to do and the experience is amazing! Register now by contacting Ted Guerrant (atlguerrants@bellsouth.net); learn more at [www.Mountain-TOP.org](http://www.Mountain-TOP.org) or contact Shannon Dill: 770.393.1424 x 229.

**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.

### **Serving the Homeless**

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We have two opportunities each month to serve the homeless in our community. This is a great way for families, clubs and small groups to get involved. Please sign up on the lobby bulletin board or call Al Bridges at 770.394.6581.

Saint Luke's provides dinner for 26 homeless men, once a month, at **Journey Night Shelter**. Volunteers are need on the fourth Sunday each month, starting Sept. 28th - Dec. 2015.

**Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH)** provides transitional housing for homeless families. Saint Luke's provides and delivers a meal to IOH on the third Thursday of each month from Sept. 2014 through May 2015. (Reimbursement for IOH dinner is budgeted.)

If you know of a child who would like to join  
**St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten,**  
we would love to welcome them to the SLLS family!

We have limited openings for 12 months through Kindergarten.

Please contact Carol Perry at 770.393.1424, x 240 or email: [carolperry@slpres.org](mailto:carolperry@slpres.org).

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## FINANCE SUMMARY

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<i>Month: July 2014</i>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Total Income	\$100,201	\$ 95,294	\$ 4,908
Total Expenses	127,115	124,351	2,765
<b>Net</b>	- \$ 26,914	- \$ 29,057	\$ 2,143

  

<i>Year-to-date: 7/31/2014</i>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Total Income	\$939,062	\$909,446	\$29,616
Total Expenses	968,849	954,926	13,923
<b>Net</b>	- \$ 29,787	- \$ 45,480	\$15,693

*Financial reports available online.*

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## CHURCH STAFF

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**Associate Pastor &  
Acting Head of Staff**

Rev. Shannon Dill

**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Phil Brown

**Pastor Emeritus**

Dr. E. Moss Robertson

**Dir. of Music & Organist**

Clair Maxwell

**Dir. of Children's Ministries**

Catherine Anne Thomas

**Dir. of St. Luke's Little Saints  
Preschool & Kindergarten**

Carol Perry

**Dir. of Communications**

Tina Knoedler

**Administrative Assistants**

Liz Catlett & Bonnie Farrar

**Receptionist**

Sally Hawkins

**Facilities Manager**

Roby Price

**Treasurer**

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 Wallace,  
Chris Wiseman, 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, Barry Smith,  
Keith Williams, Russell Wolfe