

# Stewardship Newsletter

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## A Note of Thanks from Pastor Corey



Dear St. Lukers,

I saw something recently that said Christmas is only eight weeks away. Now before we rush to make plans, start decorating, or purchase gifts, let's pause, remember, appreciate, and celebrate the ministry we've accomplished over the past three months. The pictures below represent the amazing work God is doing through

this congregation and the lives that are being impacted and shaped. As you read through this newsletter, know that your faithful giving and serving makes the church's ministry possible. It is because of your faithfulness that we, together, are able to Build the Kingdom by Building Disciples.

Onward,

Pastor Corey Jones  
Minister of Stewardship

## Upcoming Stewardship Classes

### ***Simplify:*** Jan. 4 to Jan. 25 (4 Weeks)

*Exhausted. Overwhelmed. Overscheduled.* Sound familiar? Today's velocity of life can consume and control us until our breakneck pace begins to feel normal and expected. That's where the danger lies: When we spend our lives doing things that keep us busy but don't really matter, we sacrifice the things that do.

What if your life could be different? What if you could be certain you were living the life God called you to live and building a legacy for those you love? If you crave a simpler life anchored by the priorities that matter most, roll up your sleeves: Simplified living requires more than just cleaning out your closets or reorganizing your desk drawer. It requires uncluttering your soul. By eradicating the stuff that leaves your spirit drained, you can stop doing what doesn't matter and start doing what does.

In ***Simplify***, bestselling author Bill Hybels identifies the core issues that lure us into frenetic living and offers practical steps for sweeping the clutter from our souls.

### ***Time Management:*** Feb. 1 to Mar. 29 (8 Weeks)

God gives each of us the same 168 hours every week. Some of us seem to use that time with incredible efficiency and power. But for many others this is an area of frustrating deficiency. ***Time Management for Christian Leaders*** challenges leaders to evaluate goals, and teaches practical techniques for improvement. Author and coach Ken Willard reveals ways we inadvertently waste time, and offers solutions in a step-by-step process at the reader's own pace. This book is engaging, easy to read, and even entertaining. Most importantly, it is full of information that can transform the Christian leader's ministry and life.

### ***Financial Peace University:*** Feb. 1 to Apr. 5 (9 Weeks)

We all need a plan for our money. ***Financial Peace University*** (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid

of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

## Financial Summit



On Saturday, September 10, we offered our first ever Financial Summit. This day included workshops from budgeting to planning for and living the retirement years.

Here are some quotes from the participants on how they felt the Summit inspired them:

*"Practical, hands-on session that helps us know why we need to manage our finances, walking out of the session with God-inspired dreams, goals."*

*"Absolutely the right thing that we should be doing as a church. Total health of congregation, including financial. Loved Howard Dayton's opening!! Key to bringing spiritual connection."*

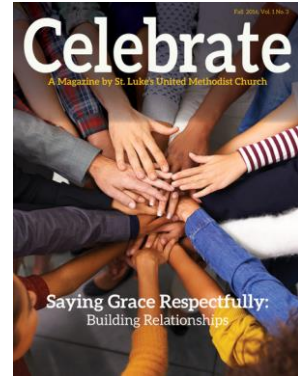
*"Wasn't sure what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised."*

## Did You Know?



That 30-40 St. Lukers mentor hundreds of students at three elementary schools through Educational IMPACT.

That our "Celebrate" magazine reaches 4,000 people. The magazine goes out quarterly, and tells the stories of ministry work St. Luke's is achieving.



That nearly 50% of our 2016 pledges came from new financial commitments. A

## Financial Updates

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
At A Glance...  
Year to Date Through 9/30/16**

	Actual YTD 9/30/16	Budget YTD 9/30/16	Annual Budget for 2016
<b>Operating Budget</b>			
Contribution and Support Receipts	\$ 2,505,149	\$ 2,672,099	\$ 3,686,700
Expenses (Net of Ministry Receipts)	\$ 2,535,868	\$ 2,802,484	\$ 3,612,789
<b>Total Over (Under)</b>	<b>\$ (30,819)</b>	<b>\$ (130,385)</b>	<b>\$ 73,911</b>
<b>Commit Campaign</b>			
Actual YTD 9/30/16			
Beginning Balance 12/31/15	\$ 3,996,386		
Receipts for 2016	\$ 581,707		
Expenses for 2016 - Campaign	\$ (8,090)		
Expenses for 2016 - Campus Impr.	\$ (494,024)		
Expenses for 2016 - Comm. Trans.	\$ (220,686)		
Ending Balance 9/30/16	\$ 3,955,294		
<b>Unencumbered Cash</b>			
As of 9/30/16			
Balance in Cash as of 6/30/16	\$ 6,021,387		
Less: Donor Designated	\$ (150,810)		
Less: Endowments	\$ (927,481)		
Less: Commit Campaign	\$ (3,955,294)		
Adjusted Operating Cash	\$ 1,087,801		
Less: Internally Deig. Maint Fund	\$ (553,022)		
Unencumbered Cash Available	\$ 534,780		
Approximate Number of Weeks of Expense in Unencumbered Cash	7.7		

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
Fiscal Year Beginning 12/2016  
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 09 September**

Account #/Description	Actual for Period	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Annual
Total Contributions	\$23,182.89	\$2,462,242.27	\$2,611,708.00	\$3,696,780.00
Total Support Receipts	\$2,507.15	\$42,887.81	\$60,398.00	\$80,532.00
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>(\$42,232.48)</b>	<b>(\$238,427.73)</b>	<b>(\$386,900.00)</b>	<b>(\$513,310.00)</b>
Total Care and Connect	(\$16,005.73)	(\$196,143.85)	(\$115,011.00)	(\$386,616.00)
Total Counseling Center	\$5,832.45	\$48,028.83	\$35,918.00	\$47,904.00
Total Family Ministry	(\$6,113.99)	\$16,053.26	\$7,748.00	\$13,996.00
Total Children	(\$3,191.68)	(\$30,685.15)	(\$25,997.00)	(\$33,615.00)
Total Children's Ministry	(\$489.31)	\$223.64	(\$18,808.00)	(\$19,500.00)
Total Youth Ministry	(\$378.92)	(\$13,898.32)	(\$15,820.00)	(\$19,500.00)
Total Adult Discipleship	\$2,137.78	(\$12,888.11)	(\$4,400.00)	(\$56,900.00)
Total Grave Services	(\$28,302.10)	(\$195,366.40)	(\$251,139.00)	(\$319,616.00)
Total Global Missions	(\$2,874.33)	(\$20,688.38)	(\$21,388.00)	(\$28,250.00)
Total Local Ministry Partners	\$0.00	(\$18,898.40)	(\$18,623.00)	(\$18,500.00)
Total Orlando Missions	(\$3,102.50)	(\$38,473.52)	(\$39,872.00)	(\$26,500.00)
Total Service Salaries	(\$16,182.00)	(\$158,921.41)	(\$159,033.00)	(\$12,876.00)
Total CDC	\$16,395.96	\$131,470.34	\$88,525.00	\$124,175.00
Total Administration	(\$80,252.04)	(\$761,582.58)	(\$762,488.00)	(\$1,012,718.00)
Total Staff Parish	(\$47,448.18)	(\$425,982.77)	(\$501,414.00)	(\$668,163.00)
Total Trustees	(\$52,423.31)	(\$518,904.17)	(\$572,672.00)	(\$714,088.00)
Total UMW	(\$1,098.80)	(\$4,898.22)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Change in Oper Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$46,683.29)</b>	<b>(\$510,818.81)</b>	<b>(\$150,395.00)</b>	<b>\$78,911.00</b>

Click Images to review reports.

## What's Been Happening



Vacation Bible School "God's Big Back Yard" where over 800 children and youth attended.



Sumer Camps this year continued with the God' Big Back Yard new this year was a week camp just for Â Pre-K.



Summer Musical "Big River" was a huge success with over 2,800 people attending the shows.



The new "St. Luke's U" kicked off on September 14. This opportunity offers dinner and various grow classes for all ages.



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