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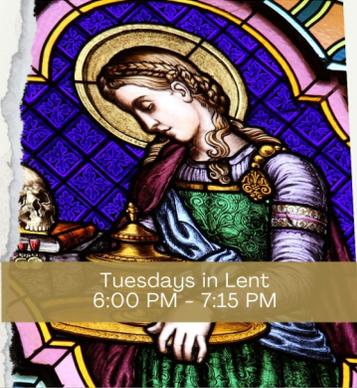
March, April, May 2026

2026
Lenten Series

APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

*Biblical Meditations
on Mary Magdalene*

St. Luke's Parish Hall
Nursery Provided



Tuesdays in Lent
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

The 2026 Lenten Series is "Apostle to the Apostles: Biblical Meditations on Mary Magdalene." Fr. Joel will offer a series of reflections exploring the scriptural witness, historical context, and theological significance of Mary Magdalene, examining her role as disciple, witness, and bearer of the Resurrection, and considering how her story continues to speak to faith, vocation, and hope today.

The series continues on Tuesday evenings during the season of Lent, from 6:00 PM—7:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Refreshments and Nursery are provided.

If you are unable to attend in-person, the series will be made available online on our St. Luke's podcast, "Faithful Echoes", and our website, Facebook, and YouTube pages later in the week.

Parish Family Notes

- **Congratulations to all those Confirmed, Received, or who made a Reaffirmation of Faith during the Bishop's Visit:** Katie Bostian, Christine Brady, Doug Brady, Linda Callaway, Laurel Crist, Bryce Dooley, Andrew Doty, Patrick Doty, Annabella Durham, Richard Findlay, Julie French, Peter French, Betsy Gentry, Bryan Gentry, Melissa Gregg, Auteana Lee, Hank Mazzolini, Lauren Morris, Melissa Reynolds, Gary Riggins, Jodi Riggins, Bobbie Schoss, Addison Shahan, Ellie St. Pierre, Jennifer Tincher, Alice Wood, Harper Wright, and Blake Young.
- Sympathy to the family and friends of Jeff Sellins, who passed recently.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

Do you love to knit or crochet? Want to learn? Join us in the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer shawls are made for those getting married and those with chronic illness or need of comfort in the parish. Blessing blankets may also be requested for the birth of a child. Shawls and blankets are a comforting and tangible reminder that the recipient is being "wrapped" in prayer as this item is made, and blessed by Fr. Joel before it is presented.

If you would like to request a shawl be made, please complete the request forms available in the back of the church or by visiting www.stlukesccleveland.org/shawl.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets next on Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM. Please note the new day of the week. Join us!

Spring
Forward

SUNDAY
MARCH 8TH



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8th!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Loaves and Fishes

SUPPORTING THE CLEVELAND
EMERGENCY SHELTER

Help Support Our Local Emergency Shelter

Our community's emergency shelter can house up to 50 people at a time, including children. They're currently in need of basic hygiene supplies to care for their residents. Please consider signing up to donate one or more items from the list below. Full-size, unopened products are preferred.

All items must be dropped off at St. Luke's by 10:00 AM on March 31st. Donations will be delivered along with the April 12th Loaves & Fishes meal.

If you choose to donate, please clearly mark items with "Loaves & Fishes" so we can ensure they're included in the delivery. Thank you for supporting this effort!

- Toothbrushes (including some child options)
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant (Men's)
- Deodorant (Women's)
- Soap (Bars or Body Wash - include some child options)
- Shampoo (Include some tear free child options)
- Conditioner
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Lotion (Travel Size)
- Combs
- Hairbrush
- Feminine Hygiene Products (Various Products)
- Baby Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Travel Size Tissue Packs
- Nail Clippers
- Chapstick



Holy Week and Easter Sunday Service Schedule

Palm Sunday | Sunday, March 29th

- 8:00 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:45 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Tuesday, March 31st

- 6:00 PM "Apostle to the Apostles:
Biblical Meditations on Mary Magdalene"
2026 Lenten Series with Fr. Joel Huffstetler

Maundy Thursday | Thursday, April 2nd

- 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
with Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday | Friday, April 3rd

- 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy*
- 6:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy*

Saturday, April 4th

- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale

Easter Sunday | Sunday, April 5th

- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
with the Flowering of the Cross
- 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

All services and classes offered in-person. Services and classes marked with an asterisk (*) are available online and in-person. Nursery is provided on Sundays, and all evening services.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

EASTER EGG HUNT & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For Children 5th grade and younger
Sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal
Youth Community (EYC)

You are invited!
Come celebrate with us and get your
picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Join us on Saturday, April 4th, at 11:00 AM for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale sponsored by the St. Luke's EYC. Come get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

(Rain Date: Sunday, April 5th at 10:45 AM)



Home Gathering Groups are one of the key fellowship opportunities at St. Luke's to build friendships and community among our parishioners, new and not-so-new! Groups are encouraged to meet 3-4 times over the course of six to eight months to get to know one another better. This can be done in many ways: dinner out to a restaurant, a shared excursion to a park or the lake, dinner in someone's home, an extended coffee hour after church – whatever meets the moment!

If you are interested in participating, simply let the church office know at (423) 476-5541 by Friday, March 27th. We are looking for Host households willing to help coordinate their group for a season, as well as those just looking to participate and get to know their fellow parishioners better.



Join us on Sunday, May 17th, following the 10:45 AM Service for a Covered Dish Luncheon celebrating another wonderful Church School Year.

Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, May 24th (Memorial Day Weekend). Sunday Services will be held at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM*. Thursday Services continue to be held at 12:10 PM*.

**Offered Online and In-Person. Nursery provided on Sundays.*



Easter Flowers Form

Name

Phone Number

In Memory of

In Honor of

In Thanksgiving for

Given by

Amount Given \$ _____

Help us decorate the church for Easter Sunday!

As part of our Easter tradition here at St. Luke's we decorate the church with beautiful lilies every year to the glory of God and in memory or honor of, or thanksgiving for a loved one. It serves not only to make St. Luke's more beautiful, but as a thoughtful reminder on Easter Sunday of those we hold dear.

If you would like to include a remembrance in the bulletin, please list their names on this form and return it to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 25th. Please make your check payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.



2026 PHOTO DIRECTORY
Please update your contact information
www.stlukescleland.org/directory

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

Youth Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD | 10:45 AM
Join us for our Annual Celebration of Youth Sunday!
The 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM Service will be held as usual.

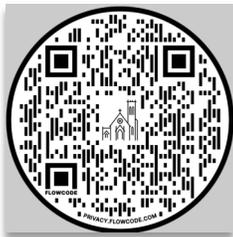
St. Luke's is working to produce a new Photo Directory for 2026! St. Luke's has been blessed with many new faces over the past two years, with new households joining us on a regular basis. With that in mind, we will be printing a new Photo Directory to assist in our ability to know each other better. **But we need your help collecting portraits and updating your contact information.**

We ask you to do **ONE** of the following:

- **Keep Your Most Recent Portrait**
If you would like to keep your portrait from the 2024 Photo Directory, please contact the church office and update your contact information, and tell us to reuse the portrait.
- **Submit a New Portrait of Your Household**
Submit a high resolution portrait of the persons in your household to the church office. Please ensure the photo is appropriate to a church directory and does not include pets, or persons not in your household. We ask you to avoid submitting casual or candid photos (no selfies) in favor of a staged portrait. You may submit your photo and update your contact information at www.stlukescleland.org/directory.
- **Schedule an Appointment to be Photographed**
Schedule an appointment to have your portrait taken at the church office. Available times are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM — 4 PM, and Sundays during Coffee Hour. If you need to schedule an appointment outside this availability, please let us know and we will make other arrangements. Please call ahead to schedule your time.

The church office reserves the right to request a different photo if needed. If you have any questions about the type of photo, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

New Directories will be available in early Spring 2026.



To support the ministry of St. Luke's, please scan the QR code or visit www.stlukescleland.org/give. You may also place a contribution in the offering plate or by mailing it to:
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 5, Cleveland, TN 37364.

Youth Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, during the 10:45 AM* service. Please join us for this celebration of the children and youth of St. Luke's, and for the awarding of the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship. The 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM services will be held as usual.



The C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship

Each year St. Luke's Episcopal Church offers its graduating high school seniors the opportunity to apply for and receive the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship, as part of our commitment to the ongoing growth and success of the young people of this church. The scholarship is a one time award of up to \$1,200, and has been funded in year's past by donations and memorials made to the church in memory of many faithful members of the parish.

In the nineteen years since the scholarship was founded, fifty-five graduating seniors have received \$56,250 in financial assistance for their college education. Over the next ten years, St. Luke's expects to award *at least* another \$15,000 in scholarships. Memorials and donations to support the Patten Scholarship are always appreciated, and help to ensure the scholarship will be available for years to come.

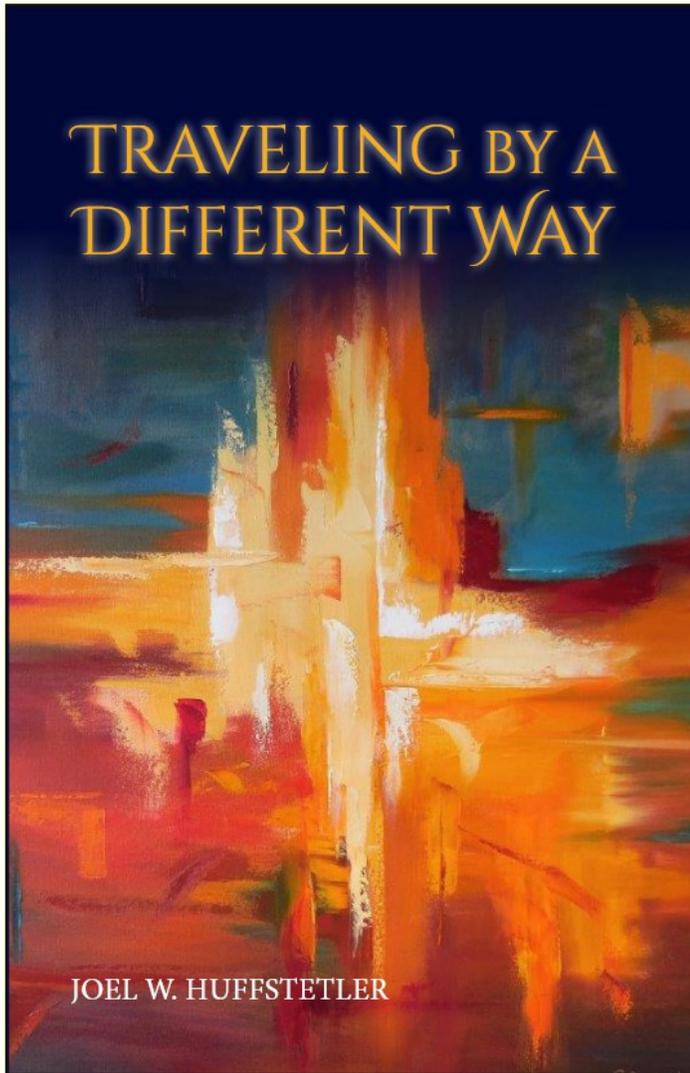
If you would like to contribute to the Patten Scholarship and the education of future graduates, please write a check to *St. Luke's Episcopal Church* and write "Patten Scholarship" in the memo line. **This year, the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship will be awarded during the 10:45 AM* service on Youth Sunday, May 3rd.**

Requirements for the Patten Scholarship are:

- Graduating High School Senior
- Attending a college, university, or trade school
- Parishioner of St. Luke's

Seniors may pick up an application form by contacting Isaac Doty in the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Events marked with an asterisk () are offered in-person and online, on the St. Luke's website and Facebook page.*



Both timeless and timely, *Traveling by a Different Way* speaks to anyone who's ever felt disoriented and wondered how to find their way back to peace. It's a book to read slowly, to return to often, and to share with anyone longing for hope that feels both honest and hard-won.

From the Preface:

The biblical meditations contained in this collection come from the year 2021. First offered at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee, all have been revised for publication. While each address was first crafted to meet a particular moment in the life of a particular Christian congregation, they were also offered with a view to the future, asking both preacher and hearer: What are the lessons we are meant to be learning during these turbulent times? What changes in our ways of thinking and acting are we being called to make? Are there silver linings to be discerned amidst the myriad challenges none of us would have chosen to face? To put it in more obviously theological terms, each address was meant to face the question: How can this time be redeemed? Or put another way: Going forward, are we being called to travel by a different way?

Book Launch Event

Traveling by a Different Way... and Discovering God Along the Road.

What happens when everything you took for granted—your routines, your church, your sense of safety—suddenly disappears?

In this luminous and deeply comforting collection, Fr. Joel W. Huffstetler, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee, invites us to see life's upheavals through the steady light of grace. Preached during the pandemic and refined for readers everywhere, these thirty-six meditations remind us that even in the hardest seasons, God is quietly shaping us for something new.

With wit, warmth, and pastoral wisdom, Huffstetler draws on Scripture and real-life moments to explore:

- How disruption can open the door to spiritual renewal
- Why faith often begins where certainty ends
- What it means to love, trust, and serve in a divided world
- How to recognize "silver linings in the cloud"

Traveling By A Different Way

"Well informed, insightful biblical interpretation...in all these sermons we hear an imaginative, theologically astute preacher and life observer..."

—Carl R. Holladay, C. H. Candler Professor Emeritus of New Testament, Emory University

"With his trademark combination of humility and brilliance, Joel Huffstetler invites us to see a deeply troubled world through the eyes of grace and redemption."

—Jeff Ringer, Associate Professor of English, University of Tennessee

"These meditations...both comfort and challenge..."

—Denise King, Provost (retired), Big Sandy Community and Technical College

"These deeply thought-provoking and engaging sermons...remain relevant for all times and places."

—Brenda Orcutt, Member of Oil Painters of America, American Impressionist Society, and American Women Artists

"Fr. Joel is a priest, pastor, teacher, and preacher who lives deeply in the context of Holy Scripture."

—Brian Cole, Fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee.

Book Launch Event

Monday, March 16th

6:00 PM

Cleveland/Bradley Public Library

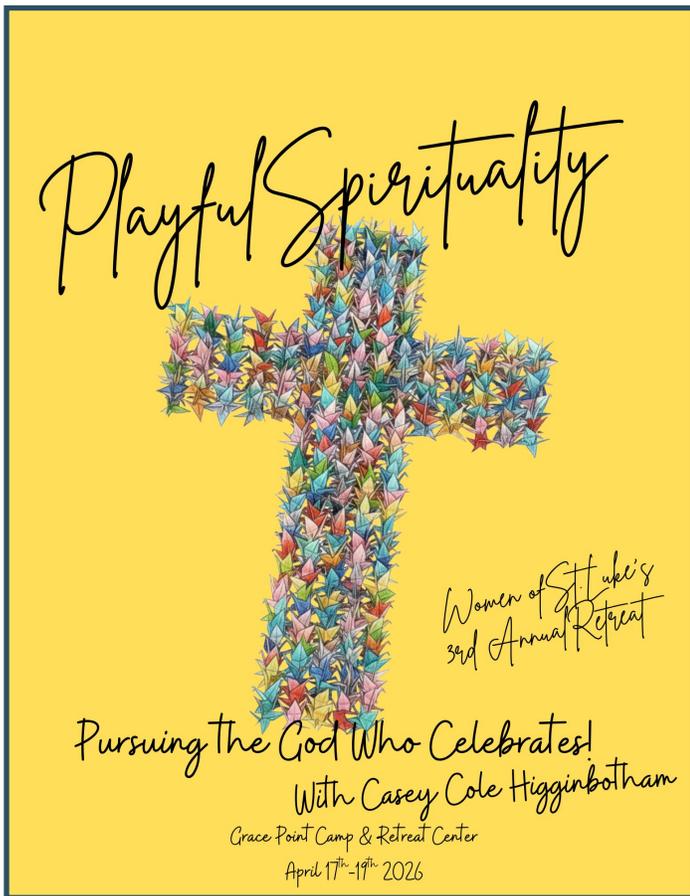
Traveling by a Different Way

by

Joel W. Huffstetler

Hosted by the

Friends of the Library Association (FOLA)



Cost for the Retreat
(Fri. Dinner-Sun. Breakfast)
 \$200/person — Full Weekend
(Saturday Lunch-Dinner)
 \$100/person — Saturday Only

*Financial Assistance is available.
 Please contact the Church Office at
 (423) 476-5541.*

Just a reminder that we upload regular content in various formats on our digital platforms that we hope resonate with you and encourage you to share those with your friends and family.

- Connect with worship services, sermon clips, and music offerings.
- Stay informed on upcoming and recent events, and receive the latest weekly announcements and reminders.
- Engage regularly with sermon and formation offerings on our podcast and other platforms.
- Share on your social media and promote the life of St. Luke's in your digital spaces.

By sharing these posts and resources, you not only keep our community connected but also extend an open invitation to others to experience God's love through St. Luke's. Every click, repost, and conversation becomes a simple yet powerful way to practice evangelism in today's digital world.

Playful Spirituality: Pursuing The God Who Celebrates!

*Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center
 Kingston, Tennessee*

Casey Cole Higginbotham preaches, teaches, gives keynote addresses, and leads group study all over the world. She speaks across denominations in all types of venues, events, and settings. She feels most at home when teaching with a dynamic that allows for audience engagement.

'Playful Spirituality: Pursuing The God Who Celebrates' invites women to discover the delight of God and joy of the life of faith. Through themes of celebration, feasting, and fun, we'll explore a spirituality that reminds us that playfulness is a holy practice. By connecting the ordinary and the sacred, we see that playfulness is not a distraction to faith, but central to it. Together, we find how God invites us to share in the gift of merrymaking as a way to endure hardship and to enjoy creation and community.



By popular demand, Casey Cole Higginbotham returns as our guest speaker for the 3rd Annual Women's Retreat at Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center in Kingston, Tennessee on April 17th-19th, 2026.

The Planning Team is once again hard at work putting together this amazing weekend. We'll gather for times of prayer, singing, food, and fellowship; opportunities for discussion in small groups; painting, knitting/crochet, journaling, hikes, sabbath time, yoga, and more. The weekend includes meals provided by Grace Point.

There are two ways to participate in this weekend retreat: Friday-Sunday, and Saturday only. Those attending Saturday only will arrive in time for the first session that morning and enjoy a full day of conversation and activities through dinner and the evening Q&A. Those attending Friday-Sunday will begin with dinner Friday evening, a social hour, and small group discussions.

The retreat is filling up quickly and there are only a few overnight slots left! The deadline to register is Sunday March 29th. The retreat is open to the Women of St. Luke's, and to friends and family who may wish to join us. Register by calling the Church Office or visiting www.stlukescleveland.org/retreat.



ADULT FORMATION CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

Church School for Adults meets on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Room in the Parish House.

These classes will be audio recorded and released on our podcast in batches after each series completes. You can check out past series on the St. Luke's website and the Faithful Echoes podcast.

March 8th

"The Unspoken Sermons of George McDonald" with Dr. Matthew Melton

March 15th, & 22nd, & 29th

"Words of Power: New Testament Language and Easter Proclamation" with Dr. Nathan Napier

April 5th — Easter Sunday

April 12th, 19th, & 26th

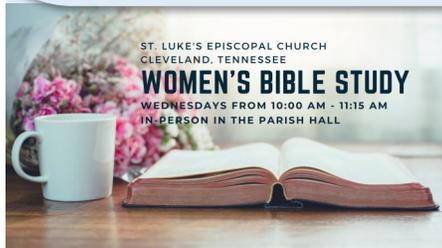
"Scripture, Self, and Story: Storytelling as Theology" with Isaac Doty

May 3rd

To Be Determined

May 10th, & 17th

"The Foolishness of Following Christ" with Lori Jacob



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
IN-PERSON IN THE PARISH HALL



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
FRIDAY MORNINGS, 7:00 AM

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study led by service members of the group.
Best breakfast in town for \$1!

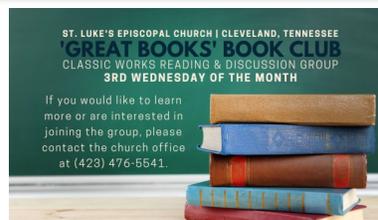
The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings in the Gathering Room of the Parish House from 10:00—11:15 AM. Our current series is *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent* by Walter Brueggemann. A new series will begin April 8th. The Women's Bible Study is led by Isaac Doty and Lori Jacob.

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 7:00 AM for food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study each week.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

St. Luke's Episcopal Youth Community is offered for all youth of the church in 6th—12th grades. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in our weekly programming on Wednesday nights from 5:30 PM—7:00 PM.

- **Wednesday, March 4th**
5:30—7:00 PM | Peer Ministry Leadership
NO EYC on March 11th
- **Wednesday, March 18th**
5:30—7:00 PM | Fellowship Night
- **Wednesday, March 25th**
5:30—7:00 PM | L&F Pack Night | Easter Eggs
NO EYC on April 1st
- **Thursday, April 2nd**
6:00 PM | Maundy Thursday Service
- **Friday, April 3rd**
6:00 PM | Good Friday Service
- **Saturday, April 4th**
10:00 AM | Easter Egg Hunt Setup
11:00 AM | Easter Egg Hunt
- **Wednesday, April 8th**
5:30—7:00 PM | Peer Ministry Leadership
- **Wednesday, April 15th**
5:30—7:00 PM | Fellowship Night
NO EYC on April 22nd
- **Wednesday, April 29th**
5:30—7:00 PM | Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- **Sunday, May 3rd**
9:30 AM | Youth Sunday Rehearsal
10:45 AM | Youth Sunday Service
NO EYC on May 6th
- **Wednesday, May 13th**
5:30—7:00 PM | Fellowship Night



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
'GREAT BOOKS' BOOK CLUB
CLASSIC WORKS READING & DISCUSSION GROUP
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

If you would like to learn more or are interested in joining the group, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

The 'Great Books' Book Club meets on a Wednesday evening each month from 5 PM—7 PM to discuss a great literary work. If you would like to learn

more or are interested in joining the group, please contact Fred Mueller at (423) 650-1867 or the church office at (423) 476-5541.

March 18 | "Two Blue Birds" by D.H. Lawrence
April 15 | *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens

St. Luke's Prayer Chain is an email-based ministry of St. Luke's that offers prayers of intercession and thanksgiving on behalf of those on our Prayer List, which is read during the Prayers of the People during services. When a name is added to the Prayer List, an email is sent out to those on the Prayer Chain with a Prayer Request stating, in general terms, the person's need. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain to receive Prayer Requests, or place a name on the Prayer List, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541 or at www.stlukesccleveland.org/prayer-request.

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The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole, *Bishop*
The People of St. Luke's, *Ministers*

St. Luke's Vestry

| 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Rose Allen | Sarah Brown | Kyle Cooper |
| Jennifer Matthews | Gary Farlow | Hans Hadland |
| Nathan Napier | Lou Patten | Janey Patten |
| Stephanie Taylor | Abbey Waddell | Tammy Randolph |

St. Luke's Staff

The Rev. Dr. Joel W. Huffstetler, *Rector*
The Rev. Arthur Bass, *Vocational Deacon*
Dr. Andrea Dismukes, *Director of Music*
Dr. Devon Howard, *Organist*
Mr. Isaac Doty, *Director of Communications,*
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Mrs. Lori Jacob, *Adult Formation Coordinator*
Mrs. Molly Jackson, *Children's Church School Coordinator*
Ms. Abbey Waddell, *Nursery Co-Supervisor*
Ms. Sadie Chartier, *Nursery Co-Supervisor*
Ms. Andrea Spraggins, *Parish Administrator*
Mrs. Donna Blair, *Sexton*
Mr. James Jackson, *Buildings Manager*

Regular Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Sundays, 9:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sundays, 10:45 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Thursdays, 12:10 PM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*Services also available online at www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland/live and www.stlukescleveland.org/live.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Keep Up To Date By Visiting Us Online!

Website: www.stlukescleveland.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stlukescleveland
YouTube: www.youtube.com/@stlukescleveland
Instagram: @stlukescleveland
Podcast: "Faithful Echoes: Readings and Sermons
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