



The Chronicle

The Newsletter of the St. Luke Baptist Church of Paterson, NJ

April-June 2013





My Dear Loved Ones,

The events that this edition of *The Chronicle* capture and recount are the very busy months of April through the early part of June. This was a very exciting and energetic time for our congregation as this edition will indicate.

Words cannot describe how blessed I am not only to be the Pastor of St. Luke, but how blessed I am to be a part of this wonderful congregation that despite challenges is indeed making inroads to be a relevant, responsible, and life-giving congregation. This makes me proud beyond words!

God continues to provide for us meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and share. For sixteen years we have been challenged to be, “A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known.” This challenge ever looms before us and over us, and we must be vigilant and DETERMINED about being such.

Our world and our local community is inundated by ills and problems that present to us wonderful and serious opportunities to provide ministry that will make a difference. May we seize these moments as God-given opportunities to allow the Lord to work in us, on us, and through us. As we do, He will!

The summer months will find us continually engaged in the work of the Lord. I invite your consistent and committed support of all of our summer ministry efforts and responsibilities so that our best will continue to get better for the Lord. May our ministry continue to bring hope and healing to this community!

Whether you are a new disciple or a longtime disciple, I hope that you will be proud of what God is doing in the life of our church, and I pray that you will be faithful in your support of our work.

I love you with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

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The Months Ahead

June

Sunday 2

Women's Day will be celebrated in the 7:30am and 10:50am worship services

Sunday 9

10:50am Worship - Youth Empowerment Sunday

At 4:00pm Communion will be observed. Our guests will be the Rev. Dr. Johnnie M. Green and the Mt. Neboh Baptist Church of New York, NY

Sunday 16 - Father's Day: 7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

9:30am - Women's Ministry hosts Father-Son Breakfast

Saturday 22 - Thursday 27

Lott Carey Youth Seminar - SLBC youth will participate in this annual gathering held on the campus of Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA

Sunday 30

Summer worship schedule begins

Graduates Recognition Sunday will be observed at the 9:30am worship service followed by the Graduates Reception

July

Sunday 7

Baptism and Communion will be observed during the morning worship service

Monday 8

Freedom School and Kamp Kreative Kidz open

Sunday 14

Youth Empowerment Sunday

Sunday 28

Jewels and Brothers Boot Camp will be recognized

August

Sunday 4

Baptism and Communion will be observed during the morning worship service

Sunday 11

Youth Empowerment Sunday

Sunday 25

We will be worshipping in our Outdoor Worship Service/Block Party in one united service at 9:00am

In Our Next Edition

Graduates Sunday Recap

Lott Carey Youth Seminar Reflections

Freedom School and Kamp Kreative Kidz

2013 Outdoor Worship Service

Men of 4th Ward Churches Walk the Ward

Welcome New Disciples

Shawana Armstrong	Cheryl Isom
Stanley DeVore	Arthur Moore
Kennedy Dixon	Ashley Nolen
Regina Flood	Shakira Sims
Kathy Goodwin	Maya Stokely
Joyce Gowins	Deborah Taylor
Marqweesha Guthrie	Ethel Thomas
Lakia Heyward	Moses Wilkins, Jr.
Chantanette Hill	Glenda Williams
Kawana Holland	Cassandra Wright
Laura Hubert	John Youngblood
Sky Hubert	

In Memoriam

We honor and remember SLBC Disciples who have transitioned from labor to reward since our last edition

Gina McGowan



August 8, 1959 - April 1, 2013

**“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit,
“they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”**

Revelation 14:13

From the Mail...

“Thank you for welcoming me to your church, again thank you.” - B. Callands

“I was dead, not anymore. The service was wonderful.” - V. Holden

“I enjoyed the time I was here and will come again in the future.” - R. McCord

“Thank you for making me feel welcome.” - M. Stevenson

“I am sincerely gratified to be in a church of spiritual authenticity and warmth.” - C. Washington



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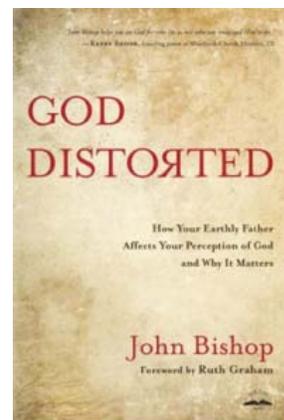


**Also, please be sure to call (973) 345-4309 ext 19 to find out about any of our special events.*

2013 Summer Book Reading

Discussion dates will be announced.

Book is available for purchase in the SLBC Bookstore.



Mother's Day Brunch at Millicent Fenwick House

On May 11, 2013, the Prison Ministry hosted a Mother's Day Brunch with the ladies of the Millicent Fenwick House. There were 50 women in attendance who were very excited and appreciative that the St. Luke family chose them to honor on Mother's Day.

Fenwick House is a residential community release program for female inmates with substance abuse and mental health issues. The maximum capacity at this facility is 50 clients.

As the volunteers worked fast to decorate the Fenwick house with pink and white balloons with matching table cloths, and center pieces, the ladies flowed in a bit apprehensive not knowing what to expect. Once they all were seated, and the last balloon placed, they received a warm St. Luke welcome from Mistress of Ceremony, Roberta Lowery, who quickly placed them at ease. As Roberta proceeded to graciously share the program agenda and introduce each speaker servers - Sandra Purnell, Susan Martinez, Adriane Edwards, Bernice Allen and Teddie Martinez went into motion serving the ladies brunch. The room was quiet as everyone feasted on Mr. Darrell Bell's Lemon Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, String Beans and Rice. After all the praises of how great the food was and requests to meet the cook, Minister Sonya McMillan delivered some powerful insight about womanhood and shared an impactful prayer. Once Minister Sonya finished blessing everyone, Barbara Martinez got the women even more engaged bringing some of them to tears with the reading of a Mother's Day Litany. Afterwards, Sharon Smith shared an uplifting short story and a beautiful musical selection.

The most memorable moment of the evening for everyone seemed to be watching the ladies grow touched by the wonderful performance of Renee Darden, assisted by Aretha Wright, as she graciously praise danced. After Renee's standing ovation Adriane Edwards graced the group with an emotional, but beautiful prayer for mothers. Teddie Martinez followed by giving the ladies inspiring words from a male perspective, and sharing in laughter as he attempted to be a comedian. To top the event off, Barbara Martinez presented each of the ladies with a gift bag that contained various pampering items as a Mother's Day gift from Pastor Clayton and the St. Luke family. The entire event was heartwarming, one we hope the ladies will remember for a long time.

The Prison Ministry would like to extend a very special thanks to Pastor Clayton for embracing and being supportive of the ministry's many visions; Mrs. Vivian Clayton for all her help in coordinating the event; Mr. Darrell Bell for the delicious food; Mrs. Bernice Fletcher for keeping it all together.

If you would like to volunteer with the Prison Ministry, please contact Barbara Martinez at 973-345-4309 extension 18 or by email at projectreconnect@stlukebaptist.org.



Left to right (back row) - Bernice Allen, Barbara Martinez, Sharon Smith, Sandra Purnell, Roberta Lowery, Sonya McMillan, Aretha Wright. Left to Right (front row) - Adriane Edwards, Renee Darden, Susan Martinez. (Front) - Teddie Martinez

Our Ministry Schedule

Sunday

7:00am Early Morning Prayer
7:30am Early Morning Worship Service
9:45am Sunday Bible Study
Men's Bible Study Classes
New Discipleship Classes (Adult)
New Discipleship Classes (Children 1st and 2nd Sunday)
4:00pm Baptism and Communion (2nd Sunday)

Monday

6:00pm New Discipleship Class (Adult)

Wednesday

6:00am Early Morning Prayer
11:30am Midday Prayer
12:00 Noon Noonday Bible Study
6:45pm Evening Prayer
7:30pm Evening Bible Study

Friday

6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study
7:00pm "J.A.M. City" – Children's Ministry (for children ages 5-12)
7:00pm The "C.L.A.S.S." – Teen Ministry (for teens ages 13-19)

Saturday

9:00am – Women's Bible Study (twice per month)

****(For a complete listing of weekly events please read the weekly bulletin)****

How Do I????

As our church by God's grace continue to grow, many times new disciples (as well as longtime disciples) have problems knowing how to contact the church and the church leaders when the need arises. Please govern yourself by the following:

DEATH: Family members of SLBC disciples should contact the Church Office with the news of death as soon as possible. A service of worship and repast will be planned according to the church guidelines for disciples of our congregation. For the relatives of SLBC disciples, an appropriate expression/acknowledgement will be sent as an expression of sympathy. When notifying the church of a relative's death, please have all of the vital information.

WEDDINGS: Couples interested in getting married at SLBC must be SLBC disciples (either prospective bride or groom). The first step is to contact the Church Office to see if the date is available. Couples will then receive a wedding package in the mail which details all of the requirements, fees, etc. couples being married at SLBC must attend premarital classes. Weddings for persons who are not SLBC disciples are occasionally permitted according to the church's calendar.

HOSPITALIZATION: When a disciple of SLBC is hospitalized our church desires to express our care and concern. If you are unable to call yourself, please have a family member or a hospital staff person contact the Church Office.

APPOINTMENTS: Our Pastor and Staff are available to meet with SLBC disciples BY APPOINTMENT. The office is open daily, but please do not just "show up" and expect to be seen. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Also remember that Sunday IS NOT the day to schedule an appointment, to discuss or engage in business unrelated to worship.

INFANT DEDICATIONS: Infant dedications are performed as an opportunity for parents to express thanks to God for allowing them to be parents and to consecrate the life of the child and family to Christ and the church. A parent who desires to have a child dedicated MUST be a disciple of SLBC. To inquire about a specific date, please call the Church Office.

Church Office Telephone (973) 345-4309
Fax (973) 345-9495
Prayer Line (973) 225-0268

What Will Be Your Legacy?

Maya Angelou wrote “If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change your attitude.” This quote embodies the attitude of the women who participated in the Women’s Suffrage March of 1913. Fortitude, reform, courageous, and dynamic are all words that can be used to relate to the women of 1913. The Women’s Suffrage March of 1913 was organized by Alice Paul for the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The march was a call for ACTION, a call that changed the face of America during the early twentieth century. The Women’s Suffrage March of 1913 gained national recognition for the 8,000 marchers who were tripped, jostled, ridiculed, and some even hospitalized for their participation. As a result seven long years later in 1920, The Nineteenth Amendments secured the vote for women. Women of the 1920’s did not like what was going on as far as the rights of women were concerned so they decided to take a STAND to change it.

In the midst of all of the commotion; mostly because it was the day before Woodrow Wilson’s inauguration as president of the United States stood twenty-two women African-American women. These women were the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Although, they marched in the back of the line because of their race their participation in the march spoke volumes because they were the only African-American organization in the march.

On the campus of Howard University in Washington DC, twenty-two brave dynamic young women had a vision of improving their community. On January 1, 1913 they established Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as a means of expression for those ideals. Their participation in the march was their first public service activity and 100 years later their legacy lives on.

On March 3, 2013 women from across the nation and around the world gathered in Washington, DC to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the role the 22 founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. played in the 1913 Women’s Suffrage March. The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority gathered to retrace their footsteps and pay homage to the Founders who joined thousands of fearless female leaders and participants to stand in protest of inequality while advocating for women’s right to vote.

As a woman and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, I had the opportunity to participate in this march and was overwhelmed by the aura of all of the women who gathered to retrace the footsteps and continue the legacy of these phenomenal women. My experience was not only rewarding but made me take some time to reflect on the bus ride home. As I sat and thought about all that I have, all the things I have done, and the many things that I do not appreciate, I realized more and more I am blessed and grateful that someone paved the way for me. My life has been easier due to the blood, sweat, and tears of those before me. As a participant in the reenactment March thousands of women walked down Pennsylvania Avenue without any problems in unison, smiling, laughing, telling stories and singing. However, how many of us could have endured the Women’s Suffrage March of 1913 when women were spat on, kicked, beaten by police officers, and yelled at by their men onlookers? As I pondered on that thought, I said to myself I could and I would and it led me to ask myself, Tiffany, what will be your legacy?

Although, Maya Angelou is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 😊 her words “phenomenal woman” permeate in my thoughts. In her poem she states:

Now you understand
Just why my head’s not bowed.
I don’t shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing
It ought to make you proud.

The women of 1913 did not cause a riot; despite the abuse verbally, mentally, and emotionally they just took a

STAND and let their actions speak for them; making them phenomenal women. Their actions which left a rich legacy for those to follow to be proud of their displayed collective strength, demand for change, and standing together as a UNITED front is why I am here. They had a mission and purpose to create reform, which lead me to ask myself again, Tiffany what will be your legacy? Will I create a legacy rich in spirit and truth? Will I stand on the legacy of those before you? Will I pay it forward? With all of those questions scrambled in my thought process, I realized March 3 was my “call to action.” This call is a call to be a better person, a call to work TO create and build my legacy, a legacy that I can past down to those after me. In the words of Dorothy Irene Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women and the tenth National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. “We have to realize we are building a movement.” It is with those words I realized that my legacy is being built; it does not TO have be an elaborate production or a foundation. My legacy will be that which I give to others. If I do not like something then I will work to change it and build on the legacy of those before me and if it cannot be changed then maybe reflect and change my attitude and viewpoint. The women of 1913 laid the foundation for those after them to continue to build on. However, I have to ask you reading this article, are you building on the foundation of our ancestors or are you tearing it down? I urge you all to be legacy makers for the legacy must move forward.

On the heels of my ancestors,

Tiffany K. Allen, a legacy in the making.

SLBC: 86 and Still Going and Growing!

On Sunday, April 7, 2013 the St. Luke Baptist Church proudly celebrated our 86th birthday in our morning worship services. Since 1927 St. Luke has been blessed to engage in ministry here in the City of Paterson. Organized as the St. Luke Mission by eight men and women, the church was eventually officially recognized and set apart as St. Luke Baptist Church of Paterson, NJ.

86 years, six pastors, and three locations later, St. Luke (or Da Luke) is a vibrant congregation of Christian disciples who are serious about providing meaningful ministry. Our congregation is multi-generational, culturally diverse, crosses the lines of race, class, and socio-economics and is an anchor of the 4th Ward. We are indeed blessed to be stewards over the ministry that is ours and to be the inheritors of such a rich legacy!

Our Guest Celebrant for this high day in worship was the Rev. Dr. Michael Patrick Williams, Sr. Pastor of The Genesis Church of Houston, TX. Dr. Williams electrified our congregation with his powerful preaching at 7:30am (No Cross Christianity) and 10:50am (The Gospel to the Saved). Deacon Marc Medley, a life-long part of the SLBC family offered a poignant reflection on the church and his life at the 10:50am service and we were blessed with music from The Men’s Choir and Voices of St. Luke at 7:30am and 10:50am respectively. The SLBC Dance Ministry also provided powerful dance presentations at both services.

As is our tradition following the morning worship services we dined together in Founders Hall (named in honor of our 8 organizing members) and shared in a sumptuous meal and warm and loving fellowship.

Pastor Clayton reminds us often that the anniversary moment is a time of proud reflection. It affords us the opportunity to look back and the sacrifices and struggles of the past that have brought us to this moment in time. It is also a time to reaffirm our commitment to be as dedicated to the Lord and to this His church in our time as our forbearers were in their time. This is a serious time in history. One that demands that church be focused about the ministry that we are engaged in. Someone has said, “the world at its worst, needs the church at its best.” May St. Luke Church be ever committed to being the church at its best, one that honors God by following biblical principles that will lead to the transformation of individuals and community. May our journey of faith keep going and growing!!!

St. Luke Hosts Inaugural Installation Service of United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.

On Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 7:00pm the St. Luke Baptist Church proudly hosted the first Installation Service of the United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. In this service our own Pastor, the Rev. Kenneth D. R. Clayton was installed as the first President of this new Baptist convention in our state.

The service featured a cast of leaders from the faith community, political community, and other secular and religious entities who came to celebrate with the elected officers and the constituent churches and pastors of this entity.

The Guest Preacher for this service was the Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Senior Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, NY and a former General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Dr. Richardson has been a long time mentor to our pastor. Dr. Richardson electrified those gathered in worship as he sermonically challenged the convention officers to feel the pain of the people of our day and time. The Voices of St. Luke provided sacred music and the SLBC Dance Ministry was soul stirring in their dance offering for this celebrative occasion.

The United Missionary Baptist Convention came into being after a group of churches decided to withdraw from the General Baptist Convention of New Jersey, Inc. 52 churches led by the Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Jr., the Rev. John Shore, and the Rev. Willie S. Wilburn came together in January to officially organize themselves and elect their officers. At this time Pastor Clayton was elected President.

The convention has made some great strides in a short period of time. They are already recognized as a state convention in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. In addition they hosted The Institute on Church Development and a Spring Session also in April and both of these were successful and greatly attended.

The convention is now planning its fall session and is in the process of further developing the organizational structure to ensure that it remains an agent of help to its constituent churches.

Pastor Clayton expressed his honor in being elected President and is excited about the work the convention has done in its infancy. To stay connected with the convention go onto the convention website www.umbcnj.org, become a facebook "friend" at United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. or follow on twitter @UMBCofNJInc.



Scenes from the Jewels Mentoring Ministry

The Jewels mentoring ministry continued to meet each month and participated in programs and outings designed to help them grow closer to Jesus. Specifically, they participated in educational sessions led by the mentors, that taught them about prayer, banking and finance, fashion and human sexuality. These young ladies also enjoyed going roller skating; attended the National Action Network weekly meeting in Harlem with the Brothers Boot Camp; participated in the African-American Heritage Parade; and served at the Father's Day Father-Son Breakfast.



The Jewels in Harlem after the National Action Network meeting.

In addition, the Jewels have been grouped by their ages using a gemstone to distinguish them:

- Rubies: ages 7-11
- Emeralds: ages 12-13
- Sapphires: ages 14-16
- Diamonds: ages 17-18

Doing so will help them learn at levels most appropriate for their age group. To mark this distinction, each Jewel was given a picture frame, and photo of herself, with a commemorative gem to match her Jewels grouping.

To help foster individual growth, each Jewel has been assigned a mentor who will communicate with them at least twice a month beyond the Jewels' scheduled activities.

The Jewels' key scripture continues to be:

- Psalm 139:14
- I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
- your works are wonderful,
- I know that full well.

To learn more about the Jewels, please call the church office at 973-345-4309; contact Tiffany L. Smith at tiffyl-smith@yahoo.com; or see one of the Jewels mentors.



Wearing their new T-shirts, the Jewels prepare to march in the African-American Heritage Parade.

Youth Retreat/Revival

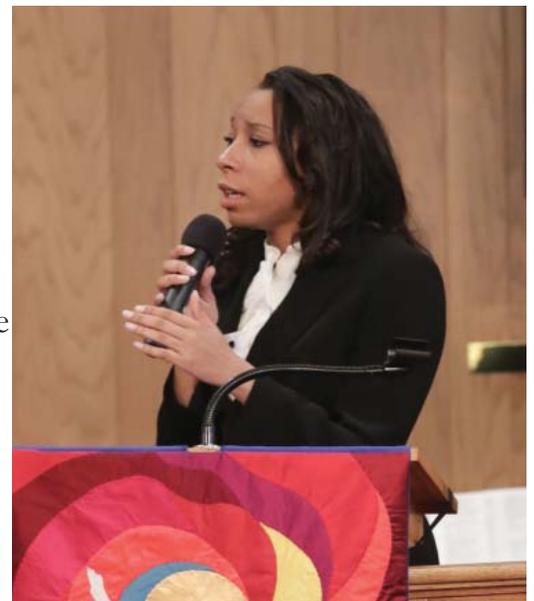
The Saint Luke season of Retreat and Revival was truly a life changing one! This year's theme was G2G: Getting to God. This year's theme is designed to help our teens get past the distraction of life, and get to God. Our world is filled with distractions and it offers us a false way of living that is apart from God. This year's curriculum is designed to challenge our teens to leave the lures of this world and steep their lives in God-reality. Our focus scriptures: 1st John 2:15-17, Matthew 6:33 challenge believers to live a life that is full with God and to no longer worry over material things. Our teens have truly embraced this charge and made some significant changes throughout the year.

Our season of youth began with a powerful set of pre-retreat classes. These classes were taught by Rev. Saah Hali of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack, NJ, where he serves as youth pastor. He shared with our boys and further elaborated on our theme. These classes helped the boys create a sense of unity and connectedness. Rev. Danielle Brown of the Cathedral International in Perth Amboy, NJ shared with our girls. Rev. Brown also expounded on our theme and helped our girls to see their true kingdom worth. The classes gave the teens the spiritual space to explore their own souls and examine their hearts.

The retreat took place at the Refreshing Mountain Camp. The time was filled with new experiences and the powerful sharing of stories. This year each teen was asked to bring a Life Map. This life map is a visual history of their lives. They had time to share with each other, the major events of their lives. The teens shared these stories at different times throughout the weekend. This was a powerful time that brought us closer to together. Many teens shared some of the most painful and joyful things they had experienced. Each member was challenged to embrace each other. The leaders also shared their stories as well. Stories are powerful. We all love stories, especially ones that give us an "inside look" into someone else's life.

Upon return we met God in revival. The Youth and Young Adult Revival was truly a chain breaking experience. Our revivalist was Rev. TaNikka Sheppard of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Her preaching was life altering. She spoke powerfully and clearly to our youth. Many of them responded each night of the Revival and had a true encounter with God. The revival gave our teens the chance to encounter God each night in a new way. This encounter was truly uplifting and challenging for them.

The Retreat/Revival experience this year was amazing. Each element helped our teens to see God in new ways. They forged new relationships, and repaired broken one. They examined their lives, and had the chance to make changes. This season was a God experience like none other! Here are some reflections from our teens:



Min. TaNikka M. Sheppard

“Out of all the retreats I have been on, this one was completely different. The entire group bonded and it was truly refreshing and amazing. The revival was eye opening and amazing, it was like Rev. Sheppard was speaking directly to me.” –Dasheria Bell

“The experience was great and it dealt with the issues that I really needed to hear. I felt like Rev. Sheppard was talking to me and me only. I certainly felt a change at heart it was great.” –Da’Wan Wade

“I think that it was refreshing, and I got to know my peers better and felt like I’ve been changed.” –Dahmir Blackwell

“The retreat was amazing. It was something to do for everyone; there were spiritual and fun moments. There were many opportunities to overcome fear, in activities such as zip lining. Revival was empowering. Rev. Sheppard’s sermons were deep, touching, heartfelt, and relatable.” –Maia Pipkin



Alex Thomas praying



Some of the teen girls involved in a team building exercise

SLBC 2013 Challenge

ABC's

Abiding In Christ, Building Godly Relationships, Changing Our Community

The 2013 challenge for the St. Luke Family is to embrace the ABC's and to continue to allow the Word of God to create in St. Luke a genuine Christian Community that seeks to reflect the Biblical design of what the Church should look like (Acts 2:42-47).

As we endeavor to be "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known" we will be challenged in this year to

- A – Abide in Christ!** Jesus said in John 15 (verse 1-12) that abiding in Him would ensure: that He would abide in us, we would become fruitful (productive) in the Kingdom work, and that we would have access to God in prayer. We will be challenged individually and as a congregation to abide in Christ through prayer and study!

- B – Build Healthy, Godly Relationships!** Because we are the Body of Christ, all believers must remember that we are interdependent NOT independent, and we must learn to work lovingly and cooperatively together. We must learn to overcome differences so that we can be united, soliciting the power of God to enable our church to do greater things for the Lord.

- C – Change Our Community!** The church has been placed in the world to be an agent of change and in partnership we will be intentional as we are being charged about bringing significant and substantive change in the 4th Ward, the City of Paterson and beyond!

SLBC: DETERMINED to “Make Christ Known”

For sixteen years, we have been challenged as a congregation to be “A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known.” These words have been placed before us to ensure that all that we do as congregation revolves around these two essential and purposeful principles. In addition we are anchored and supported by the five functions/purposes that are ours: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach, and Service. The ministry of SLBC is continually being shaped and molded according to this paradigm.

We have been intentional about being a congregation that reaches out beyond the walls of our building. Our ministry has with great commitment and focus sought opportunities to share Christ and the witness of our local congregation in the local community and beyond in relevant, Christ-like ways. As we continue to do such, this year we have added two very important areas of outreach; the Missionaries monthly worship with the residents of Barnert Subacute Center and the establishment of the SLBC Prison Ministry.

Beginning in May, the SLBC Missionaries began their monthly outreach at the Barnert Subacute Facility. This facility is located on MLK Way (Broadway) in a portion of what was formerly Barnert Hospital. It provides rehabilitative therapy for patients who have various medical issues.

The monthly fellowship includes a time of singing, poetry, and a message from our Pastor or one of our other ministers. The response from the patients, staff, and family members who have attended has been wonderful. Each month the visits have been attended by more persons and the facility staff has expressed sincere thanks to us for beginning this relationship with them. Often persons who are in such facilities are unable to experience the connection with persons from the faith community because of their physical limitations. They are blessed by the love and concern expressed by virtue of us coming to them. More than that, the Missionaries are blessed to be able to extend the love and care of God and of our church to these individuals.

In addition to this effort being led by the Missionaries, the newly formed SLBC Prison Ministry has also begun functioning, enabling us to serve and assist persons who are coming out of incarceration and making the painful but necessary steps of re-entering society. A group of dedicated SLBC disciples have come together to share in this vital ministry. Already a great number of persons have been assisted through the ministry and plans are underway to expand the scope of the ministry. We are excited about the ways that God is using us to bless and build the lives of others.

These new efforts are joined by the re-opening of Christhouse, our Food and Clothing Center which was closed for a year to renovate the facility. The renovation of the facility has been completed and the center is now open again providing vital assistance to those in need. The connection of all of these entities is vital to St. Luke continuing to Make Christ Known and having impact in the lives of people and in the life of this community.

Our willingness to do such is our commitment to hear and heed the command of Jesus Christ as found in Matthew 25:35-40.



Our 2013 Holy Week Journey!

In the year 2003 Pastor Clayton inaugurated our Noonday Holy Week Worship Services. In an effort to give more attention to this sacred season for Christians and to develop within our congregation a stronger sense of connection and commitment to the suffering of Jesus, these services were initiated. Since then they have become a premier part of our worship calendar bringing to our pulpit and community many noted preachers. The St. Luke Church family and the greater Paterson community have been tremendously blessed by these worship services.

Our journey began on Palm Sunday. We were blessed in worship by the preaching of our own Pastor who preached on this Sunday, "You Don't Know What You Are Saying."

Our preachers for the noonday services were the Rev. John Teabout, Pastor of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church of Newark, NJ (Monday), the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth, Pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio (Tuesday) and the Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Pastor of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church of Brooklyn, NY (Wednesday). The services also featured Guest Soloists and components of our own Dance Ministry each day. Each day the power of God filled the sanctuary as we gathered in praise and celebration of our Savior. Each of these preachers preached dynamic and challenging messages.

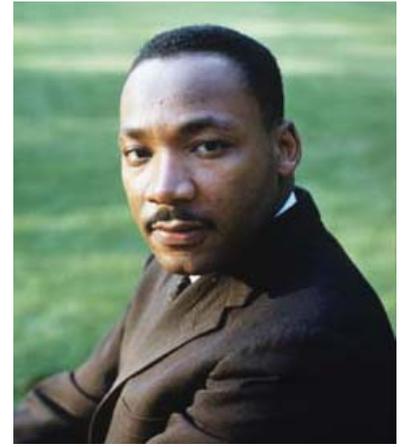
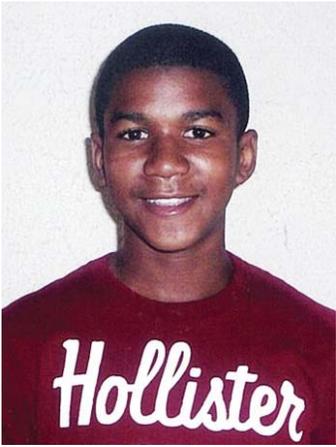
On Thursday we observed Maundy Thursday. Our worship began with baptism in Founders Hall. The usual excitement that accompanies our baptismal moment was heightened as we celebrated with new disciples and looked forward to worship. Our Guest Preacher for this evening was the Rev. Tracey Brown, Pastor of Ruth Fellowship Ministries of Plainfield, NJ. Pastor Brown was accompanied by her choir and members of the Ruth Fellowship Church. This was a glorious time of worship.

On Friday we gathered in our Good Friday Worship Service, "Seven Words One Friday." This service featured our own SLBC Music Ministry, our Dance Ministry and the dynamic preaching of the Reverends Shawn T. Wallace, Kesha Agard, Vernon C. Walton, J. Michael Sanders, Dana P. Owens, Keith Russell, and T. H. Rankin, Jr. This distinguished cadre of preachers blessed all those in worship as they preached from the seven last sayings of Christ from the cross.

Our worship in the season of resurrection was concluded on Resurrection Sunday with Pastor Clayton preaching from the sermon subject, "Reflections From the Resurrection."

Again the St. Luke family was blessed by the powerful preaching and worship that we experienced during this sacred season that was designed to draw us closer to Christ and to one another, that we might live as resurrected people.





“We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path thro’ the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.”



Our Season of Women...

The 2013 "Season of Women" was a time for the "Ladies of the Luke" to celebrate who we are as Sisters in Christ and also to reaffirm our commitment to be women of God. Each year this is an exciting time not only for the women, but for the entire St. Luke Church Family. This year was no different.

The Women of SLBC started the year in our Sister to Sister Fellowship, a time of sharing, fun, laughter, and building of authentic sisterhood. Women who were new disciples and longtime disciples came together in an afternoon designed to acquaint us with one another and with our church and its mission. It is essential as we grow that we seek to develop healthy relationships with one another. It is from the relationships that the bond of sisterhood is made stronger and we can unite to do real ministry. The Sister to Sister Fellowship was the kickoff for all that we aim to achieve and accomplish this year and beyond.

One of the things that was reinstated was the Secret Sister initiative (it's a secret so we can't tell). The opportunity to serve in other Women's Ministry events was also made available to all of the women who attended. Many expressed interest, signed up and are already participating.

The second Sister to Sister Fellowship featured local comedian Monique Scott and afforded us the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful meal and enjoy the wonderful fellowship of our sisterhood. We are looking forward to being able to feature an SLBC comedienne in the very near future.

The rich opportunities of fellowship were preparing the women for opportunities to study and to worship together. In March we celebrated Women's History Month with special Sunday Bible Study classes featuring the Rev. Thurselle Watts. Our monthly Women's Bible Study continues to grow as well, with a rotating teaching staff that brings insight and depth into each lesson. The Women's Outreach Team that conducts Bible Study for women at a facility in Secaucus has expanded. Each month the women of this facility eagerly await the teams that come and share with them God's Word and God's love.

On Friday, May 23rd the women gathered in the 2013 Prayer Shut In led by Pastor Marilyn M. Harris of the First Baptist Church in Teaneck, NJ. This special time of prayer and consecration helped prepare the hearts and minds of all the women who attended for what God had in store for us. Women were strengthened as Pastor Harris led us throughout the night in prayer and praise; petition, thanksgiving and surrender to God.

On May 28-30th we gathered in our 2013 Women's Revival featuring the dynamic preaching of the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale. Each night the women gathered and were blessed by the powerful preaching of Dr. Hale and dynamic and inspiring worship in song and dance featuring a cadre of local singers, musicians, and dancers.

The women of St. Luke concluded this year's Season of Women with our Women's Day Worship Service on Sunday, June 1st. We were blessed this year to have as our Guest Preacher the Rev. Lisa D. Jenkins, Pastor of the St. Matthews Baptist Church of Harlem, NY. We were mightily blessed by this dynamic preaching. On Father's Day the women of SLBC assisted by the Jewels hosted the Father-Son Breakfast in Founders Hall. It was our joy to celebrate with SLBC dads on their day which was also tagged "Bow Tie Sunday."

Women's Day was the culmination of our Season of Women activities but the ongoing work of deepening and developing our sisterhood goes on. Ladies of the Luke, please pay close and careful attention to announcements regarding upcoming events. The Women's Council is working on a Fall Women's Conference and other worship and service opportunities. We are looking forward to our continued growth together as Sisters in Christ!

Meet Your SLBC Family



Nyla McCain

- 1. How did you hear about St. Luke?**
From my grandmother.
- 2. What made you visit?**
My parents were looking for a church to join.
- 3. What do you like most about St. Luke?**
I like the choir. I love the Pastor.
- 4. How long have you been a member?**
I've been a member for 2 years.
- 5. What were your perceptions of St. Luke before you joined?**
I thought it was a good church.
- 6. How have your perceptions changed?**
It hasn't changed.
- 7. What are some of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke?**
You can join many different ministries and programs.
- 8. What would you like fellow SLBC disciples to know about you?**
I would like them to know that I am a sweet, loving, and caring person.
- 9. What ministries do you participate in or would like to join?**
I participate in the Jewels program. I would like to join the choir and the Dance Ministry.



Amir McCain

- 1. How did you hear about St. Luke?**
I heard about this church from my grandmother.
- 2. What made you visit?**
My parents were looking for a church home.
- 3. What do you like most about St. Luke?**
The thing I like most about the church is that there are a lot of youth and teen programs.
- 4. How long have you been a member?**
I've been a member for 2 years.
- 5. What were your perceptions of St. Luke before you joined?**
My perception of St. Luke before I joined was that it was a good church.
- 6. How have your perceptions changed?**
My perception has not changed. The church is growing to be greater.
- 7. What are some of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke?**
One of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke is that you can join many different ministries.
- 8. What would you like fellow SLBC disciples to know about you?**
I would like fellow SLBC disciples to know that I'm very outgoing.
- 9. What ministries do you participate in or would like to join?**
The ministries I participate in are Youth/Young Adult Ushers, Youth Ministry and the Boot Camp.



Ra'Sheema McCain

- 1. How did you hear about St. Luke?**
I heard about St. Luke from my grandmother.
- 2. What made you visit?**
My parents were looking for a church to join.
- 3. What do you like most about St. Luke?**
I like that there a lot of ministries to join.
- 4. How long have you been a member?**
Two years
- 5. What were your perceptions of St. Luke before you joined?**
I thought it was a good church.
- 6. How have your perceptions changed?**
It hasn't changed. I'm just glad to be a member of St. Luke.
- 7. What are some of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke?**
That I can participate in a lot of ministries in the church.
- 8. What would you like fellow SLBC disciples to know about you?**
That I'm a sweet and caring person.
- 9. What ministries do you participate in or would like to join?**
I participate in the Jewels program and Youth Ministry. I would like to join the dance ministry and Youth/Young Adult Ushers.

The Ministries of St. Luke Baptist Church

Biblical References: 1st Corinthians 12

Romans 12

At St. Luke we believe that ministry is using whatever gifts, talents, skills, and abilities God has given us to serve Him and the needs of others. The ministries of St. Luke seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ within our context. Our ministries exist to holistically serve the varying needs of each generation including children, youth, young adults, mature adults, and senior adults.

MINISTRY OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- *The Pastoral Staff
- *Deacons Ministry
- *Deaconess

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND ARTS

- *Music Ministry Staff
- Youth and Teen Choir
- Men's Choir
- The Voices of St. Luke
- Young Adult Choir
- The Drama Ministry
- Praise Dancers (Youth and Adults)
- Mime Ministry
- The Acolytes

MINISTRY OF HELPS AND SERVICES

- Missionaries
- Patricia Tyler Guild
- Floral Ministry
- Nurses Unit
- Church Newsletter – The Chronicle
- Sight and Sound Ministry
- The Follow-Up Ministry
- The Health and Wholeness Ministry
- The Security Ministry
- The Children's Nursery
- Social/Political Action Committee
- Transportation Ministry
- Deaf Ministry
- SLEAT (St. Luke Educational Assistance Team)
- Legal Assistance Ministry
- SOZO HIV/AIDS Ministry
- The SLBC Bookstore
- The College Connection
- The Technology Ministry
- The Oratorical Club
- SLLAM (St. Luke Literary Arts Ministry)

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Wednesday Bible Study (12:00 Noon and 7:30pm)
- Young Adult Bible Study
- Christian Education Institutes (Spring and Fall)
- New Discipleship Class
- Marriage Enrichment Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Help For Hagar (Single Mothers Ministry)
- Parenting Initiative
- Children's Ministry – Operation LYNX
- Youth Ministry – “The Secret Place”
- Council of Ministries

MINISTRY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- *Trustees
- *The Church Office Staff
- *Discipleship Services

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

- Adult Ushers
- Male Ushers
- Youth/Young Adult Ushers
- New Disciples Fellowship
- Birthday Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Senior VIP's

MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM, OUTREACH, AND MISSIONS

- Helping Hand Ministry
- Education/Scholarship Committee
- Public School #6 Partnership – Reading Assistance Program
- *The Benevolence Ministry
- St. Luke Community Development Center
- SLBC – ASAP (After School Assistance Program)
- “CHRISTHOUSE” Food and Clothing Ministry
- “Reaching for Freedom” Substance Support Group
- Adult Literacy Program
- Kamp Kreative Kidz (Summer Camp)
- SLBC Freedom School
- Incarceration Ministry

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