FAITH IN ACTION

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. —Matthew 20:26b-28

As followers of Jesus, we want to serve. But sometimes it’s hard to know where to begin. At other times, we’re looking for something that will challenge us to step outside of our comfort zones. Always, we are looking for ways to put our faith into action so that we can be part of transforming the city of Houston to look more like the kingdom of God.

In this book, you’ll find all kinds of opportunities to serve our community! There are ways to serve through our Westheimer and Gethsemane campuses, alongside our Community Partners and Houston Project Grant recipients, and with other organizations we love and trust. Let’s do this!

Amy Sumrall
Pastor of Outreach

HERE’S HOW TO GET STARTED

Pray. Thank God for the abundance of love you have received. Ask God to show you how to connect your gifts with one of our community’s deepest needs. Allow God to remind you that the Holy Spirit is at work within you, empowering you with all that you need to serve. Close by committing/recommitting to put your faith into action!

Choose one. Pick an opportunity to serve that resonates with you and give it a try! If you enjoy it, consider serving in that way more regularly. If not, try another opportunity until you find one that you can engage in with a deep sense of joy.

Serve together. Invite a friend, family member, or small group to join you, or take this opportunity to get to know more people as you serve alongside them!
THE RESTORATION TEAM

The Restoration Team (TRT) is a network of churches dedicated to assisting families whose homes were damaged from flooding during Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019.

ST. LUKE’S ★ COMMUNITY PARTNERS

St. Luke’s is proud to be a founding member of our Community Partners. These are organizations established through St. Luke’s. Please consider supporting these organizations with your gifts, prayers and service.

CONNECT COMMUNITY

Connect Community is working to raise the quality of life for all residents in the Gethsemane area of Gulfton/Sharpstown. Founding members are KIPP Charter Schools, YMCA, Legacy Community Health and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church.

CCSC

The mission of Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled, and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences.
**AMAZING PLACE**

Amazing Place works to empower lives disrupted by dementia. The Day Program enriches the lives of participants on a daily basis, while the Connections Program provides essential knowledge, tools and support for families, caregivers, health professionals, congregations and the community at large.

**reVISION**

reVision works to break the cycle of isolation among the most profoundly disconnected youth, most of whom are caught up in the juvenile justice system. By connecting one kid at a time to caring adults, positive peers and a program that works, we offer disconnected youth the opportunity to revision hopeful pathways.

**SMALL STEPS NURTURING CENTER GULFTON**

To provide an exemplary early childhood program to instill and foster the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of economically at risk children and their families.

**PX PROJECT**

PX Project is a workforce development program in a culinary setting. Their mission is to use community and opportunity as pathways to success. With the kitchen as the vehicle, PX focuses on a wide range of employability skills as well as social/emotional health.
Since 1977 St. Luke’s has provided grants to organizations whose work enriches the quality of life in the greater Houston area. Please consider supporting these organizations with your gifts, prayers and service.

Dan’s House of Hope
Dan’s House of Hope provides housing, community and supportive programming for young adult cancer fighters in the Medical Center.

Prelude Music Foundation
Prelude Music Foundation brings music and movement to underserved early childhood classrooms throughout Houston, transforming lives and enhancing education.

FAM Houston
FAM Houston is working for justice by building empowered community among refugees, immigrants and local Houstonians.

Child Advocates
Child Advocates works to break the vicious cycle of child abuse by establishing networks of caring adults for abused and neglected children.
Children’s Transplant Initiative
Children Transplant Initiative provides support and community for children and their families throughout their transplant journey.

YMCA of Greater Houston
YMCA of Greater Houston provides after school enrichment care to underserved neighborhoods.

Arms Wide Adoption Services
Arms Wide Adoption Services is dedicated to building and sustaining strong, nurturing families for children in foster care through adoption.
WAYS TO SERVE FROM A TO Z

ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY
The Big Serve—March 25
www.stlukesmethodist.org/bigserve-signup

volunteer
On this special day, our church family is joining together to go out and serve in a number of different organizations throughout the city. Sign up to be a part of this day of service.

Contact | Charity Autry
cautry@stlukesmethodist.org

AMAZING PLACE ★
www.amazingplacehouston.org

office volunteer
Cover the front desk and lobby, answer calls, and greet visitors.

volunteer
Fill lunch orders and deliver to cars at the facility (Thursdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Contact | Susie Howard
showard@amazingplacehouston.org

ARMS WIDE ADOPTION SERVICES ★
www.armswideadoption.org

collect
Initiate supply drives for foster families to equip them with basic items.

volunteer
Help with family appreciation events throughout the year.

Contact | Emily Person
eperson@armswide.org

CHILD ADVOCATES ★
www.childadvocates.org

volunteer
Serve as a court appointed advocate and impact the lives of Houston children.
join a committee
Help plan and execute monthly Child Advocates events
Contact | Hayley Jaska
Hayley.jaska@childadvocates.org

CHILDREN’S TRANSPLANT INITIATIVE ★
www.cti-tx.org
collect and donate
Initiate a cleaning/paper goods supply drive for families moving into CTI apartments.
Contact | Ross Witty
ross@cti-tx.org

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
(CCSC) ★
www.ccschouston.org
join a committee
Help plan and execute the Back To School and Jingle Bell Express programs that deliver resources to low income families.
donate
Donate to the Back to School drive which helps provide school uniforms and supplies for children in need.
community garden
Tend and care for the CCSC vegetable garden, which provides fresh produce to food pantry clients.
greeter
Welcome clients and help gather information as they arrive at one of the CCSC locations.
clothing drive
Collect new and gently worn clothing, shoes and accessories to benefit CCSC clients.
Contact | Keli Luce
volunteer@ccschouston.org

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES
purchase and assemble
Put together care packages of goodies for our Gethsemane students who are attending college.
Contact | Amy Kelley
akelley@stlukesmethodist.org

DAN’S HOUSE OF HOPE ★
www.danshouseofhope.org
serve and assist
Help with administrative items, organizing, assembling gift bags, small repairs, providing meals and much more.
Contact | Roger Kenneavy
roger@danshouseofhope.org

FAM HOUSTON ★
www.famhoustontx.org
become a companion
Build relationships with refugees through FAM’s Pamoja program, a companioning model that bridges the gap between newcomers and locals.
sponsor or host
Help with quarterly activities for Pamoja families, such as movie nights, Jumping World, etc.
sponsor a meal
Underwrite a meal for companion training and check-in meetings.
Contact | Pastor Ginny Griggs
ginny@famhoustontx.org

ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY PARTNERS ★
2022 HOUSTON PROJECT RECIPIENTS ★
FOOD DRIVE
Second Saturday of every month
donate
Collect non-perishable food items for CCSC and pull up to the main entrance porte-cochere on the south side of the St. Luke’s campus. Volunteers will unload the items.
volunteer
Unload non-perishable food items from cars as they arrive at the main entrance porte-cochere on the south side of the St. Luke’s campus.
Contact | Karen McCarver
kmccarver@stlukesmethodist.org

FRIENDS AT HOME
greeting cards
Help brighten the day of a St. Luke’s Friend at Home by sending a note of encouragement in the mail.
Contact | Elizabeth Boudreaux
eboudreaux@stlukesmethodist.org

GETHSEMANE SUMMER CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
volunteer
Help our children in the Gulfton and Sharpstown communities have a safe and fun summer!
Contact | Juana Tavico
jtavico@stlukesmethodist.org

GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER
www.commitforlife.org
donate
March 25, May 20, July 15
Give the gift of life through the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center bus. Registration is preferred but not required.
Contact | Karen McCarver
kmccarver@stlukesmethodist.org

HAVE SHEARS WILL TRAVEL
www.hashearswilltravel.org
donate
Collect grooming supplies for the Have Shears Will Travel mobile salon.
Contact | Barbara Goodson
barbara@hashearswilltravel.org

HOSPITALITY APARTMENTS
www.hospitalityapartments.org
volunteer
Assist with various projects at the Hospitality Apartments, which provides rent-free housing for families in treatment at the Texas Medical Center.
Contact | Rocky Forshey
info@hospitalityapartments.org

INTERFAITH MINISTRIES
www.imgh.org
aniMeals
Help package pet food for Meals on Wheels recipients who have furry friends at home.
Meals on Wheels
Volunteer to deliver food to Meals on Wheels recipients.
Contact | Jodi Bernstein
jbernstein@imgh.org
Sponsor a refugee family
Walk alongside a resettled refugee family as they adjust to a new life in the US.
Contact Ahmed Mushref
amushref@imgh.org

JFAI - JUSTICE FOR ALL IMMIGRANTS
www.justiceforallimmigrants.org
volunteer
Help greet and take information during our monthly JFAI clinics at Gethsemane.
Contact | Marci Pampe
mpampe@stlukesmethodist.org

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KIDS HOPE USA
www.kidshopeusa.org

teacher appreciation
Bake cookies for the teachers and staff of our two Kids Hope schools, Sutton Elementary and Briarmeadow Charter.

Contact | Marci Pampe
mpampe@stlukesmethodist.org

KIDS’ MEALS
www.kidsmealsinc.org

make sandwiches
Work with others on a Sunday afternoon in St. Luke’s kitchen to prepare, bag and pack over 650 sandwiches for underserved preschool children in Houston.

Contact | Charity Autry
cautry@stlukesmethodist.org

decorate lunch bags
Decorate lunch sacks for the preschool recipients of the Kids’ Meals lunch program.

volunteer at headquarters
Assemble lunches at the Kids’ Meals headquarters in preparation for distribution to underserved children in Houston.

Contact | Monique Saldana
volunteer@kidsmealsinc.org

MANNA BAGS

donate
Assemble manna bags, which provide meals to walk-in guests at the Gethsemane and St. Luke’s campuses.

Contact | Karen McCarver
kmccarver@stlukesmethodist.org

MERCY CLOSET

donate
Collect clothes and basic need supplies for Gethsemane’s Mercy Closet.

volunteer
Help organize clothing and basic need items for those in the Gethsemane community.

Contact | Noelia Fadic
nfadic@stlukesmethodist.org

MOVING WATERS
www.movingwaters-houston.org

make hygiene kits
Purchase items and assemble hygiene kits to be distributed to Moving Waters mobile shower clients.

Contact | Jennifer Park
info@movingwaters-houston.org

PRELUDE MUSIC FOUNDATION ★
www.preludemusicfoundation.org

volunteer
Build connections with students by providing a positive, encouraging presence that gives each child validation and acceptance.

Contact | Margaret Owen
margaret@preludechild.com

REVISION ★
www.houstonrevision.org

mentor
Help with homework and build relationships with high school students at reVision’s drop-in center.

Contact | Carrie Leader
carrie@houston.revision.org

SATURDAY SERVE

Sandwich-O-Rama - June 6
Work together as a church family to assemble over 6,500 sandwiches for Kids’ Meals.

Contact | Charity Autry
cautry@stlukesmethodist.org
SMALL STEPS
www.ssnc.org

teacher appreciation
Say “thank you” to the Small Steps teachers at the Gulfton and 5th Ward campuses by providing meals, coffee or treats.

mentor
Serve as a buddy to a Small Steps student for 30 minutes each week. Some training is required.

Contact | Madeleine Haynes
mhaynes@ssnc.org

SPEAKUP GULFTON

volunteer
Assist ESL students in reaching their highest potential. All you need is a little patience and compassion.

Contact | Amy Kelley
akelley@stlukesmethodist.org

THE RESTORATION TEAM-TRT ★
www.therestorationteam.org

second saturday serve
Volunteer to assist in construction projects on the second Saturday of every month. All skill levels are welcome! TRT will provide all tools, materials and guidance.

individual volunteer
Volunteer with TRT on a construction site or assist with office needs at any time.

Contact | Jacinta Davis
jacinta@trthome.org

UNDIES FOR EVERYONE
www.undiesforeveryone.org

volunteer
Help sort and pack underwear at Undies for Everyone.

Contact | Shawna Hayes
shayes@undiesforeveryone.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 12-16

volunteer
Greet, teach, help, coordinate the volunteer lounge, or provide snacks.

Contact | Lori Fahrbach
lfahrbach@stlukesmethodist.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP-WNF

cook and serve
Prepare and serve a meal on Wednesday nights at Gethsemane and get a glimpse of the kingdom of God as all ages and many languages gather around the table for food and fellowship.

sponsor
Underwrite a WNF meal at Gethsemane and help nourish the bodies and souls of those who gather for food and fellowship.

Contact | Amy Kelley
akelley@stlukesmethodist.org

WOODSHOP

volunteer
Help make wooden toys for underprivileged children all over the world, furniture items for the church, or repair furniture for individuals.

Contact | Lee Denson
outreach@stlukesmethodist.org

YMCA OF GREATER HOUSTON
www.ymcahouston.org

hygiene kits
Collect travel size hygiene items and assemble into kits for the YMCA International Service project.

Contact | Maria Rebolar
Maria.Rebolar@ymcahouston.org
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www.StLukesMethodist.org/subscribe

Visit the Serve Page
www.StLukesMethodist.org/serve

YOUR OUTREACH TEAM

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