



Treasure All These Things in Your Heart

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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1st Sunday after Christmas



(◆ All are invited to stand.)

(Resource Key: UMH—United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS—The Faith We Sing)

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

(Please register your attendance.)

PRELUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn" *Paul Taylor*

(Please observe this time as an opportunity for silent prayer and meditation.)

GREETING

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world,
the light of your Son.

Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth;

and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to
us,

as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy
to the manger where he dwelled,

who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. *

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

◆ RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

◆ OPENING HYMN, No. 206 UMH "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

UNISON PRAYER

O Lord God, your chosen dwelling is the heart of the lowly.
We give you thanks that you revealed yourself in the holy child Jesus,
thereby sanctifying all childhood in him.
Make us humble in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the
gospel hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes.
This we ask in the name of the One, who, wearing our mortal flesh,
grew in wisdom and in favor with God and all people,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PASTORAL 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

♦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, No. 880 UMH** "The Nicene Creed"

♦ **PSALTER, No. 861 UMH** "Psalm 148" {with response}

CAROL SING

{Please request your favorite carols and we will select a few carols and sing
a few verses from each carol.}

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Joy to the World" *Setting by Don Husted*

♦ **DOXOLOGY, No. 94 UMH**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

{8:30 & 11:00}

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON, Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bibles: NRSV, pg. 190 NT RSV, pg. 186 NT

♦ **HYMN, No. 218 UMH** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE LESSON, Luke 2:41-52

Pew Bibles: NRSV, pg. 55 NT RSV, pg. 54 NT

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Douglas Gestwick

"Treasure All These Things in Your Heart"

SERVICE OF THE TABLE, No. 17 UMH "Setting A" {9:45}

[Please come to the nearest communion station, and stand to receive the bread and cup. A server will place the bread in your hand, after which you dip the bread into the chalice and partake. After receiving, return to your seats, or kneel at the rail, for meditation and prayer. Notify an usher if you need assistance, or if you need to receive the sacrament at your seat. Please remember to place your monetary gift at the kneeling rail to support our Good Samaritan Fund that assists needy friends and

neighbors in York County and Poquoson.]

◆ **CLOSING HYMN, No. 251 UMH** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

[During the singing of the closing hymn, you are invited to kneel at the altar in prayer. If you would like one of the pastors to pray with you, look at them. They will come to you.]

◆ **GOING FORTH WITH THE LIGHT**

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **POSTLUDE** "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Larry Shackley*



Welcome to St. Luke's! We're glad that God has brought you to worship with us today. We especially welcome newcomers to our community. We invite you to consider making us your church home. Talk with one of the pastors for details.

Stay connected! We are pleased to offer our 11:00 AM on the web through a streaming live broadcast. If you miss the service you can also access archives of our services. Just go to our website www.stlukesyorktown.org and click on the "Eleven o'clock Service i-Broadcast." Sunday bulletins are posted on Fridays prior to worship.

Please sign our Friendship Register found in the red pads in the pews and pass it to the person next to you. When everyone has signed, please return it to the end of the pew nearest the center aisle. If you are a guest please complete the yellow Visitor card in the pew rack and return it to the Hospitality Center in the Narthex (lobby). A gift is waiting for you there. The Hospitality Host/Hostess is there to give you information about St. Luke's and answer questions.

Infants and toddlers may enjoy our Nursery Ministry during all services; ask an usher for directions to our nursery facilities. Large print bulletins and hymnals, and hearing assist devices, are available from our ushers. Please note: Activity Bags are available in the narthex for younger boys and girls. Please return the bags as you leave worship.

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St. Luke's Ministry Team

Ministers.....	The People of St. Luke's
Presiding Bishop.....	Charlene P. Kammerer
District Superintendent.....	Myrtle Frances Hatcher
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Director, Music Ministries.....	Gordon Parr
Organist-Accompanist.....	Mark Smeland
Administrative Coordinator.....	Joyce Wilson

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Convalescents: Bayside Convalescent – Tom Brewer – Rm 202
The Chesapeake – Marjorie Bennett – Rm 315
Dominion Village – Geannette Holland
The Hidenwood – Bob and Eleanor Misner – Rm 320
Walter Reed Rehab(Gloucester – Irene Hall – Rm 19B
Warwick Forest:

Marilyn Beckman – Keswick Place- Rm 555
Myra Cobb – Rm 539
Bob Krutsch – The Gardens- Rm 305A
Ruth Smeland – The Gardens – Rm 522A
Tom Spivey – The Evergreen - Rm 602
Evelyn White – Keswick Place – Rm 545

York Convalescent - Sarah Tingen – 1B (Jake Capps mom)

Hospitalized: Grace Lyon – PA hospital (Tom Lyon's mother)
Patrick Cothorn – Miami Hospital (Nephew of the Stone family)
Phyllis Anderson
Herb Fisher – surgery 12/18, Chesapeake (Warner and Vivian
Smith's son-in-law)

Katherine Crocker – Mary Immaculate - 352(Dennis' mother)

Prayers and Sympathy to: Ken and Lynda King and family on the death of his
mother, Virginia King.

Other members: Mae Burcher, Ann Burnette, Mildred Epperly, Ann Fink, Helen
Gaddis, Jeanette George, Sheryl Gibbs, Clark Houston, Bill
Hunter, Joe Jewel, Ann Kelly, John Masten, Ron and Betty Miller,
Nancy Mullins, Gloria Nuckles, Ann and Lee Person, Mildred
Smith, Ben Trevillian, Cecilia Tweety

**Extended family
and friends:** Travis Allen, Andy Anderson, Tarmara Batt, Shannon Begy,
Alston Black, Art Booth II, Johanna Brumheller, Anna Bryant,
Kevin Butler, Lauren Burke, Joe Cannon, Nancy Clark, Betty
Collins, John Collins, Judy Collins, Mike Collins, Louis
Cordle, Chuck Crisp, Shawn Crummel, Elsie Curtis, Burt
Daniel, Audrey Diperseio, Ann Edgath, Ken Engebretson (in
Herndon), Marie Frazier, Vince Grande, Steve Grev, Sydney
Harris, Michael Hatton, Karen Higbee, Eric Hogge, Joe
Hughes, Win Hunter, John Johnson, Bernice Jones, Billie
Jones, George Jordon, Myrtle Jordon, Shirley Kong, Joe Kuch,
Brooke L., Mary Lurowski, Frank Maness, Carol Masser, Ivy
Miller, Brian Murphy, Loretta Moncrieff, Ruth Mulliken, Michael
Overall, Bob Parrish, Shannon Pate, Terry Phillips, Mary
Posey, Mason Quimby, Liz Rich, Debra Robinson, Shirley
Roller, Sandy Scott, Sandy Sherrin, Joshua Snell, Traci Snell,
David Stephens, Diana Teaford, Andre Tennant, Don
Thompson, Jayson Thompson, Neil Turk, Donald Warden, Jr.,
Paula Watts, Shirley Wilson, Ken Wrisley, Tim Zelner,
Mary Zurowski, Carol Zsolinski

Our Military especially

those deployed: David Cluxton, Scott Glass, Paul Mowery, Jon Prindle,
Jeff Satterfield

***Pray that those with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
will find the help they need.***

Acolytes: (8:30) Lauren Yarbrough and Aubrie Yarbrough **Crucifer:** Zoe Brandt
(11:00) Elaina McCoulskey and Caroline Austin **Crucifer:** Leanna Yevak

Shepherd Ministry: Mike Mellen

Attendance on December 20, 2009: Worship – 510

Our Vision

Christian disciples called to transform
our community and world through God's love.

Our Mission

We, the members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church,
are an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith seeking through worship,
prayer, service, education and fellowship to respond
creatively to God's call to welcome, love and care for others.

TODAY		Simply Christian Class will meet again January 10
	11:00	Young Adult Sunday School Class (rm 29)
	11:00	Prayer Ministry Team (room 4 – all are invited to join)
	5:00	Middle School Fellowship of Clay
	6:00	High School Fellowship of Clay
MO	10:00	Warwick Gardens Convalescent Worship Service
TU	11:00	Staff Meeting
WED	12:00	Church Office closing
THU		Church Closed
FRI		Church Closed - Happy New Year!
SAT	7:00-8:30	God and Grits Men's Bible Study

Passionate Worship

Wesley's Covenant Renewal service -Next Sunday, in addition to Holy Communion, we will be participating in Wesley's Covenant Renewal service. The Covenant Renewal Service is a tradition in the United Methodist tradition that dates back to 1755 when John Wesley used this service at the beginnings of the Methodist movement. The heart of this service is in a prayer where the one who prays commits him or herself to God. This is an appropriate way to begin the New Year as we rededicate our lives to God.

Radical Hospitality

Fellowship Time has finished for the season...but not to worry it will return when the warmer weather returns.

Wednesday Supper – resumes January 6th.

Need a Name Tag? Please sign the book at the Hospitality Center to request one. If you've requested one please check at the Hospitality Center to pick it up.

Interested in Being a Greeter? It's a great way to meet people and see people on Sunday morning. Contact Marjorie Crowell for more information, 890-2873.

Bread Bakers are Needed. We need two more bread bakers to bake 12 mini loaves of bread four times a year for our hospitality gift on Sundays. We have pans available. Contact Avoline Warden for more information or to volunteer, 875-0419.

Risk Taking Mission

Georgia Mission Trip—Postponed until Spring Break. Questions, please contact Ron Dorenbush @ (H) 872-4666 or (C)817-0196 or email rdorenbush@aol.com.

Fire Wood Available - We've been given a sizeable amount of oak firewood. If you are in need of firewood. Call George Boyles at (h)867-8857 or Ron Dorenbush at 872-4666 or at (c) 817-0196 or email rdorenbush@aol.com.

ASP-FOGG—Early Spring 2010 Trip—SLUMC Service Ministry is seeking adult volunteers for a week of service (Feb. 21-27, 2010) at the year round Guyan Valley Center in Brenton WV. Previous experience in home repair is not necessary and anyone can help out. If interested, please contact ASP volunteer Joe Vallow at phone 898-3912 (H), or via email at vallow@cox.net.

Intentional Faith Development

New Studies Coming - We will be offering many studies during the winter and spring months. Some in process now include another Short-Term Disciple class, a special class for parents of preschoolers, a study in Acts, the Lenten Portion of Handel's Messiah, Our Lenten Workshop on Making Crosses (Feb. 16th), and many others. Be sure to watch our newsletter, bulletins, and website for more information.

Our Building Ministry link has new updates please go to our website and click the "Ministries" link to access our Building Ministry link.

Extravagant Generosity

St. Luke's Relay for Life Teams Needs New Members. Our Relay teams, the Saints, Seekers and Saviors have formed for the new Relay year 2010. We are looking for new team members to sign up to help with our fund-raising and support group efforts. For more information call Mike Mellen, 898-3190, Dennis Crocker, 898-3823 or Tom Burke, 591-1881.

Phone Cards for the Troops: The UMC Phone Card program is administered by the United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA), the entity which endorses United Methodist Chaplains to the Armed Forces. UMEA sends the cards to deployed UMC chaplains, who distribute them within their units as they see the need. The program is supported entirely by donations - a 120-minute card costs \$4.95. To help our troops stay in contact with loved ones back home, send a check payable to:

United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA)
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
PO Box 340007
Nashville, TN 37203-0007

PORT Homeless Shelter – Peninsula Korean Baptist Church, 972 Harpersville Road, NN, Monday, Jan 25, 2010. We need volunteers to help with guest in-processing (8), over-night duty (4) and out-processing (3). Dinner and breakfast meals are covered. Please contact Rich Zeimet, (H) 877-0753 and leave a message or sign-up in the Narthex if you are interested in serving. You may also donate fleece blankets, and/or LARGE and VERY LARGE men's clothes (coats, pants, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes - sizes 11, 12, 13). Donations may be brought to the church and placed in room 11.

Egg Project Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 6th at 11:30 AM in Room 21. This meeting is to inform, discuss & vote on plans for the 2010 project. Plan to have lunch - Debbie will prepare a delicious soup! Contacts: Tricia Church or Debbie Frecker

The Easter Egg Project (EEP) falls under the Service Ministry, which was asked to draw up criteria for distributing the largest portion of the funds from the egg sales. Through a small committee, the EEP will be distributing the funds to individuals or families who are in acute, life changing, or threatening situations. The funds are a gift to the recipients and repayment will not be accepted. The needs will be evaluated by the EEP in a respectful and completely confidential manner. If you are in such a situation, or know of someone who is, please let us help. Applications may be obtained from the church office or you may call the office at 898-3017.