



From Prison to Palace

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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July 25th, 2010

9th Sunday after Pentecost



(◆ 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

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

GREETING *

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

The hour is coming, and now is,

when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

◆ RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

◆ OPENING HYMN, No. 154 UMH "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

UNISON PRAYER*

O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us
than we are to seek them,
and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

ANTHEM "Stand Up for Jesus" *The Faithful Chorus* {8:30 & 11:00}

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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♦ 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}

Blessing of Blankets

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON, Genesis 40:7-8, 20-23; 41:9-13, 25-33, 41-45

♦ **HYMN, No. 2088 TFWS** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" {Sing 2-3x}

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON, Romans 12:1-13

TODAY'S MESSAGE "From Prison to Palace" *Douglas Gestwick*

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. 701 UMH** "When We All Get to Heaven"

[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



Welcome to St. Luke's! We especially welcome newcomers to our community. We invite you to consider making us your church home. Talk our pastors for details. Please sign our Friendship Register found in the red pads in the pews and pass it to the person next to you, then return it to the end of the pew nearest the center aisle. If you are a guest please complete the yellow Guest 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. Activity Bags are available in the narthex for younger boys and girls. Please return the bags as you leave worship. (Large print bulletins and hymnals, and hearing assist devices, are available from our ushers.)

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 and click on the "Eleven o'clock Service i-Broadcast." Sunday bulletins are posted on Fridays prior to worship.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Convalescents: Bayside Convalescent – Tom Brewer – Rm 202
Bob & Eleanor Misner - 102
The Chesapeake – Marjorie Bennett – Rm 315
Woody & Marian Pierce – Apt 1028
Dominion Village – Geannette Holland
Walter Reed Rehab(Gloucester – Irene Hall – Rm 19B
Betty Gibbs, Britthaven of Wilson, NC
Warwick Forest:
Myra Cobb – Rm 539
Bob Krutsch – The Gardens- Rm 305A
Ruth Smeland – The Gardens – Rm 522A
Evelyn White – Keswick Place
Morningside - Bernice Jones (Gail Stortz's father)
York Convalescent - Sarah Tingen – 1B (Jake Capps mom)
Colonial Harbor – Wilbert & Barbara Tyler – Rm 228
Ann Fink – Rm 117
Heritage Commons – Clarke & Jackie Houston – Rm 130

Home From Hospital: Tom Kelly

Other members: Barbara Booth, Ann Burnette, Paulette Clement, Mildred Epperly, Helen Gaddis, Jeanette George, Sheryl Gibbs, Dean Gregory, Bill Hunter, Carol Lawrence, Jennifer McMasters, Sue Merritt, Julie Mitcham, Nancy Mullins, Gloria Nuckles, Ann and Lee Person, DeAnn Posey, Vivian Smith

Extended family and friends: Travis Allen, Andy Anderson, Shannon Begy, Alston Black, Lee Booth II, Kevin Butler, Brad Burke, Lauren Burke, Joe Cannon, Nancy Carrier, Louis Cordle, Chuck Crisp, Shawn Crummel, Elsie Curtis, Burt Daniel, Brian Denny, Trad Guilliams, Vince Grande, Sydney Harris, Billie Jones, Tina Kelly, Colin King, Shirley Kong, Mary Lurowski, Frank Maness, Carol Masser, Pam McCann, Kathy McCloud, Loretta Moncrieff, Sheri Moore, Brian Murphy, Anothy Ott, Bob Parrish, Louise Patrick, Terry Phillips, Mason Quimby, Liz Rich, Sandy Sherrin, Carey Sousa, Marvin Sproston, Diana Teaford, Andy Tennant, Don Thompson, Jayson Thompson, Ray Topping, Wanda Weeks, Bob Wilson, Shirley Wilson, Tim Zelner, Mary Zurowski, Carol Zsolinski

Our Military especially

those deployed: David Cluxton, Scott Glass, Ben Liles, Paul Mowery, Jon Prindle,
Mike Sherman, Traci Shoffner

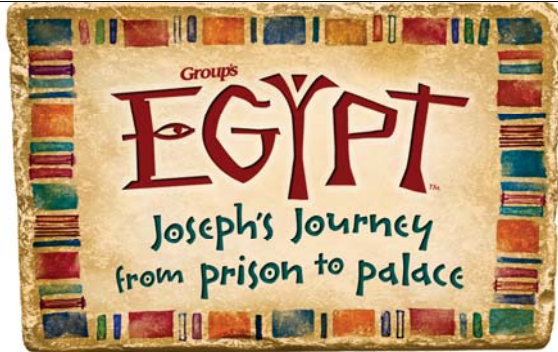
**Pray that the families of those killed in combat
will find consolation for their grief.**

Acolytes: 8:30 Laura Gestwick and Shawn Knox Crucifer: Zoe Brandt
11:00 Ian Crispin and CJ Omweg Crucifer: Livia Crispin

Shepherd Ministry: Mike Mellen

Attendance on July 18, 2010

Worship – 363



This week we hosted 170 children with 67 adult and youth workers in our VBS program. We were transported to Egypt and heard about Joseph's trek to Egypt and how his relationship with his family was reconciled through forgiveness. We are glad to have some of our families who entrusted their children to us this week worship with us this morning. This year, we added a mission project to our VBS program. Throughout the week, we tied 150 blankets together. You can see them on the altar this morning. After we bless them, we will send them through World Vision to children in Africa. We want to thank James Pace and all the many volunteers who helped us transform our church into Egypt. We especially thank you for sending your children on this journey with us. Next year we're headed to Nazareth!

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

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.

St. Luke's Ministry Team

Ministers.....	The People of St. Luke's
Presiding Bishop.....	Charlene P. Kammerer
District Superintendent.....	Myrtle Frances Hatcher
Senior Pastor.....	Douglas Gestwick
Associate Pastor.....	Clara Gestwick
Director of Discipleship Ministries.....	James A. Pace
Business Manager.....	Bill Boyer
Communications Coordinator.....	Megan Collins
Director, Youth Ministries.....	Nate DeHart
Director, Preschool.....	Diana Donnelly
Calling 21 Summer Intern.....	Devon Killian
Director, Nursery Ministries.....	Svetlana Mastilovic
Director, Music Ministries.....	Gordon Parr
Organist-Accompanist.....	Mark Smeland
Administrative Coordinator.....	Joyce Wilson

ST. LUKE'S IN ACTION – July 25

TODAY	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Young Adult Sunday School Class (rm 29)
	11:00	Prayer Ministry Team (room 4 – all are invited to join)
	5:00	Newcomers Seminar
	5:00	Middle School Fellowship of Clay
	6:30	High School Fellowship of Clay
MO	10:00	Warwick Gardens Convalescent worship service
	6:00	Peninsula District UM Men
TU	11:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	Campaign Steering Committee
FR	10:00-7:00	Busch Gardens – Youth Trip
SAT	7:00	God & Grits Men's Bible Study



Radical Hospitality

Fellowship Time in the courtyard - please join us between services and have refreshments and fellowship with other parishioners.

Our Community Carnival is coming Sunday, September 12th from 3:00-7:00 PM! Invite your friends and neighbors. Volunteers will be needed too. We will be looking for our small groups to host a carnival game or booth.

Open House Month - September is Open House Month in the United Methodist Church and this year we want to have a "September Miracle." We want each of you to invite at least one unchurched friend to come to St. Luke's with you in September.

Get to Know Devon Killian, our Calling 21 Intern by sharing a meal with her. The schedule of when she is available for you to sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the Preschool Office.

Hospitality Center - We are trying to keep our Hospitality Center organized so it is easier for volunteers to find things. If you would like to place information or sign-ups at the Hospitality Center, please contact Keri Houser at 369-3979 or khyde96@aol.com.

Risk Taking Mission

Mission, Mayhem, & You Midweek - Kids who have completed the 3rd grade through 8th grade are invited to attend M&M! It begins Wednesday, Aug. 11th at 2:00 PM and concludes Thursday, Aug. 12th at 12 noon. Cost is \$25 which includes meals and a t-shirt. Please go online to register your child. Drop your check by the church to secure your child's place.

Intentional Faith Development

Parents of Preschoolers - If your child is between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5, you'll want to hear this! St. Luke's Preschool is offering Summer Fun Days just for your child. Summer Fun Days is a week of fun-filled arts and crafts, music, stories and water fun lead by the staff of St. Luke's Preschool. It will be held August 9 through 13 from 9:30 to noon every day. The cost is just \$60 for the week. You can register online St. Luke's website, then mail or drop off your registration check to confirm your child's spot. Space is limited so register soon.

St. Luke's Reading Ministry: If you enjoy working with children, please prayerfully consider encouraging them to learn successfully. We will begin our eighth year volunteering at Grafton Bethel Elementary School and we need more volunteers for 2010-2011. An orientation program will be presented to all new volunteers. Volunteer applications are available in the Narthex on the counter at the Hospitality Center. Questions: Please call Ronna McLane, 766-1619.

New Comers Seminar - Interested in joining the church? Want to learn more about St. Luke's and the United Methodist Church? Join us for the Newcomers Seminar and dinner TODAY at 5:00 PM. See an usher to make reservations.

Caring Ministries - We have two wonderful opportunities to serve the homebound members of our church

Homebound Communion – This team provides communion to our home-bound church members. We have a couple of openings and would love to hear from you. Please contact Betty Brummer at 898-8031 or bettybrummer@cox.net for additional information.

Caring Contact - We are establishing teams to make periodic visits, calls or send cards or notes of Christian love to our home-bound. Please prayerfully consider making a difference today! Contact Lynda Sullivan at Lyndas@ix.netcom.com or 871-1856.

Drive-Thru Nativity - It's not too soon to start thinking about how you can help with our wonderful St. Luke's Advent and Christmas Outreach, the Drive-Thru Nativity! Many openings will be available for YOUR participation in this opportunity to reach out to the local community and to enjoy fellowship within our church community as we work and play together to tell the story of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. More information will be available soon. Questions? Contact Mary Ellis (877.0358) or Ginny Potts (898.1329).

When was your last money fight? When was the last time you paid a bill late? Do you have a car loan, student loan, or credit card? In **Financial Peace University**, you will learn how to communicate with your spouse about money, put together a spending plan that works, and completely eliminate debt. While completing the class, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 within 13 weeks. But Financial Peace University is more than just a money class. Come to our free previews on August 15th at 4:00 PM or August 26th at 7:00 PM to find out more. If you'd like more information now, see the bulletin board across from the DDM office or ask Ron Dorenbush, rdorenbush@aol.com or James Pace, 898-3017.

Women's Retreat - Mark your calendars for our Fall Spiritual Retreat in Blessings Lodge at Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA on October 8-10, 2010. Our focus this year will be on prayer. We have a guest retreat leader, Mert Brubaker whom Pastor Clara will assist in leading this retreat. Mert is a very creative individual who has led many retreats for women in her own church. Our bus and van will be transporting our women. The all inclusive cost for the weekend is \$150.00. Sign up will be on Pastor Clara's door beginning in September.

Extravagant Generosity

Red Cross Blood Drive - St. Luke's next Bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, August 17th from 3:30 pm until 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Look for more information and sign-ups to donate, work the canteen, and bring goodies for the donors.