



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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May 16, 2010

7th Sunday of Easter ~ Armed Forces Sunday



(◆ 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 "When He Cometh" Gordon Young

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

GREETING

We beseech you, O God, to shield and protect our Armed Forces in the air, at sea, and on land.

Guard our servicemen and women and their families as they protect the wellbeing of our country.

May tyranny and cruelty be brought to an end, and those who gallantly serve our nation return safely home.

Grant to our President and our military leaders your wisdom.

May they guide our nation with justice and righteousness.

Blessed are You, O God, Gracious Giver of Peace.*

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

◆ RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

◆ OPENING HYMN, No. 696 UMH "America the Beautiful"

RECOGNITION OF ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Retired)

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

UNISON PRAYER

Father, Your goodness is so great and Your grace is boundless.

May our Armed Forces and their families put their hope in You, even as You renew their strength.

May they soar on wings like eagles while they serve us; may they run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint, when they confront the stresses of military life.

Hide our troops in the shelter of Your wings, and keep them safe from those who conspire against us.

Lord, we ask Your blessings on our Armed Forces this day and always, 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, "St. Luke's Confirmation Class Creed"

We believe in God, the Creator of the universe, who is one with Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Father of all things living. We believe that God is loving and one with Whom we can have a personal relationship. We believe in Jesus who is the Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus died on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter. Jesus is the Messiah. We believe the Holy Spirit is sent from God to protect us and to help bring Jesus into our lives. The Spirit reminds us that we have been forgiven of our sins. We believe the Bible is holy and true and is a guide for us to live by. It also shows us how to worship God. We believe the church is a place where we can connect with the Lord, a place to worship and talk to God through prayer. The church is also the people, not just a building. We believe in the future where God will give us everlasting life. We believe in loving and serving others and helping people that are needy in our community and around the world. We believe as a church family, we grow and serve others through our actions and beliefs.

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art"

{8:30 & 11:00}

Words & Music by Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the world Thy hands have made, I see the stars (I see the stars,) I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r through out the universe displayed: then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, (How great Thou art,) how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art! And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, (that on that cross,) my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died (He died to take away my sin.) to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Gigue" *Douglas Wagner*

♦ 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, John 17:20-26

♦ HYMN, No. 2226 TFWS "Bind Us Together"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON, Acts 16:16-34

TODAY'S MESSAGE "Praising God" *Clara 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. 712 UMH** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

[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** "The God of Abraham Praise" *Gordon Young*



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. Please 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. 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.

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

The Newport – Evelyn Crane (Skeeter Coleman's mom)

Walter Reed Rehab (Gloucester) – Irene Hall – Rm 19B

Warwick Forest:

Bernice Jones - Rm 218 (Gail Stortz' father)

Myra Cobb – Rm 539

Bob Krutsch – The Gardens- Rm 305A

Ruth Smeland – The Gardens – Rm 522A

Evelyn White – Keswick Place

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

In The Hospital: Betty Gibbs – Pitt Co. Hospital, Greenville, NC

Dean Gregory – surgery 5/21 – Mary Immaculate

Jim Johnson – (Suzie Smith's brother)

Brian Denny – Atlanta Rehab Hospital, (Jessica's husband)

Home from Hospital: Ed Brummer

Congratulations to: Brandon Robbins and Lee Ann Schmidt who were wed at Chester United Methodist Church, May 8, 2010.

Other members: Ann Burnette, Paulette Clement, Mildred Epperly, Helen Gaddis, Jeanette George, Sheryl Gibbs, Bill Hunter, Sue Merritt, Julie Mitcham, Nancy Mullins, Gloria Nuckles, Ann and Lee Person, DeAnn Posey, Abby Roche

Extended family and friends: Travis Allen, Andy Anderson, Shannon Begy, Alston Black, Lee Booth II, Kevin Butler, Lauren Burke, Joe Cannon, Betty Collins, John Collins, Judy Collins, Louis Cordle, Chuck Crisp, Shawn Crummel, Elsie Curtis, Burt Daniel, Audrey Diperse, Marie Frazier, Aaron Fuhrman, Vince Grande, Sydney Harris, Michael Hatton, Eric Hogge, Joe Hughes, Billie Jones, George Jordon, Myrtle Jordon, Tina, Kelly, Shirley Kong, Mary Lurowski, Frank Maness, Carol Masser, Pam McCann, Kathy McCloud, Loretta Moncrieff, Ryan and Jennifer Moneyhun, Sheri Moore, Brian Murphy, Michael Overall, Bob Parrish, Terry Phillips, Mason Quimby, Margaret Reeks, Liz Rich, Debra Robinson, Shirley Roller, Sandy Sherrin, Joshua Snell, Traci Snell, Marvin Sproston, David Stephens, Diana Teaford, Andre Tennant, Don Thompson, Jayson Thompson, Deanna Tumey, Scott Wallace, Marsha Ward, Wanda Weeks, Shirley Wilson, Ken Wrisley, Tim Zelner, Mary Zurowski, Carol Zsolinski

Our Military especially

those deployed: David Cluxton, Scott Glass, Ben Liles, Paul Mowery, Jon Prindle
Pray that Military Marriages will stay strong, despite frequent deployments.

Acolytes: (8:30) Maddie Wagner & Aubrie Yarbrough **Crucifer:** Lauren Yarbrough
(11:00) Gaelan Verry and Jake Verry **Crucifer:** Hannah Cooper

Shepherd Ministry: Verda Early

Attendance on May 9, 2010: Worship – 512 Sunday School - 243



Visitation Testimonial

I'm Ted Leonard. Some of you may know me, but most may not. I'm a 1st and 3rd service kind of guy and you will usually find me in the choir loft. My family and I joined in 1979, and raised 2 children in this church, and enjoyed the benefits of earlier building campaigns. A couple of weeks ago I was approached to consider my pledge to the building campaign. When I was told what my fair share would be, I said, "You've got to be kidding." He wasn't. The remainder of week, struggled, prayed, cussed and discussed about my financial situation. I was retired, on a fixed income, had car payments, house payments, would have to dip into savings, etc. I spent a lot of time concerned about HOW I COULDN'T make this pledge rather than WHY I SHOULD.

Well, God in his own way got into the decision making. It seems that next Sunday I was scheduled to teach the lesson for the Real People Sunday School class. The lesson was Love within the Community. It concerned itself with things like:

Loving people vs. loving things. Ouch!

Had quotes from the Bible about: not storing up treasures on Earth...moths & rust...you're familiar with the rest. Ouch again.

Mentioned things about necessities vs luxuries; legitimate comfort vs extravagance, top of the line vs. suitable substitutes.

It made me think about families that had more cars than licensed drivers. About families that can't put their cars into their garages because they are full of "stuff." The lesson went on about pouring love into people; not stuff.

The more I looked at this pledge, I felt it was an investment in the future, just like the Fellowship Hall, the Educational wings, the Sanctuary were for earlier church members. You know, we wouldn't be sitting here in this beautiful sanctuary if those who came before us had not invested in their future. We're enjoying the fruits of the labors of members who came before us who invested in **their future** which is **our present** time. We may not see the fruits of our labor, but our children will, and maybe our children's children will. This is an investment from the heart. What this all amounted to: It's time to do more than **TALK THE TALK, it's time to WALK THE WALK. I did!**

Let me encourage you to look deep into your hearts, think of St Luke's future, your children's future, and of others who will come after you, benefiting from **your** "Walking the walk". It has to come from the heart.

ST. LUKE'S IN ACTION – MAY 16 – Armed Forces Day Recognition

TODAY	8:00	UM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	8:30	Simply Christian Adult Sunday School Class
	9:00-1:30	Armed Forces Reception in the fellowship hall (after each service)
	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)
	4:00	Disciple IV Bible Study
	4:00	Confirmation Class
	4:00	Youth Praise Band
	5:00	Middle School Fellowship of Clay
	6:30	High School Fellowship of Clay
MO	9:30-12:30	(M-F) Preschool
	10:30	York Convalescent Worship Service
	7:00	Nurture Ministry
TU	11:00	Staff meeting
WED	6:00a.m.	Mission Team departs for GA (see article)
	10:00	"What Does it Mean to be United Methodist" Study
	5:30-7:00	Fellowship Supper (see menu)
	6:00	High and Middle School Bible Study
	6:15	Discovery Kids
	6:15	The Faithful Chorus rehearsal
	6:15	Hand Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30	Campaign Steering Committee
	6:30	Confirmation Rehearsal
	6:30	Disciple I Bible Study
	7:00	"What Does it Mean to be United Methodist" Study
	7:00	Youth Band Practice
	7:15	Chancel Choir rehearsal
THU	1:00	Preschool Staff Luncheon (off site)
FR		Relay for Life Event at Tabb High School (overnight)
SAT	7:00-8:30	God and Grits Men's Bible Study
SU		Confirmation Sunday (all services)
	9:00-1:00	Confirmation Reception in fellowship hall (after each service)



Passionate Worship

- **Confirmation Sunday - Next Sunday at all three services**
- **Graduation Recognition Sunday - June 6th**

Radical Hospitality

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

Wednesday Supper – 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Menu: Kielbasa, Boiled Red potatoes, Green beans, Sauerkraut, and Apple crisp. Reservation cards are in the pew racks and on the kiosk and must be in by **Sun. noon**. Cost: Adults \$5; Children (10 and under) \$3.00; Families \$20. Families of deployed eat free the first Wed. of each month. Reservation cards may be placed in the offering plate and you pay at the door.

Super Supper Hospitality - The Wednesday Night Supper Team is looking for a 3rd core team member to rotate supper planning and hosting responsibilities. We also need cleaning crew help to stack chairs and tables after supper is over. If you'd like to participate starting September 15th, please contact Michele Hurst at 868-1195 or Karen Kern at 659-0231 or email: gkkd@cox.net.

Risk Taking Mission

Flood Recovery - UMCOR has begun the Flood Recovery rebuild process in the northwest section of Atlanta, Ga on homes damaged by last summers' flood. They can use us from May 20 - May 25. We plan to depart St Luke's UMC @ 6 am Wed May 19 and return on May 26. Anyone wanting to be an answer to the victims' prayers for help can volunteer by calling Ron Dorenbush @ (H) 872-4666 or (C) 817-0196 or email rdorenbush@aol.com.

Intentional Faith Development

Confirmation Sunday - Next Sunday we are confirming our Confirmands at all three services. There is a reception in the Fellowship Hall following each service. This is an exciting time for them in their faith journey.

Preschool Art Show - Be sure to stop by the Preschool Art Show in the Fellowship Hall today. See how creatively the students of our Preschool express themselves using several different techniques.

Graduates: We want your information!! - High School and College (and Grad School) graduates we want to recognize you and your accomplishments. Please send us a picture with your name, your current school, your degree, and your plans for the future. Please send to Megan, c_c@stlukesyorktown.org or bring it to the office no later than May 20th.

Men's Spiritual Retreat - All men are invited to come! Saturday, May 29,2010 from 8 AM to 3 PM at Sandy Bottom Park, Hampton, VA. Pastor Doug is leading the retreat on the Holy Spirit. The cost is \$15. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. Register by signing up at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex or contact David Campbell at 258-1200 or email, davestlukeumm@aol.com. Whether you are looking to renew your relationship with Christ or to strengthen the one you already have, this is a great opportunity to do it. This event is open to all, you do not have to be a member of St Luke's, so please bring a friend!

SOFTBALL! Adult Coed Slow-pitch Softball, our next game is at 12:30 PM vs Seaford @ Liberty Field 1. Call or text Kathie Murphy for more info: 757-208-1061 or email kcmurphy5@aol.com. New players are always welcome!

Extravagant Generosity

Kits for Conference—Annual Conference is June 13th to June 16th and we are now collecting items and cash donations for all kits. There is a special need for birthing kits this year. Please see the Service bulletin board and the Hospitality Center for lists of items for each kit. Cash donations are especially welcome. Checks may be made out to SLUMC with "Kits for Conference" on the memo line.

What is Christian Stewardship? It is God-given Gifts of Time, Talent, Treasure, Truth and Testimony; all of which is part of our walk of faith. When will I get my visit about the "Growing to Serve" Campaign? You will be contacted as soon as one of our volunteers is able to. You may also schedule your personal visit with a St. Luke's Volunteer Visitor by calling our Campaign Director, Glendon Smith at the Church Office 757/898-3017. His office is located in the library for in person contact. He will be glad to coordinate with a Volunteer Visitor to schedule your visit promptly. We will call every active family or individual as quickly as we can, based on the number of Volunteer Visitors. We hope you will graciously accept your call, as one of the best benefits is the fellowship during your visit.

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please pick them up to help us save postage.**