



## St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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September 5, 2010

15th 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 \*

**God our Mother and Father, we come to you as children.  
Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,  
hear one another with new hearts,  
and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

#### ♦ RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### ♦ OPENING HYMN, No. 548 UMH "In Christ There is No East and West"

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

#### CONFESSIONAL PRAYER\*

We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken  
because of our sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle,  
the circle of power and the circle of despair,  
the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

We confess that the circle of love is broken  
whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding,  
whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

We confess that the circle of love is broken  
whenever we cannot see eye to eye,  
whenever we cannot link hand to hand,  
whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.  
Through God's grace we are forgiven,  
by the mercy of our Creator,  
through the love of the Christ,  
and in the power of the Spirit.  
Let us rejoice and be glad!  
**Glory to God! 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. 884 UMH**

“A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church”

**ANTHEM** “Healing Rain” *Livia Crispen, soloist* {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}

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**◆HYMN, No. 618 UMH** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON, Luke 14:25-33**

## **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

*Douglas Gestwick*  
“Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors”

## **SERVICE OF THE TABLE, No. 17 UMH** “Setting A”

[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. 338 UMH** “Where He Leads Me”

[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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**ST. LUKE'S IN ACTION** – September 5

TODAY	8:30	Simply Christian Adult Sunday School(rm 6)
	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	Middle School Fellowship of Clay
	6:30	High School Fellowship of Clay
MO		<b>HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>
TU	9:30	Crazy Quilts (all are invited to help in this project)
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Lay Leader Council meets
	7:00	Communications Ministry meets
WED	6:15	Handbells rehearsal resumes
	6:15	The Faithful Chorus rehearsal resumes
	7:15	Chancel Choir resumes
THU	10:00	Preschool Parent Orientation
	10:00	L.I.F.T. Circle meets at the church
	6:30	<b>Financial Peace University classes</b>
	6:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
FRI	10:00	Preschool Students meet Teacher Day
SAT	7:00	God & Grits Men's Bible Study
SUN	3:00	<b>Community Carnival at St. Luke's (see article)</b>



**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

Ernie Smith - Rehab

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

**Hospitalized:** Betty Seivert, - Rm 555 - Riverside

**Home from Hospital:** Kamala Verry, Piper Laudenslager

**Other members:** Ann Burnette, Paulette Clement, Vivian Edwards, Mildred Epperly, Helen Gaddis, Jeanette George, Sheryl Gibbs, Bill Hunter, Carol Lawrence, Sue Merritt, Julie Mitcham, Nancy Mullins, Gloria Nuckles, Ann and Lee Person, DeAnn Posey, The Slaydon Family

**Extended family and friends:**

Travis Allen, Andy Anderson, Shannon Begy, Alston Black, Art Booth Sr., Kevin Butler, Lauren Burke, Joe Cannon, Nanette Carbonneau, Nancy Carrier, Louis Cordle, Elsie Curtis, Burt Daniel, Brian Denny, Amanda Deramus, Mildred Erickson, Trad Guilliams, Vince Grande, Sydney Harris, Jerry Higgins, Billie Jones, Tina Kelly, Colin King, Glayds Knight, Shirley Kong, Frank Maness, Carol Masser, Mike Maurada, Pam McCann, Loretta Moncrieff, Sheri Moore, Brian Murphy, Anthony Ott, Bob Parrish, Louise Patrick, Terry Phillips, Mason Quimby, Liz Rich, Debbie Slone, Kelly Sobush, Tina Sobush, Carey Sousa, Marvin Sproston, Valerie Stewart, Diana Teaford, Andy Tennant, Ann Thrasher, Ray Topping, Wanda Weeks, Bob Wilson, Shirley Wilson, Holly White, Yoshiko Wymen, Tim Zelner, Mary Zurowski, Carol Zwolinski

**Our Military especially**

**those deployed:** Calvin Anderson, David Cluxton, Ben Liles, Paul Mowery, Mike Sherman, Traci Shoffner

**Pray that our enemies will find their salvation in Christ.**

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Elaina McCoulskey and Jake Verry **Crucifer:** Gaelan Verry  
(11:00) Ian Crispen and Chloe DeWees **Crucifer:** Livia Crispen

**Shepherd Ministry:** Ron Dorenbush

**The flowers are presented in honor of Jessica Cambell's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by her grandparents, Bob and Peggy Dye.**

**Attendance on August 29, 2010**

Worship – 411



**Passionate Worship**

**Do you like to read the Bible?** If so, here's a great opportunity for you. Volunteer to be a Scripture reader on Sunday morning! The 'mission' is simple: a printed script, which includes the 'Scripture lesson(s)', will be sent to you a few days in advance for your review. Also, the 'script' will be on the lectern on Sunday for your use. If you are interested, *contact Elizabeth Lyon (757) 833-7939, or sign up* in the notebook at the Hospitality Desk in the Narthex.

**Acolyte Training** - There will be acolyte training on September 19th after the 11:00 AM service for all children 3rd grade and above. Contact Samantha Cowen at samandwes@cox.net for more information.

**Risk Taking Mission**

**FOGG ASP is still alive!!** We've applied for and been accepted to take up to 18 adults (age 18+) to the ASP year round center in Jonesville, VA. We'll travel to Jonesville Sun. Sep 19 and return home on Sat Sep 25, 2010. This is a great opportunity not only to help make someone's home warmer, safer and drier, but to begin a relationship with the families in the area. Any questions or to volunteer for the trip, contact Ron Dorenbush by email rdorenbush@aol.com or (h) 872-4666, (c) 817-0196.

## Radical Hospitality

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

**Our Community Carnival** is next Sunday, September 12th from 3:00-7:00 PM! Invite your friends and neighbors. We are looking for our small groups to host a carnival game or booth. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board at the "T," there are opportunities for everyone to participate!

**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.

**Invitational Postcards** - We have post cards available for you to invite your friends and neighbors to St. Luke's for worship and for the Community Carnival. They are available at the Hospitality Center, on the tables out in the Narthex, and in adult Sunday School classrooms. Please take a few to share!!

**Ministry Bulletin Boards** - We are having themed bulletin boards for the month of September. Thank you for updating your bulletin boards and making our Open House month a success!

**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.

**Wednesday Night Suppers Resume** - Join us every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 15th. Reservation cards are in the pew racks and on the kiosk. **Please turn them in by Sunday at noon.** Reservation cards may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10, and \$20 for families. Please pay at the door. The menu for Sept. 15 - Spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, sherbert, and drinks.

## Intentional Faith Development

**Acolyte Training** - There will be acolyte training on September 19th after the 11:00 AM service for all children 3rd grade and above. Contact Samantha Cowen at samandwes@cox.net for more information.

**Newcomers Seminar** - If you are interested in joining St. Luke's we invite you to join us for our Newcomers Seminar and dinner, Sunday, September 19th at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact the office, 898-3017. Childcare is available.

**St. Luke's Preschool** - Our preschool still has openings for children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 4 years. We have 2, 4, and 5 day classes available. Check our website for more information or contact Diana Donnelly, Preschool Director, 898-3017.

**Confirmation Beginning** September 19, 2010 at 4:00 PM both parents and youth are invited to attend this opening session. Questions? Contact James Pace, 898-3017.

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

**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 on the web or on Pastor Clara's door beginning in September, then confirm your reservation with a check.

**Prayer Shawl Retreat** - Join us October 30th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (lunch included) We encourage both beginners and more experienced knitters and crocheters. There will be classes on "How to Start a Prayer Shawl Ministry" and

"Patterns for Shawls." If you are a beginner we will have yarn but please bring size 11 or 13 needles for knitting or a G or J hook for crocheting. (these supplies can be purchased at craft or fabric stores) To register or if you have questions please contact James Pace, 898-3017 or [ddm@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:ddm@stlukesyorktown.org) or Joan Comeaux, 865-1729 or [comojoan@aol.com](mailto:comojoan@aol.com)

**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).

**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. If you are interested please contact Betty Brummer at 898-8031 or [bettybrummer@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto:Lyndas@ix.netcom.com) or 871-1856.

The Faithful Chorus is getting ready to start another year in St Luke's music ministry. After bringing music to St Luke's for almost 16 years, we must have new members to maintain our music ministry. We have reached that point that there are too few of us to continue. Men, and women, it is time for action. Rehearsals on Wed evenings; singing once a month would be your commitment. In an effort to breath life into our ministry, we have opened our doors to women that are able to sing in the men's vocal register. Hopefully, interested singers will join us in September so the Faithful Chorus will live on. Please don't leave it to some one else to join. YOU do it! For more information, please contact: Ted Leonard. 804-642-9189. Rehearsals will start 6:30 PM, Sep 8<sup>th</sup>. See you then.

**Peninsula District Lay Speaking Ministries** is offering a Basic and an Advance Course for Lay Speaking Ministries on Saturday, September 25. Please visit the District Website <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/pendist/index.htm>, or call the District Office 757-596-3476, or see your church secretary for copies of the registration forms. Do not delay – pre-registration is required - there is no walk-in registration for these events. Registrations must be received by September 18. Come to learn and grow – be sent out to serve as you are called.

### **Extravaqant Generosity**

**Food Closet Needs YOU!** Starting October 4, the Food Closet will begin a 3 month trial being open a second shift on Mondays from 3PM to 6PM. Four to five volunteers are needed for each Monday; volunteers would work one Monday per month. Men, women, couples... (must be over age 18), call Susan Sallwasser (345-3453). Job satisfaction practically guaranteed!

**Food Closet** is in need of **paper** bags if you have some please bring them and place them in the Food Closet basket.

**College Student Ministry** – Make a difference to our college students by supporting the semi-annual care package drive, figuring out nurturing ways to periodically communicate with them, and support any related events or social activities. It's a great way to be a positive influence in their active lives! For more information, please contact Ms. Elise Seay at [ecseay@cox.net](mailto:ecseay@cox.net) or 868-8828.