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Sunday Worship -  
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM  
Young Adult Sunday School -  
9:00 & 11:00 AM  
Sunday School, All ages -  
9:45 AM  
Youth Fellowship - 5:00 &  
6:00 PM

## GROWING TO SERVE

### What is going on with the Building Program?

Did you have an opportunity to see “Godspell” in our Fellowship Hall last month? If you did – you know what a magnificent, professional production you saw. The church has received many cards and letters thanking us for the presentation – by folks who are not even members of St Luke’s. We were witnessing with a new ministry directed by people who recently came to the church. That is what the building program is all about – new ministries – to people we don’t yet know – led by people who aren’t even here yet. Now that is exciting!

The building program news has been quiet for the last few months as we continue to work on the financial aspects of the project. We are working with Old Point Bank, Towne Bank, and SunTrust Bank to develop the best possible banking partnership for St Luke’s.

The trustees are identifying some building detail issues such as locks, heating systems, and various other building components. We are also setting aside various options for the project so we can match the funding we are able to obtain. We have discussed the capital campaign issue and see no more than one more capital campaign with the goal to pay off the construction loan in 10 years or less.

Our building and design agent, Myler, is anxious to start design but we are focused on getting the project well defined and financially achievable before we press ahead with design.

Once the funding is established, the project will still need approval of the District Building Committee, the Church Council and a Charge Conference. When we have the funding and design in position, we will make an informative presentation to the congregation.

We are still some time from dirt flying in the air but we appreciate the generous contributions to the building fund. Every dollar contributed before we start construction will provide more building than after the loan is in place and we are paying interest.

The members of the building committee are listed on the church web site. Feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with any of them.

This is an exciting time – to be part of developing opportunities for future ministries of the church.

We want to do this project just as effectively as the church projects in the past providing for new ministry, outreach, and worship opportunities.

~From Your Building Committee

# St. Luke's Preschool



Things are really “hopping” at St. Luke’s Preschool as we prepare for Easter. The children are all learning about our wondrous Lord and the sacrifice He made for each of us. We have lots of fun things happening also – in-house field trips to Easter Egg Production, Chapel Time, Easter Celebrations and a much-anticipated Spring Break from April 4 through April 8! We’ll also be closed on Good Friday and the Monday following Easter Sunday.

As part of our continuing education and training to keep our school one of the top preschools in York County, our staff had a wonderful staff training experience right in our own school! James Pace started us off with an interesting presenta-

tion titled “Developing Morals and Values in Preschoolers”. Thanks, James! It was *awesome*. Each teaching team followed with teaching ideas on their choice of children’s books exploring feelings. Friday included a visit from Dreama Croft, one of the staff members of the Tabb branch of the York County Children’s Library, with lots of new books for us to share with our students and new and creative ideas to use to present them. Ms. Croft told us that our school is one of the most well-known and highly regarded preschools in York County and one that she hears folks praising during her Preschool and Toddler Time story hours. We take pride in knowing that St. Luke’s is con-

sidered one of the top preschools in York County and is spoken of so highly by parents in the community. Thank you for your support of and prayers for St. Luke’s Preschool. That support helps us to better serve the children of our school and makes us the best!!

We still have a limited number of openings for our 2011-2012 school year. Stop by the church, give me a call any weekday morning, or visit the Preschool link from St. Luke’s website to learn about our philosophy, enrollment requirements and tuition rates.

On behalf of the staff of St. Luke’s Preschool, I wish you and yours a safe and blessed Easter.

~Diana Donnelly, Director



## Finding Peace as St. Luke's United Methodist Women

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL, 2011

- Mon. April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Book Club meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the church will be on the book Gap Creek – The Story of Marriage, by Robert Morgan (fiction).
- Mon., April 11<sup>th</sup>, will be the UMW Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the church.
- Mon. April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Sisters in Christ Circle will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. Their new study book is Having a Mary Spirit, Allowing God to Change Us From the Inside Out, by Joanna Weaver.
- Tues., April 12<sup>th</sup>, the

Gertrude Carmines Circle and the Sarah Sudduth Circle will not have their regular meetings but will help with the Easter Egg Project.

- Thurs., April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. the LIFT Circle will meet at the church. They will continue their study of Charles Stanley’s book The Blessings of Brokenness, Chapter 7.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendars for the UMW Bake Sale to be held on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> before and after the Worship Services. Tables will be set up outside near the entrance from the back parking lot where many kinds of homemade baked goods will be available. In the event of bad

weather, look for signs directing you inside to the tables. This is a fundraiser that will be divided equally between Stop Hunger Now and the Missions of United Methodist Women.

### SUN CATCHERS OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

There still are a few beautiful Sun Catchers of St. Luke’s Church available for sale. As we undertake our new building program, these will be excellent souvenirs of the way our church looks right now. They are also excellent graduation gifts or teacher appreciation gifts. The cost is \$18.00 each which will be given to UMW Missions. Contact Marian Thome at 969-5880 or redbud30@cox.net.

## Extravagant Generosity ~ Save Your Soles

Shoe soles that is – St. Luke’s has decided to support a new mission that won’t require asking for money! The Shoeman Water Project collects new and gently used shoes to provide

income in third world countries and then uses the profits to drill water wells. Many people in desperate need win in two ways. As you consider cleaning out closets, please think of

saving any type of shoes and boots to donate to our drive this month.

## News from Nate (aka Youth Activities)

Hey guys and girls, April is upon us and that means Easter is almost here. In order to make sure we are prepared for the Easter Sunrise Service (which most of you know is produced by the youth group) it is important that all those who wish to be involved attend practices ahead of time. Please mark the following on your calendar:

**Sat, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (1pm – 4pm) – Mandatory interest meeting** for all youth who wish to participate on Easter Sunday. (At this meeting we will determine individual rolls, some of which will need to be practiced over the next two weekends, other smaller rolls may not)

**Sat, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Sat, April 16<sup>th</sup> (1pm – possibly 4?) – Select**

**Practices** for those rolls which require more practice time. These times could be change depending on preparedness.

**Sat, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (7:30pm – Easter Service) – Easter Vigil** (This will be different than last year. At midnight we will participate in a service celebrating Easter and the return of light to the sanctuary. Then we will be sleeping so please have sleeping bags, pillows, etc.

Also in April is our **30 Hour Famine**. This is an excellent opportunity to both, help raise funds for those who are in great need and to learn more about the effects, causes and solutions for poverty. It is an eye opening experience for those

who participate and I strongly encourage you to do so. The **raising of funds begins March 27<sup>th</sup>**. The actual **30HR famine will begin after lunch on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. **Participants will meet at St. Luke’s at 5:30pm on Friday and remain fasting until we break the fast together at 6pm on Saturday**. Participants are asked to bring a fruit juice (preferably 100% juice) of their choosing to share during the fast. Also, parents of participants are asked to bring a healthy dish to share in a pot-luck at the breaking of the fast.

~Nate DeHart, Youth Director

## St. Luke’s Drama Troupe

St. Luke’s is forming a drama troupe. The first event planned for this group is a dramatic read for Sunday morning’s scripture on May 8, 2011. The group

will practice April 27 and May 4 (Wednesday evenings) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Any one of any age is invited to attend and participate. Mitzi

LaPaugh will be giving leadership. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Clara at 898-3017 or [assoc@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:assoc@stlukesyorktown.org).



## Easter Egg Project

St. Luke’s Easter Egg Project is in full production now. Chocolate covered candy eggs fill the Fellowship Hall! They are as delicious as ever! Have you ordered your candy egg yet? Orders will be accepted until 3 PM – Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The last day to pick up your order is before the 2011 EEP closes at

3PM on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is still time to come and volunteer. Much work needs to be done and all we are missing is you. The Easter Egg Project is a wonderful opportunity to meet other church members. There are jobs for everyone and no experience is needed. We will

provide the guidance for the task. We meet in the Fellowship Hall Monday – Friday from 9AM to 3PM and nursery is provided. We welcome you to join us for an hour, a day or what your schedule allows.

# April Calendar

## Friday, April 1

Easter Egg Production  
9:30 AM Preschool Classes

## Saturday, April 2

Easter Egg Production  
7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
Coed Softball  
1:00 PM Youth Easter Practice

## Sunday, April 3

Easter Egg Production  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, April 4

Easter Egg Production  
No Preschool/YCPS Spring Break  
Service Mission Trip to MISS.

## Tuesday, April 5

Easter Egg Production  
Service Mission Trip to MISS.  
No Preschool/YCPS Spring Break  
11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Trustees meeting

## Wednesday, April 6

Easter Egg Production  
Service Mission Trip to MISS.  
No Preschool/YCPS Spring Break  
6:15 PM Handbell Choir  
6:30 PM Faithful Chorus  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Beth Moore on the book of Revelation  
7:00 PM Lay Leader Council  
7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, April 7

Easter Egg Production  
Service Mission Trip to MISS.  
No Preschool/YCPS Spring Break  
12:00 PM Lenten Lunches  
4:30 PM Education Ministry Area Meeting  
6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II

## Friday, April 8

Last Day to Order Eggs  
Easter Egg Production  
Service Mission Trip to MISS.  
No Preschool/YCPS Spring Break

## Saturday, April 9

Easter Egg Production  
Service Mission Trip to MISS.  
7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
Coed Softball  
1:00 PM Youth Easter Practice

## Sunday, April 10

Service Mission Trip to MISS.  
Easter Egg Production  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class  
9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard/weather permitting  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship  
4:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, April 11

Easter Egg Production  
10:00 AM Book Club  
5:30 PM UM Women Board meeting  
7:00 PM Sisters In Christ Circle

## Tuesday, April 12

Easter Egg Production  
9:30 AM Christian Yoga  
11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:15 PM Handbell Choir  
6:30 PM Faithful Chorus  
6:30 PM Finance Committee/  
7:15 Chancel Choir  
7:30 PM Church Council

## Wednesday, April 13

Easter Egg Production  
6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Beth Moore on the book of Revelation

## Thursday, April 14

Easter Egg Production  
10:00 AM L.I.F.T. Circle  
12:00 PM Lenten Lunches  
6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II  
6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 PM Worship Ministry

## Friday, April 15

3:00 PM Last Day to Pick-Up Eggs  
Easter Egg Production  
Newsletter Deadline

## Saturday, April 16

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
Coed Softball

## Sunday, April 17

7:00 AM United Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class  
9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard/weather permitting  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, April 18

Holy Week  
10:30 AM York Convalescent Worship Service

## Tuesday, April 19

Holy Week  
9:30 AM Christian Yoga  
9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
11:00 AM Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, April 20

Holy Week  
6:00 PM Boy Scout Eagle Board  
6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
6:15 PM Handbell Choir  
6:30 PM Faithful Chorus  
6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Beth Moore on the book of Revelation  
7:15 Chancel Choir

## Thursday, April 21

Holy Week  
9:30 AM Christian Yoga  
1:00 PM Preschool Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

## Friday, April 22

Holy Week  
7:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

## Saturday, April 23

Holy Week  
7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
Coed Softball  
7:30 PM Easter Service Vigil

## Sunday, April 24

EASTER  
Easter Service Vigil  
6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service  
7:15 AM Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, April 25

Holiday - Church Closed  
Worship Committee clean up after Easter  
FOGG Mission Trip

10:00 AM Warwick Gardens  
 Convalescent Worship Service  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 FOGG Mission Trip  
 Worship Committee clean up after Easter  
 9:30 AM Christian Yoga  
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 FOGG Mission Trip  
 10:00 AM Study/When Christians Get It  
 Wrong  
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
 6:15 PM Handbell Choir  
 6:30 PM Faithful Chorus  
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8  
 grades  
 6:30 PM Drama Troupe  
 6:30 PM Study/When Christians Get it  
 Wrong  
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Beth Moore  
 on the book of Revelation  
 7:15 Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, April 28**  
 FOGG Mission Trip  
 9:30 AM Christian Yoga  
 6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II  
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**Friday, April 29**  
 FOGG Mission Trip  
 5:00 PM 30 Hour Famine  
**Saturday, April 30**  
 6:00 AM 30 Hour Famine Ends  
 FOGG Mission Trip  
 7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
 Coed Softball

For an up to the minute  
 calendar (we are a very active  
 church and there are always  
 changes) check our website  
[www.stlukesyorktown.org](http://www.stlukesyorktown.org).

# St. Luke's Celebrations & Concerns

## Prayers & Sympathy to

Doug and Kathy Drummond and family on the death of his father,  
 Charles Drummond, February 27, 2011.  
 Elton and Suzi Smith and family on the death of her brother,  
 Jim Johnson, February 15, 2011.

## Memoriam

Donations were made to St. Luke's Building Fund in memory of Darlene  
 Gestwick by:

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Chidutes	Joan Comeaux
Martha Brewer	Aimie Ansama
Jeff and Cindy Clemmons	Ben and Dorothy Chedester
Peggy Hadden	Gary and Heidi Derby

A donation was made to the Czech Republic Mission Trip in memory  
 Of Darlene Gestwick by Herbert and Margaret Grant.

## Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Emma Jeanne McAllister, infant daughter of Kristen Motley and  
 Kyle McAllister, February 27, 2011.

## Our Military Especially our Deployed

Calvin Anderson, Jason Collins, Stephen Crosswell,  
 Traci Shoffner, Sam Wagner

## Look Who's New at St. Luke's

Matthew and Sarah Knaub 101 S. Fern Cove Court YT (93) Ph: 223-5373 Children: Emily and Carter Knaub	Tim and Debbi Lamb 306 Mistletoe Drive NN (06) Ph: 599-9788 Daughter: McKinley Lamb
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## UMCOR Relief for Japan

UMCOR is working through relief and church partners in Japan to respond to  
 and provide immediate assistance and long-term rehabilitation. With these  
 partners, UMCOR is meeting the most basic humanitarian needs in northern  
 Japan such as providing clean drinking water, food, cooking and eating  
 supplies, clothing, and fuel for heating. If you would like to help financially  
 please make a check out to "St. Luke's UMC" with UMCOR #3021317 in the  
 memo line and place it in the offering plate.

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|--|----|---|--|----|--|
| 1  | Samantha Albright<br>Brooke Feiner<br>Taylor Gestwick<br>Steven Lithgow<br>Gary Riggins  |    | Judy Grosley<br>Janet King<br>Lou & Cindi Rader(A)<br>Alex Turnage  |  | 24 | Zach Brandt<br>Gail Burke<br>Jeff & Becky Dunlap(A)<br>Taylor Mitchell<br>Brittany Morgan<br>Anna Wilson   |
| 2  | David Bradley<br>T. D. Foster<br>Skip Hughes<br>Phil Mixon<br>Kathryn Moore<br>Doug & Ricki Nelms(A)   | 14 | Tom Conner<br>Peggy Dye<br>Skip & Sue Hughes(A)<br>Michael Ripley<br>Alexander Sousa  |  | 25 | Keith Bird<br>Ed & Betty Brummer(A)<br>Melanie Capenter<br>Burt Lightner<br>Victoria Reid  |
| 3  | Hank & Ann Burnette(A)<br>Sam Motley<br>Stacey Zebrowski   | 15 | Pierre Albright<br>Cynthia Angel<br>Ben Barnes<br>Robyn Butler<br>Chris Gibson<br>Rich Zeimet   |  | 26 | Michelle Brown<br>Tatum Conner<br>Jeri Engebretson<br>Bob Misner<br>Joshua Phillippe<br>Cindi Rader<br>Jim & Kay Rowe(A)<br>Henry Tragle<br>Donald Woodruff  |
| 4  | Walt & Heidi Baskin(A)<br>Shane Boyd<br>Courtney Gilland<br>Amber Jewel<br>Jodi Olson  | 16 | Colin Boyd<br>Carrie Dukes<br>Traci Shoffner<br>Alex Taylor<br>Matthew Watts  |  | 27 | Andrew Baskin<br>Dick & Ellen Lane(A)  |
| 5  | Edwin Anderson<br>Terrie Conner<br>Gary Derby<br>Heidi Derby<br>Darrin Gregory<br>Logan Haggerty<br>Abigail Jones<br>John Ketchum<br>Jo Ann Modelewski<br>Charles Sallwasser<br>Noah Smith<br>Giuliana Verry<br>Graham Young | 17 | Paul & Debra Brown(A)<br>David Butler<br>Lyle & Mary Ann Chevront(A)<br>Sarah Knaub<br>Virginia Leftwich<br>Eric Smith                                  |  | 28 | Andrew Baskin<br>Scott Dye<br>Abby Holbrook<br>Laura Martin<br>John Murphy<br>Megan Shaw<br>Ethan Smartt   |
| 6  | Lois Furick<br>John Gauthier<br>Julie Penfield<br>Shane Boyd   | 18 | Teresa Crocker<br>Joe & Barbara Delgado(A)<br>Bob & Peggy Dye(A)<br>Patty Lentini<br>Brittany Robbins   |  | 29 | Kathy Cook<br>Goodman & Barbara Mitchell(A)<br>Beth Scicchitano<br>Martha Welch  |
| 7  | Jon & Sherry Austin(A)   | 19 | Allie Beatley<br>Bob Franz<br>Matt McKinney<br>Louise Shelton   |  | 30 | Calvin & Andrea Anderson(A)<br>Betty Blanchfield<br>Tom & Mary Bouffard(A)<br>Sherri Dykstra<br>Dana Ferrell<br>Lori Mang<br>Matthew Potts<br>Mary Sevfzer<br>Geoff Shoemaker<br>Lee & Jennifer Watson(A)<br>Tom Wozniak |
| 8  | Randy & Natalie Hall(A)<br>Mackenzie Knox<br>Steve & Pat Mosier(A)<br>Ken Taylor<br>Bev Walters  | 20 | Erin Anderson<br>Sam Anderson<br>Kerry Gilland<br>Sam Holbrook  |  |    |  |
| 9  | Bill Boyd<br>Brandon Fry<br>David & Doris Henderson(A)<br>Pete & Jacki Prindle(A)  | 21 | Preston Broderick<br>Bill Campbell<br>Pete & Paulette Clement(A)<br>Lori Laudenslager<br>Eleanor Misner<br>Chris Omweg<br>Elise Seay<br>Diane Holsinger |  |    |  |
| 10 | Colton Young   | 22 | Grady Koch<br>Aaron McMichael<br>Joseph Welch<br>Bettie White   |  |    |  |
| 11 | Mason Cape<br>Bob Tilton   | 23 | Karen Berardini<br>Jim & Stacie Masten(A)<br>Fred Waynick   |  |    |  |
| 12 | Anne Rowe<br>Mitchell Rusk   |    |   |  |    |  |
| 13 | Heather Blount<br>Michele Cape<br>Judy Ferris  |    |   |  |    |  |

If we have missed listing Your birthday or anniversary please call or e-mail the church, thanks.

## As I See It

As I write this, today is the first day of spring. The daffodils have been up in the yard for a couple of weeks now, and have gone past their peak. The trees are blooming and all around us, new life is stirring.

I think that's why I love spring so much. You can see the handiwork of God wherever you look. And you can see that God is still active in our world - still creating, still showing forth beauty. So much newness and freshness.

As a Church, we are preparing to

enter a different kind of Spring, but very similar. If you read the front page of this newsletter you know that even though its been behind the scenes, your building committee has been very active, getting us ready for a new creation, a thing of beauty. We are literally "Growing to Serve." As Godspell showed us, all around us there are opportunities for new and exciting ministries to reach out into this beautiful world God created and help lead others to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. It is an exciting time to be part

of Saint Luke's.

I also want to say "thank you" to everyone for your cards, meals, desserts, love and care shown to me and my family during the passing of my mother. We are living into a "new normal" right now, and don't quite have that defined. But we know that here is where we want to be, and your love and support helped us through those difficult days.

Still in One Peace,

*Doug*

## Clara's Quips

As spring arrives, I love looking out my office window to the courtyard. It seems as if every day something new has popped out of the ground or a different flower has burst forth into fullness. God's creative abilities are never ceasing! Often I wish I had such creative abilities. I watch others whom I think have great abilities – like the crea-

tors of the Godspell set last month – and I feel envy. If only I could come up with such creative solutions for the scenes. But then, I think, I'm made in God's image so I must have been given some artistic abilities! This gives me hope and empowers me to try a creative hand. So I'm looking at my backyard. Where should I plant a flowering

bush? What could I add to that location where I hang my hammock from Brazil to make it look like a peaceful place for solitude? Oh, I'm sure that I'll figure something out, something that will delight my eyes as well as my soul. All I have to do is rely on God's image in me to see the possibilities!!

*Clara*



## Doodles from the DDM:

Recently at the Confirmation Retreat at Lake Junaluska, the speaker at the closing worship challenged us to not become a "Tarzan" type of Christian. By that he meant, as a follower of Christ our faith lives should not depend on swinging from one major event to another to experience life in Christ. Instead, our faith formation and discipleship is more akin to taking those "baby steps" toward an ever growing life of discipleship. Now, occasionally taking a swing on a vine to move to another place is of value, not just the entire process. We were then challenged with what some of these baby steps would be. First and foremost was regular attendance at worship services with the entire community of faith gathered. Secondly, regular reading of scripture (i.e., daily devotions), then regular study of scripture with others (ie Sunday School, youth bible study, etc), memorization of scripture, and acts of service to others. In living our daily walk with Christ, being faith-

ful to the baby steps is the way to insure a strong faith throughout life. Now, this in and of itself was a great deal to think through, however, I think I was even more inspired and surprised at how well the confirmands listened to this message and the others over the weekend. If you are ever worried about the future of the church, just spend some quality time with our newest confirmation class, deep down you will be assured that the church will be in good hands for many years to come!

Be sure to watch out hallways and website for more information about our upcoming Vacation Bible School - we need you to step up and volunteer as we reach out to our children with a week of excitement and learning more about Jesus. Interested? Do not hesitate to call or email or talk to me in the hallway - I would love the opportunity to talk to you about where you can best be a part!

This summer will also bring to our church a new format for our children's Sunday School. After doing a bit of an experiment during the Advent season of having Children's Sunday School have a large group experience to begin with, we have decided to give it another run during the summer months. We will be looking for those of you who have an interest in drama, in being a group lead (easy, easy task for caring adults). The schedule will be flexible enough so that you will not have to be a part every Sunday (however, that would be just super if you are available!!!). So, been looking for something new and yet challenging in growing not only your faith, but helping to shape the faith of our children? See me for more info on this opportunity.

*James*



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**Growing to Serve**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
9-6  
**Friday**  
9-3

Time Sensitive Material



## Get Ready for the New St. Luke's Photo Directory!

We want YOU in the next St. Luke's UMC Directory! It has been five years since our last pictorial directory - our church family has grown! Here are a few details to get you ready:

**Q: When will the pictures be taken?**

A: Our portrait dates with LifeTouch are set for May 12-14 and May 18-21.

**Q: How do I sign up?**

A: A link is on the St. Luke's website ([www.stlukesyorktown.org](http://www.stlukesyorktown.org)) for quick and easy online signups. You can choose your day and time slot and even go back to change it if needed. Once online sign-ups have closed, we will have sign-up sheets available between worship services for several Sundays before pictures start.

**Q: What will it cost?**

A: Nothing! It's free! AND you get a free 8x10 portrait just for coming to get your picture taken. The final directory book is also free!

**Q: Seriously, it's free?**

A: Yes, seriously.

**Q: But what about the sales people who pressure me into buying additional prints?**

A: LifeTouch guarantees a no-pressure photo session - they even provide a price list ahead of time so you can plan exactly what you want to order - no "special packages" with unpublished prices. No pressure to spend more than you want to! (And again - you don't have to spend anything at all!)

**Q: Does it really matter if my picture is in the book - my address and phone number will be listed in the back, isn't that good enough?**

A: Yes, it matters! No, a mere listing in the back is not good enough! St. Luke's is a large and very active church. Putting faces with names is key to keeping that family atmosphere that makes St. Luke's such a welcoming and engaging congregation. It is also invaluable to new members who are trying to get connected in the life of the church.

**Q: I haven't actually joined the church yet and/or I'm in the military and will be moving next year - should I be in the directory?**

A: Yes! The directory is a snapshot in time - a reflection of our family right now. Sure, our family will see changes in the next few years - and that's when we'll print a new directory!

**Q: How can I help this extremely important effort run smoothly and successfully?**

A: I'm glad you asked! We will need volunteers to work at the sign-up tables in church and to do check-in during the portrait sessions. No experience necessary! More information will be provided in the coming weeks, but if you would like to help out in either of these ways, please contact Amy Brice at [bricefamily4@gmail.com](mailto:bricefamily4@gmail.com) or 240-4933.