



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

# St. Luke's Outlook

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### From our Calling 21 Intern

"The Church is a gathering of dysfunctional people who all figured out they need each other."

I have been welcomed from the first day with melt in your

mouth chocolate chip cookies with a cool glass of lemonade, home cooked meals and the nice lunches and dinners out, the hospitality of a family to have me stay with them, and the smiling faces of fourth graders who were happy to have me at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. From what I see St. Luke's is all about outreach. I was a stranger and felt nothing but welcome from this church family.

My second week here I was sent off with 70 folks to Kentucky. ASP was a new experience for me. In the past, I have been on local mission trips, but ASP was something totally different. It was an amazing opportunity for me to get to know some people. As someone new to the group I was able to stand back and watch how St. Luke's works together and simply loves one another and all those around them. It was my pleasure to serve those in need and God with 70 of St. Luke's best on ASP this year. We not only worked on houses but built relationships with the folks living there and those on our teams.

Thank you St. Luke's for having me and for the steps you have helped me take on my walk with Christ during my time here.

Love and Peace in Christ  
~ Devon Killian

### Financial Peace University is coming to St. Luke's!

When we heard that 7 out of 10 Americans live paycheck to paycheck, we knew we had to do something. That's why we're going to be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class here at the church starting September 9th. It's the most practical stuff out there and the most fun you'll ever have learning about money. Each weekly session starts with Dave Ramsey teaching on video and is followed by a powerful small group discussion.

You'll see that you are DEFINITELY not alone if you're struggling in this area. And even if you are one of the few who isn't struggling, you'll still benefit from this powerful material. It teaches you how to apply biblical principles to the way you handle money and how to start truly managing all of the resources God has given you.

This class breaks the process down into easy steps that will help no matter where you are. You've got to take it! We're having free class previews, the first is Aug 15 at 4 pm at the church and the other one is August 26 at 7 pm also at the church you don't want to miss. If you want to get some more information, contact Ron Dorenbush at 817-0916 or 872-4666 or email him at rdorenbush@aol.com. Can't wait to see you all there!

### Online Form to Help Connect College Students with Faith Communities

Virginia Conference United Methodist campus ministries (Wesley Foundations, ecumenical partnerships and United Methodist schools) rely on your help in identifying United Methodist students so the students can be contacted and welcomed on campuses across the conference. A new online form replaces the previous method of mailing in paper forms. Completion of the form is quick, easy and should help campus ministries contact students more quickly throughout the summer and academic year. If you have a student enrolled in a Virginia College that hosts a Wesley Foundation, please go online <https://www.vaumc.org/SSLPage.aspx?pid=1117> and take a moment to help identify your student so that campus ministers and chaplains will know they are on their campus.

### College Students Help Us Reach You!

College Students and parents! We want to be able to stay in-touch with you (your student) while at school. Please update your (your child's) contact information with the church office. Please call 898-3017 or email [a\\_c@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:a_c@stlukesyorktown.org). Thank you.

### Capital Campaign Update

We have raised \$1,671,900.00 toward the building campaign so far with 151 families and individuals contributing.

### Advice for Happiness

"Happiness," said Mahatma Gandhi, "is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony."

Did he achieve happiness? Only he would know. However, Gandhi's secretary reported that "every day he held a silent court within himself and called himself to account for the littlest of his little acts."

### Bible Quiz

Careful readers of Mark's gospel will discover that the writer favored a certain word. It indicates how quickly certain events transpired. The word is found four times in the first chapter of Mark and 19 more times in the remaining 15 chapters (NRSV). Choose the correct word:

- A. Momentarily
- B. Instantly
- C. Occasionally
- D. Immediately

Answer on page 3



### 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.

### The Faithful Chorus Needs You

The Faithful Chorus has completed 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.

### United Methodist Men Time Change

Beginning in September, the United Methodist men will meet at a new time. We will meet at 7:00 AM on the third Sunday of the month, instead of 8 AM. This time change has been made so that our regular meeting does not conflict with worship. If you haven't been to UMM in a while, or never have, please consider joining us at our new time!

### RISK TAKING MISSIONS--FOGG ASP is still alive!!

(Even though Joe Vallow is leaving.) We've applied for and been accepted to take up to 18 adults (age 18+) to the ASP year around center in Jonesville, VA. We'll travel to Jonesville Sun. Sep 19 and return home on Sat., Sept. 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, call Ron Dorenbusch @ (h) 872-4666, (c) 817-0196 or email rdorenbusch@aol.com

### Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Luke's next Bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### August Events for Youth

#### Weekly Youth Events:

##### Sunday

- 5:00 – 6:00 Middle School Youth (Fellowship Hall / Game Room)
- 6:00 – 6:30 Youth Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 – 8:00 High School Youth (Fellowship Hall / Game Room)

See the bulletin board outside the Youth Director's office for more information.



## Let's Get Together as St. Luke's United Methodist Women CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST, 2010

### UMW BOARD, BOOK CLUB & CIRCLES

- The next meeting of the UMW Board will be Monday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m.
- Three of the Circles and the Book Club will not hold regular meetings in August.
- Sisters in Christ Circle will hold their regular meeting Monday, August 30, at 7 p.m. to plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly Unit Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 14, beginning with a covered-dish meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by a program on the School of Christian Mission.

### LOOKING AHEAD

A special event is planned for Saturday, September 18. St. Luke's will be hosting the Peninsula District **Hands on Mission Day** from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is an opportunity for all District United Methodists to share their talents with persons in York County by doing hands-on-mission projects on this day.

Projects for the day include visiting shut-ins, sing-a-long or hymn sing with residents at a local convalescent center, and delivering cookies to the fire stations in Grafton and Tabb, and to the Sheriff's Dept. in York County. Using church rooms we will write letters of encouragement to missionaries, cut out Campbell's coupons, and review donated books for use in St. Luke's Preschool and glue check-out envelopes in them for children to check out the books.

Some of the other projects are to work on quilted bed rolls for the homeless, or lap quilts or prayer shawls, as well as prepare 157 small back packs with snacks and food items for those children entitled to school lunches/breakfasts during the week and are in need on the weekends.

There is a need for many items to be brought from home and the list is on the UMW bulletin board outside of room 21.

You don't need to be a UMW member to participate in this worthwhile project – all are welcome.

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

We still have 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 looked in 2010. They are \$18 each which will be given to UMW Missions. Contact Joan Reese at 898-3938 or e-mail her at grannychick@verizon.net.

### We Want Your Email!!

We want your email! We are going to use email as a form of communication for upcoming events, emergency information, opportunities, and even an electronic St. Luke's Outlook. If you have an email please go on our website and register or contact the office with a current email to add to our list! We will not share your email with anyone but members of the church. Thanks!!

*Here's  
what's going  
on at St.  
Luke's. Get  
Involved!*

**Looking for a New Ways to Volunteer?  
Here are some Opportunities!**

**Super Supper Hospitality**

Are you looking for a great way to become more involved? ...to be more of service within our church? The Wednesday Night Supper Team is looking for volunteers to support this fun fellowship event. We're looking for a 3rd core team member to rotate supper planning and hosting responsibilities. In addition, we need cleaning crew help to stack chairs and tables after supper is over. We would love to hear from you! If you'd like to participate and be of service when suppers begin again on September 15th, please contact Michele Hurst at 868-1195 or Karen Kern at 659-0231 or email: gkkd@cox.net.

**Looking for Marthas** - Martha's Ministry at St. Luke's reaches out to bereaved church family members by hosting receptions for funeral or memorial services or providing a meal when notified of a need by our Funeral Coordinator. The ministry is organized into teams that rotate responsibilities to help distribute this caring ministry among its participants. If you would like to participate in this nurturing ministry or have questions, please contact Mrs. Donna Dorenbush at 872-4666.

**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 homebound. Please prayerfully consider making a difference today! Contact Lynda Sullivan at Lyndas@ix.netcom.com or 871-1856.

**Outreach Ministry opportunities** for the congregation in the following areas: (Contact Ginny Potts at 898-1329 or Mary Ellis at 877-0358)

**Hospitality Desk** “welcomers” (training session will be held in late June or July)

**Parking Lot Greeters** coordinator and volunteers (new program; training will be provided)

**Reading Ministry** Coordinator and volunteers for new program at Yorktown Elementary (start date: Fall 2010)

**Reading Ministry** volunteers for existing program at Grafton-Bethel Elementary (resumes in Fall 2010)

**Community Carnival** organizers and helpers (planning will be ongoing through the summer; event takes place on Sunday, Sept. 12)

**Drive-Thru Nativity** organizers and helpers (planning will take place through summer and fall; event will be held weekend of Dec. 17 & 18)

**Bible Quiz Answer**

Answer: D (It's first used in Mark 1:12, NRSV.)

**What is the Worship Ministry and What Do They Do?**

**Co-Chairs:** Kamela Verry & Cheryl Guardia

**Contact:** stlukesworship@verizon.net

**Opportunities to Worship**

We have three services on Sunday morning:

- **8:30 AM** - a traditional service with a Chancel Choir. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.
- **9:45 AM** - a traditional service with Communion served every Sunday.
- **11:00 AM** - a traditional service with a Chancel Choir. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.

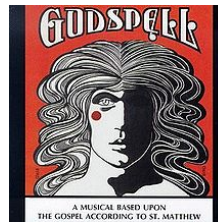
**Opportunities to Serve in Worship**

- **Acolyte Coordinator/Helper**– Coordinate the schedule for acolytes. Schedule training for our acolytes. Help get acolytes ready.
- **Altar Guild** - Change cloths on the altar, refill candles, etc.
- **Communion Preparation** - purchase bread and juice, prepare elements for Sunday morning.
- **Communion Steward** - serve Communion during the service.
- **Homebound Communion Server** - take the consecrated Communion elements to our members who are homebound.
- **Lay Reader** - read Scriptures during the Sunday services.
- **Restock Pew Supplies** - refill the pew racks with envelopes, registration cards, attendance pads, etc.
- **Special & Seasonal Decorations** - help decorate the church for special events and church seasons.
- **Usher** - greet people as they enter the narthex, pass out bulletins, help new guest find a seat, collect offering, help with Communion, and clean-up the sanctuary in between services.

**Flowers for the Altar Area**

We have a chart on the Worship Ministry bulletin board where you can sign up to have flowers in the altar area in honor or memory of someone or a special occasion.

If you are interested in more information about our Worship Ministry or you want to volunteer, please contact Kamela Verry or Cheryl Guardia at stlukesworship@verizon.net.



**Godspell Coming to St. Luke's**

What is Godspell? It is a joy to see and work on. It is an unbelievable experience of sheer delight. It is a way of showing the joy of having Jesus Christ in your life. The title comes from the German word for Gospel which is Godspiel. The stories which are retold in this work come from the Gospels —mostly from the book of Matthew. Hence the full title is Godspell, the Gospel According to St. Matthew.

We are fortunate here, at St. Luke's to have been given the opportunity to present this as it was originally intended to be done. The performance dates are not until March 11th, 12th, and possibly 13th but work on this project has already begun. Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information as it becomes available and then join us in this once in a lifetime experience.



## August 2010

**Sunday, August 1st**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 9:45 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of Clay  
 6:30 PM High School Fellowship of Clay

**Monday, August 2nd**

4:00 PM Outreach Ministry  
 5:00 PM Carnival Planning

**Tuesday, August 3rd**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Campaign Steering Committee  
 7:00 PM Lay Leader Council

**Wednesday, August 4th****Thursday, August 5th**

6:30 PM Education Ministry Area Meeting

**Friday, August 6th**

Canoe Trip/Camping/youth

**Saturday, August 7th**

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
 Canoe Trip/Camping/youth

**Sunday, August 8th**

Calling 21 Intern, Devon's last Sunday  
 Canoe Trip/Camping/youth  
 8:30 AM Worship  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 9:45 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Worship

**Monday, August 9th**

9:30 AM Preschool Summer Fun  
 5:30 PM UM Women Board meeting  
 7:00 PM Trustees meeting

**Tuesday, August 10th**

9:30 AM Preschool Summer Fun  
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Finance Committee  
 6:30 PM Campaign Steering Committee  
 7:30 PM Church Council

**Wednesday, August 11th**

9:30 AM Preschool Summer Fun  
 Mission Mayhem

**Thursday, August 12th**

9:30 AM Preschool Summer Fun  
 Mission Mayhem  
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, August 13th**

9:30 AM Preschool Summer Fun  
 Youth Movie Night

**Saturday, August 14th**

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

**Sunday, August 15th**

8:00 AM United Methodist Men's  
 Fellowship Breakfast  
 8:30 AM Worship  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 9:45 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 4:00 PM Financial Peace University  
 Preview  
 5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of  
 Clay  
 6:30 PM High School Fellowship of Clay

**Monday, August 16th**

10:30 AM York Convalescent Worship  
 Service

**Tuesday, August 17th**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 3:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive  
 6:30 PM Campaign Steering Committee

**Wednesday, August 18th****Thursday, August 19th****Friday, August 20th**

Go-Carts Plus/Youth

**Saturday, August 21st**

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

**Sunday, August 22nd**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 9:45 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of  
 Clay  
 6:30 PM High School Fellowship of Clay

**Monday, August 23rd****Tuesday, August 24th**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Campaign Steering Committee

**Wednesday, August 25th****Thursday, August 26th**

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 7:00 PM Financial Peace University  
 Preview

**Friday, August 27th**

Youth Beach Trip

**Saturday, August 28th**

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

**Sunday, August 29th**

8:30 AM Worship  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 9:45 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of  
 Clay  
 6:30 PM High School Fellowship of  
 Clay

**Monday, August 30th**

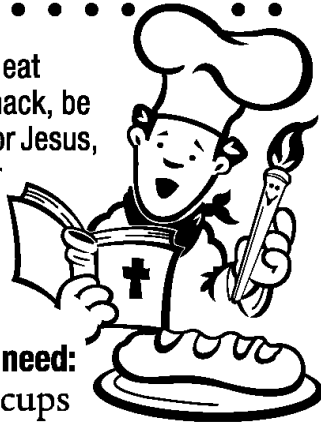
7:00 PM Sisters In Christ Circle

**Tuesday, August 31st**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Campaign Steering  
 Committee

# BREAD painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.



### What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

### What you do:

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!

## St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

### Prayers & Sympathy to

Ernest and Betty White on the death of her aunt, Doris Henderson, July 10, 2010. The family of Marvin and Bea Burgess who died March 2010 and June 28, 2010 respectively.

Phil and Katy Jones and family on the death of her mother, Sandra L. Dean, June 21, 2010.

### Memoriam

A donation was made to the Youth Program by Ann and William Robbins in memory of Sandra L. Dean.

### Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Kaylee Ann Ketchum, infant daughter of John and Dee Dee Ketchum, July 18, 2010.

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

Joanne Lane (Tom Lane)	William and Lois Shields
118 Creek Terrace	18 Lessies Drive
YT (93) Ph: 868-8614	POQ (62) Ph: 868-8630

John and Dee Dee Ketchum  
322 Dunnavant Lane  
NN (06) Ph: 595-0390  
Children: Amanda and Kaylee Ketchum

### Our Military Especially our Deployed

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

### Learning Timelessness

We tend to think of our lives in terms of past, present and future. Therefore, we easily become time-bound, living under the restrictions of clocks, calendars and seasons.

The concern of the truly spiritual person, however, is the "now" — that suspension of the flow of hours, days and years. God, who isn't time-bound, breaks in upon our lives, and we sense, however distantly, the eternal. And we're refreshed, healed and lifted up.

The experience of the eternal may happen any time, even amid distraction. But the witness of the mystics is that it most frequently occurs in the time of quiet abandonment in prayer. As we grow spiritually, we become less time-bound and discover that the God of grace isn't limited to the passage of the hours, days and years.

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|----|---|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Elaina McCoulskey<br>Maddie Mahood<br>Mark Smeland<br>Jake Verry  |    | Sarah Rowe<br>Evelyn Seay<br>Paul & Elise Seay(A)   |    | Joan Reese<br>Amber Stinson   |
| 2  | Ron & Donna Dorenbush(A)<br>Ed & Bette Seymore(A)   | 12 | S. G. & Janet Kessler<br>Anthony Matin<br>Danielle Mellen<br>Kaylin Mitchell<br>Vannah Mitchell<br>Kelly & Mary Ranger(A)                             | 23 | Vince & Karen Berardini(A)<br>Johnny & Skeeter Coleman(A)<br>Ann Ellis<br>Melissa Gibson                                    |
| 3  | Jason Collins<br>Kathy Drummond<br>Kinsey Hall<br>Carter Posey<br>Ray Rhew<br>Matt Walkley<br>Rob & Sandy Young(A)  | 13 | Patrick Crawford<br>Betty Fernald<br>Tessa McElvein<br>Lee & Ann Person(A)  | 24 | Cindy Campbell<br>Mac Mullins<br>Kayla Ranger<br>Gloria Respress<br>Deb Sandiford<br>Rick & Wanda Sills(A)                  |
| 4  | Kathryn Budzik<br>Scott & Kelly Dayton(A)<br>Ryon Harrell<br>Marty Holcomb<br>Tim Moon<br>Wilbert Tyler<br>Leslie Vladu   | 14 | Tiffany Beatley<br>Scott Caldwell<br>Blair & Mary Ellis(A)<br>Ross & Suzie Small(A)   | 25 | Calvin Anderson<br>Lauren Balson<br>Pete & Marty Holcomb(A)<br>David & Theresa Johnston(A)<br>Robin Jordan<br>Mitzi LaPaugh |
| 5  | Emily Donston<br>Jeanette George<br>Dave & Cheryl Moulton(A)<br>J. T. Reese<br>Bobby Turnbull   | 15 | Sherri Austin<br>Bill & Jo Boyd(A)<br>Mark Early<br>Riyana Guthrie<br>Dave & Charlotte Owens(A)<br>Beth Stabnow<br>Scot Tully                         | 26 | James & Amelia Arthur(A)<br>Marvin & Bea Burgess(A)<br>Dylan Mitchell<br>David Rusk<br>Fred Sawin                           |
| 6  | Anthony & Kathryn Budzik(A)<br>Renee' Ferrell<br>Will Garrett<br>David Hampton<br>Will Hymes<br>Melissa Koch<br>Paul Lapointe, II<br>Fred & Sandy Penfield(A)<br>Allison Taylor | 16 | Justin Crocker<br>Jeff Dunlap<br>Kaitlyn Grube<br>Monty & Sharon Guin(A)<br>Burke & Gay King(A)<br>Dominic Orlando<br>Rebeca Semcken<br>Ryon Williams | 27 | Terry Futrell<br>Henry & Cynthia Gleisberg(A)<br>Chris Jordan<br>Patrick Pope<br>Karen Rice<br>Stan Tkach                   |
| 7  | Alan & Laura Broderick(A)<br>Sarah Clark<br>Rachel Drummond<br>Jason & Cathy Garrison(A)<br>Ben Hoppe<br>Steve & Betty Jane Turner(A)   | 17 | John & Pam Dunning (A)<br>Jennifer Gates<br>S. G. Kessler<br>Margaret Mason<br>Heather Rhoads<br>Edward Stover<br>Monica VanLear                      | 28 | Marilyn Bradley<br>Dana & Julie Ferrell(A)<br>Julie Furick<br>Jason Garrison<br>Paul & Julie Lapointe(A)<br>Diana Lawrence  |
| 8  | Brad McMasters<br>Michael Moore<br>Warner Smith   | 18 | Roger & Nancy Amick(A)<br>Ann Burnette<br>Betty Brummer<br>Johnny & Skeeter Coleman(A)  | 29 | Jim Elliott<br>David Lucy<br>Dave & Margaret Mason(A)<br>Rick Sills<br>Alex Vogt  |
| 9  | Bill Boyer<br>Sue Hughes  | 19 | Pastors Doug & Clara Gestwick (A)<br>Angie Heist<br>Jonathan & Stefanie Wagner(A)<br>Sheryl Wood  | 30 | Steve Boggs<br>Kinsey Hall<br>Vicky Moore   |
| 10 | Katherine Gregory<br>Keith & Rachel Haggerty(A)<br>Fred Penfield<br>Phyllis Roth<br>Linda Vineyard<br>Whitey Walters<br>Calvin & Barbara White(A)                               | 20 | Kelly Ferguson<br>Alexis Haskiell<br>Jim & Charlotte Kelly(A)<br>Kelly Ranger   | 31 | Nathan Mang<br>Steven Ripley<br>Jerry & Jeanne Turner(A)<br>Sydney Van Ness   |
| 11 | Amelia Arthur<br>Nichole Knicely<br>Nancy Rodrigo   | 21 | Martha Brewer<br>John Stevenson   |    |   |
|    |   | 22 | Jo Boyd<br>Lori Burnette<br>Ian Crispin   |    |   |

## As I See It

In this month's newsletter article I want to build on the challenge I gave last month. In the United Methodist Church, September is "open house month." It is a time when we, as a denomination, are intentional about opening our doors and welcoming others. But just how do we "welcome others?" For most churches, "opening their doors" is all they do. They hope/expect/pray that new people will walk through. And at Saint Luke's that does happen frequently – in fact, almost weekly. But one of the five practices of fruitful congregations is practicing "radical hospitality." What does it mean to demonstrate "radical hospitality?" The dictionary defines radical as "departing markedly from the usual or customary." Hospitality is defined as "kindness in welcoming guests or strangers." Putting the two together, we can say that "radical hospitality" means departing from the usual or customary kindness in welcoming guests or strangers.

During the month of September, I am challenging each and every member of this church to put radical hospitality into practice in an individual and intentional way. I would like for every member, young or old, newcomer or charter member, to invite at least one new person to worship at Saint Luke's (notice the "at least" – that means you can invite MORE than one!). This can be a friend or neighbor. Maybe it's the person who cuts your hair. Maybe it's the young person that cuts your lawn. Maybe it's someone you met on the sidelines of your child's soccer or field hockey game. It can be anyone. What matters is that YOU invite them, rather than wait for them to come on their own. YOU invite them to come with you, rather than just suggest they "check us out" sometime. 73% of unchurched people report that the main reason they don't attend church is that no one invited them. As a church, let's aim for a "September Miracle." Each one reach one is all it takes for this miracle to come into fruition.

*Still in One Piece,*

Doug



## Doodles from the DDM:

Well, this has been one of the best summers ever! I hope you have had a great time. At St. Luke's it has been a really busy summer, with camps, ASP, youth activities, vacation bible school, M&M midweek (Aug 11-12) and preschool summer fun days coming up. Many, Many opportunities for spiritual growth being availed this summer. I hope you have taken the opportunity to be involved. I can remember just a few short years ago when we would not even offer camp opportunities because we thought no one would want them – well, that was what was told to me anyway. I can remember having to cap our vbs at 120 or so, because that is all the building would hold, still true, but with using all available space plus 13 tents outside, we were able to have over 170 this year – over half of which were not St. Luke's members!!! What a wonderful way we can reach out and have a lasting influence on our community. I have even had parents call already to register for next year's vbs – and no, we are not doing that, registration will open in the late spring of 2011, be watching our website. And speaking of our website, we are taking a more proactive stand toward more online registrations for events that would have had a paper form to fill out. Two that are coming up are M&M – missions activity and education for those completed

## Clara's Quips

It's hard to believe that it's August already and summer is coming to a close. But before it ends, I have one last big event! From August 15 through the 30<sup>th</sup>, I will be with a delegation of clergy women traveling from the Virginia Annual Conference to Mozambique to meet with clergy women there where we will provide leadership training and support. The church on the African continent has only been ordaining women since 1978. The women there are struggling to find their voice and style of leadership. Please pray that this time together will be fulfilling for both groups of clergy women. May God fill us with words of encouragement along with practical help for our sisters in Africa.

*Blessings,*

Clara

3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade and our preschool summer fun week, both have online registrations available now. Please use them and help us green up our registration process.

It is just around the corner that some new Sunday school team members will be needed. If you would be interested in team teaching a class, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I would be glad to help you determine if this would be your place of making a difference. No joke, it takes special people with a love to be prepared to teach to be successful at teaching, not hard, just dedication. We have had a wonderful year this year out of all our current teachers, but I know a few will want to take a break and spend some time with adults again, so now it is your turn. Your life will truly be blessed by giving time to share the love of God with children or youth. Think and pray about it, then give me a call or email.

~ James



# Save the Date

## St. Luke's

### Community Carnival

September 12th, 3:00-7:00 PM

We are inviting our community to come play! We will have a moon walk, a train, and many games. Many volunteers will be needed. More information will follow in the bulletin, the BLURBSS, and through announcements. Want to help with planning the Carnival? We have



our next meeting is Monday, August 2nd at 5:00 PM. We look forward to a fun time of outreach and fellowship! Don't forget to invite your neighbors!!



We're on the web!  
[www.stlukesyorktown.org](http://www.stlukesyorktown.org)

Office Hours  
 Monday-Thursday  
 9-6  
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday  
 Worship - 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM  
 Young Adult Sunday School - 8:30 AM  
 Sunday School, All ages - 9:45 AM  
 Late 20s Sunday School - 11:00 AM  
 Youth Fellowship - 5:00 & 6:00 PM  
 Office: 757-898-3017

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