

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

St. Luke's Outlook

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**A Big Thanks
to the teachers,
helpers, and all of
those who made
VBS a big success!**

**We had a great
week and we
couldn't have done it
without you! See you
next year and
keep digging!
~ James Pace, DDM**



Upcoming Events:

- August 3rd ~ 7:00 PM Altar Guild
- August 4th ~ Office closes at 3:00
- August 8th ~ 4:00 PM Blood Drive
- August 11th ~ Office closes at 3:00
- August 18th ~ Office closes at 3:00
- August 25th ~ Office closes at 3:00
- August 29th-30th ~Pictorial Directory Photos



Fridays in August the office will close at 3:00 PM.

Get Involved with United Methodist Women

The UMW Board will meet August 2nd, the first Wed. of the month at 8:00 a.m. Hope to see all officers and circle chairs, as we plan the Fall events.

Book Club will not meet in August. It will meet the first Wednesday in September at 9:30 in the Parlor. The book for discussion is "Sisters in China" Three copies are available on the book shelves in the Library, room 17.

The MOM (Mission of Motherhood) Circle meets the first Thursday morning of the month, 9:30-11:00 AM. Nursery is provided. Come, join the ladies trying to understand their role in God's plan as parents, teachers, and spiritual guides.

We begin the year, September 7th 9:00-11:00 AM with a **Yahoo! Boo-hoo!** potluck breakfast. Bring a snack to **celebrate** or **lament** the first day of school for your children. Meet other women and learn about our projects for the year; Campbell's soup labels, books for kids, coffee, and study guides.

Beginning in October we start "Parenting 101," a parenting guide on DVD with a study guide by James Williams. See the October Outlook for more information. Hope to see you in September.

Daytime St. Luke's Shawl Ministry

Knitters and crocheters are invited to come fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere of prayer and handwork. Both beginners and advanced are welcome to learn more about prayer shawls and pray for those who receive the shawls. Come learn the techniques, share your desires and see if it is for you! Our next meeting is September 20th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Questions? Contact Debbie Frecker, 890-2698 or Gloria Nuckles, 898-8557.

Help Needed for Martha's Ministry

St. Luke's has a new ministry for reaching out to the grieving members of the church community. The purpose of this group is to provide receptions in the church fellowship hall or in the home following funerals or memorial services. The Martha's Ministry needs a chairperson and six teams of approximately 6 to 8 members per team. Each team would serve for two consecutive months. Detailed resource material is available to assist the teams with the reception process.

Please consider being a part of this vitally important ministry of congregational care! Contact Donna Dorenbush (872-4666), Nurture Ministry Co-Leader.

Join Our Altar Guild

Anyone interested in serving on the St. Luke's Altar Guild is asked to come to an organizational/planning meeting on Thurs., Aug. 3rd at 7 p.m. We will review the different areas of service in this special ministry. If you have any questions, please call Kenna Rusk at 898-0231 or 286-4796. Please plan on joining us!

Support Our New Library

Great news! St. Luke's is starting a new church library. If you have books you'd like to donate (reference materials, Bible study books, discipleship resources, children's Bible storybooks, devotionals, etc.) bring them to the corner table in Room 17. They will be reviewed by the Director of Discipleship Ministries prior to shelving. We're also looking for volunteers to help organize materials. The Grand Opening of the library will be in September. Questions? Call DeAnn Posey at 890-2869 or Karen Berardini at 867-8987.

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



Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 8th
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

We Want Your Picture in Our New Directory

If you have not yet had your picture taken for the new church directory and you would like to be included, please call Donna Dorenbush (872-4666) or Mary Ellis (877-0358).

Volunteer for St. Luke's Reading Ministry

Volunteers are needed for our Reading Ministry to successfully continue. St. Luke's volunteers will participate in our fourth year helping children enthusiastically learn at Grafton Bethel Elementary School. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God in our community. Applications are available at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex. Questions? Call Ronna McLane, 766-1619, or Laura McKinney, 867-1011.

Evening Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawl knitters continue to meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parlor.

Youth Activities

FofC Summer Thursdays

Also, in addition to our regular Sunday night meetings and High School only Tuesday night meetings, we are offering something new each Thursday! Watch the youth bulletin board, blurbbs, and website for updates. Here's what we anticipate in August:

August:

- ~ 3rd: Picnic in Newport News Park
- ~ 10th: TBD
- ~ 17th: Tie Dye Shirts
- ~ 24th: Beach Volleyball Yorktown Beach
- ~ 31st: 5:45PM Tides Game

Welcome to Our 6th Graders!

New 6th Graders Welcome to Youth Group! Party September 8th at 6:00PM



Thank you very much!!!

from the DC2006 Youth Evangelism Training Conference attendees.

Back Row (l-r): Mr. Stan Scott, Mr. Keith Bird, Robbie Rice, Melissa Gibson, Justin Torres, Kylee Rader, Matt Potts, Todd Atherton, Thomas Lapointe, Mary Mixon, Mrs. Debbie Fullhart, Ethan Halfhide, LP. Front Row (l-r): Ms. Megan Zahn, Lady LP, Lauren Donston, Ashley Tignor, Amanda Potts, Rachel Drummond, Kyle Torres, Paul Lapointe, "Action Jackson" Rine.

Another Successful Appalachia Service Project

The culmination of the 2006 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) year was our trip to Gary in McDowell County, West Virginia. We departed from St. Luke's on Saturday June 17 and returned on Saturday June 24. There was a nice crowd of family and church friends to see us off and to welcome us back. The St. Luke's ASP mission team consisted of a total of 53 people (36 youth and 17 adults). We were organized into eight work crews and our convoy consisted of 16 vans and trucks.

Saturday we traveled to Bluefield College in Bluefield, VA, where we spent the night in dorm rooms. On Sunday we were welcomed to a worship service at First United Methodist Church in Welch, WV. We then traveled a few miles south to the ASP center in the town of Gary. We stayed in the old Gary Elementary school where we slept in the classrooms and ate meals in the school cafeteria and had lots of peanut butter and jelly for lunch.

We were blessed with an ASP staff of 5 fine young college men and women who provided leadership all week long. Be sure to keep all of the ASP staff in your prayers -- they have a huge job and responsibility all summer long.

Our work crews met several interesting homeowners and their families and performed a lot of work to make the homes warmer, safer, and drier. Most of the (cont. on page 4)

Possible Columbarium at St. Luke's

An ad hoc study committee has explored the possibility of establishing a columbarium in our church and has recommended that an interior, glass-fronted columbarium wall be included in the planning phase of the current building program. The Church Council is considering the recommendation. This quiet, peaceful area would be open and accessible for prayer, meditation, visitation and remembrance whenever the church building is open.

Simply described, a Columbarium is a wall of niches for urns that contain the cremated ashes of members of the faithful community of the church. Interment within the church provides a link visible to us in this life between deceased Christians and their church community, enabling family and friends to pay respects and refresh remembrances frequently as a part of regular worship.

There is an increasing awareness of the benefits of cremation, and through the Columbarium, St. Luke's hopes to provide its members a dignified, beautiful setting for housing the cremains, all at considerable cost savings.

Much more information is available on the church's web site (open www.stlukesyorktown.org and select "Columbarium"). If you have comments about the proposal, please email them to the church office (cont. on page 4)

St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

In Memoriam

Donations were made to the Building Fund in memory of Doug Guin by:

- Edward and Rosa Cooke
- Don and Esther Balser
- David and Jo Ann Rushing
- Gary Fuquay
- Doris Fuquay
- Juanita Matthews
- Harold and Peggy Gillis
- Mike and Wendy Breeze

Donations to the new Church Sign were made in memory of:

- Their son, Gil Roberts, by Bob and Trudy Roberts.
- Kathy's mother, Elizabeth Allen, by Joel and Kathy Everhart.
- Ed Fink by Ann Fink.
- Edwin and Lorine Eason by Bill and Linda Eason.

Donations were made to the Library Fund in memory of Joseph Scherra by:

- The New Beginnings Sunday School Class.
- Ron and Donna Dorenbusch.
- Joan Comeaux.

Donations were made to the Library Fund in memory of Charles Hopkins by:

- The New Beginnings Sunday School Class.
- Ron and Donna Dorenbusch.

A donation was made to the Food Closet in memory of Joseph Scherra by

- George and Susan Sallwasser.

A donation was made to United Methodist Women's Mission Program in memory of Hilda Davis and Joseph Scherra by the St. Luke's United Methodist Women.

A donation was made to Heart Havens, Inc. in memory of Marjorie and Warren Sayre by Tom and Nancy Sayre.

Honoraria

Donations to the new Church Sign were made in honor of:

- Our Military and their family for their dedication and self-sacrifice by Rick, Ronna, and Rick C. McLane.
- Megan Zahn by Jill M. Zahn.
- Karen Berardini by Betty and Ed Brummer.
- The marriage of John and Suzanne Masten by Tom and Gail Burke.

A donation was made to the Food Closet in honor of Goodman Mitchell by Sarah Sudduth Circle.

Welcomed into Membership

Eric and Ardith Grube
36 Charles Parish Drive
POQ (23662) Ph: 868-7113
Daughter: Kaitlyn Grube

Deployed

David Cluxton	David Patterson
Brian Cosgriff	Jon Prindle
Jason Johnson	Shaun Slone
Tim Moon	

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work was typical home repair that included roofing, floor replacement, wall repair, and porch construction. In addition, there was a lot of foundation repair work this year.

We will be getting pictures made and posting new picture boards in the hallways. The ASP team is very grateful to the people of St. Luke's who supported us with prayers, finances, vans, trucks, and radios. Also, we want to thank everyone who supported us through the annual ASP/Grafton Kiwanis Club barbecue. Many thanks to the Kiwanians for their hard work and to all of the St. Luke's folks who ate bunches of barbecue!

Congratulations to

Grady and Melissa Koch on the birth of a son, Elias Grady Koch, July 6, 2006.

John Masten and Susanne Jones who were wed June 19, 2006.

Marilyn Barr and David Bradley who were wed June 24, 2006.

Prayers & Sympathy

Ken and Esther Barnes and family on the death of her father, Charles Hopkins Sr, June 20, 2006.

Wayne and Linda Harding on the death of his aunt, Myrt Jerney, June 20, 2006.

Joe and DeAnn Posey on the death of her father, Joseph Scherra, June 21, 2006.

Wes and Karen Wagner and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Charles Carter, June 29, 2006.

Monty and Sharon Guin and family on the death of his father, Doug Guin, July 6, 2006.

Ronnie and Nancy Lesher and family on the death of her mother, Juanita Comer, July 10, 2006.

Thank You

Thank you to all who sent cards expressing their sympathy and lifting my family up in prayer during the recent death of my father. Thank you for the flowers, and gifts to the Food Closet, Church Library, Missions, and Fingerlakes Hospice, honoring the memory of my father. Your kindness and caring are indeed appreciated.

- DeAnn Posey.

(Columbarium cont. from page 3)

stlukes@stlukesytwn.hrcoxmail.com or leave copies in the church office -- it would be helpful to know how many members have an interest in reserving a place. If you have more questions about the proposal, please email Chuck Harris (chiyzee@hotmail.com) or call him at 810-0017.

As I See It

To paraphrase an old spiritual “Here at last, I’m here at last, thank God Almighty, I’m here at last!”

And am I ever glad to be here. You all have given us such an incredibly warm welcome and I thank you for confirming what I already believed in my heart – that this is where God wants us to be! We have been overwhelmed with your show of love and support. We are still “feeling our way around” and taking in all that is Saint Luke’s.

I want you to know that I have an open door policy. Most of the time my door will be wide open. When it is that means that I welcome and encourage you stopping by. The only time it will be closed will be if I have someone in with me, or need uninterrupted time to meet some deadline. Other than that, I want to meet and greet you!

We asked the SPRC to give us a priority list of people for visitation. In a church this size we cannot get around to personally visiting everyone. However, if you want or need a visit, please call me and I’ll be happy to schedule a personal visit.

I challenged the church on my first Sunday to double the size of this church in one year. Not for numbers, and not for members, but for disciples. “Each One Reach One,” needs to be a mantra we all repeat, follow, and take personally. During worship I will be asking people to stand and introduce friends that they have brought to church. The best gift you can give ANYONE is to be the shepherd that led them to the Lord. Please take this challenge personally and prayerfully, and discern who among your circle of acquaintances you can invite to church with you next Sunday. Like Barnabus, we all need to be “encouragers.”

Just to give you a little practical information. Clara and I will be taking Friday’s as our day off. The best gift you can give to your pastors is to respect this time and truly allow us to “be away.” We can be much more effective if we have a weekly day of Sabbath rest and renewal. Of course, if a pastoral emergency arises, please feel free to call. But for any other call, we ask that you please refrain.

Still in One Peace,
Doug

Clara’s Quips

Change is a constant in life. I’m so glad that I am on this side of the change from our recent move. My office is all set up and functioning at the church. I have begun visiting our homebound members to get to know them. I have learned at least one hospital system. I have been to many meetings to learn about the ministry of our church. And I have survived my first St. Luke’s VBS. I feel like I’m a part of this new community of believers. I want to thank all of you who have made a special effort to stop by the office and say hello and give me your name – again! And to all who have dropped by the house with goodies: My family wouldn’t have eaten nearly so well without your kindness.

I find that change is very much a part of our journey in faith also. God gives us various experiences and we learn and grow from them. Paul uses the analogy of infancy and milk. When we are young in the faith, we are given easy tasks to accomplish and are fed on the less complex theological themes. But as we grow, God challenges us with more complex themes and gives us greater responsibility. We begin to be introduced to solid foods. From the beginning though, there is a responsibility we all have for ourselves in our faith walk. God doesn’t barge into our lives. God waits for us to come. Jesus stands at the door and knocks. It is our responsibility to take the action to open the door. Our faith must be active. It must continue to seek, no matter our age or years into the journey.

One of the things that really impress me about St. Luke’s is her emphasis on hands-on ministry. From ASP to VBS, from worship services in local convalescent homes to the Easter Eggs, from the work with the Refugee Resettlement Office to the Food Pantry, from UMW to UMM to UMYF to Discovery Kids to ... you name it. You all are amazing. Your faith is very active here. You are on fire and ready to go places where God leads. This really excites me. I love our Lord and working with people who also love God.

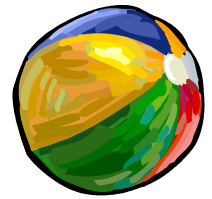
Please continue to introduce yourselves and your ministry area or passion to me. I want to know you, work beside you and serve our Lord together.

Blessings,
Clara

- 1 Jake Verry
2 Ron & Donna Dorenbush(A)
Ed & Bette Seymore(A)
3 Kathy Drummond
Nina Moss
John & Kathie Nett(A)
Carter Posey
Karrie Sancho
Kathryn Budzik
Scott & Kelly Dayton(A)
Barbara Finocchio
Tim Moon
Jack Rine
Leslie Vladu
John Wirt
5 Jeanette George
J. T. Reese
Bob & Dawne Rudolf(A)
Bobby Turnbull
6 Anthony & Kathryn Budzik(A)
Renee' Ferrell
Will Hymes
Melissa Koch
Paul Lapointe, II
Fred & Sandy Penfield(A)
Sun Cha Pettyjohn
Joyce Adams
Alan & Laura Broderick(A)
Sarah Clark
Sean Dronen
Rachel Drummond
Will Finocchio
Jason & Cathy Garrison(A)
Joe Martin
Linda O'Beirne
Nicole St. Pere
8 Pamela Smith
9 Sue Hughes
10 Fred Penfield
Phyllis Roth
Wayne Smith
Tom Tucker
Whitey Walters
Calvin & Barbara White(A)
11 Nichole Knicely
Jason & Kathy Harris(A)
Nancy Rodrigo
Evelyn Seay
Paul & Elise Seay(A)
Phil Tillman
12 Fred Arooji
S. G. & Janet Kessler
Kaylin Mitchell
Vannah Mitchell
Natalie Rine
13 Betty Fernald
Nancy Leonard
Tessa McElvein
Lee & Ann Person(A)
14 Blair & Mary Ellis(A)
15 Sherri Austin
Bill & Jo Boyd(A)
Mark Early
Nancy Leshner
David Nett
Melanie Nett
Dave & Charlotte Owens(A)
Beth Stabnow
Scot Tully
Nicky Walters
16 Justin Crocker
Jeff Dunlap
Kaitlyn Grube
Monty & Sharon Guin(A)
Burke & Gay King(A)
Ryon Williams
17 John & Pam Dunning (A)
Jennifer Gates
David Grooms
S. G. Kessler
Donald & Jacki Martin(A)
Edward Stover
Monica VanLear
18 Ann Burnette
Betty Brummer
Johnny & Skeeter Coleman(A)
Mark Fischer
19 Angie Heist
20 Danielle Craig
Kelly Ferguson
Jim & Charlotte Kelly(A)
Chelsea Menser
Allen & Cecelia Ruskey(A)
Lindsay Taylor
21 Martha Brewer
Jim & Nina Moss(A)
Betty Ann Perry
John Stevenson
22 Jo Boyd
Lori Burnette
Joan Reese
23 Mary Dula
Ann Ellis
Melissa Gibson
Anne Samples
24 Cindy Campbell
James Mullins, III
Gloria Respress
Rick & Wanda Sills(A)
25 Pete & Marty Holcomb(A)
David & Theresa Johnston(A)
26 Marvin & Bea Burgess(A)
David Rusk
Fred Sawin
27 Lori Burnette
Pat Ferriter
Terry Futrell
Henry & Cynthia Gleisberg(A)
Karen Rice
28 Marilyn Bradley
Dana & Julie Ferrell(A)
Julie Furick
Jason Garrison
Paul & Julie Lapointe(A)
29 Courtney & Melanie Carpenter(A)
Jim Elliott
George McKinney
Dave & Jacquie Petersen(A)
Rick Sills
Alex Vogt
30 Ricky & Peggy Bryant(A)
Harry & Marcella Griffin(A)
Kinsey Hall
Bob Jernell
Edward Myers
David Tyree
31 Nathan Mang
Steven Ripley
Jerry & Jeanne Turner(A)



August 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Every Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Worship 9:45 S. School 11:00 Worship 11:00 Prayer Ministry 5:00 Youth Fellowship	<u>Every Monday</u> 7:00 Boy Scouts	1 7:00 Outreach Ministry 7:00 Service Ministry 7:00 Youth Devos	2 8:00 UM Women Board 7:00 Youth Council	3 11:00 Youth Picnic 7:00 Education Ministry 7:00 Altar Guild Meeting	4	5 <u>Every Sat.</u> 7:00 God & Grits Breakfast for men
6	7	8 11:00 Staff Mt. 4:00-8:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 6:45 Finance Committee 7:30 Church Council	9 5:30 Worship Ministry	10 6:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting	11	12
13	14 7:00 Sisters in Christ Circle	15 1:30 Nurture Ministry 7:00 Trustee Meeting	16	17 Youth Tie Die Shirts	18	19
20	21 10:30 York Convalescent Worship Service	22 7:00 Communication Committee	23	24 Youth Beach Volleyball @ Yorktown Beach 6:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting	25 Wedding Reh.	26 Wedding
27 5th grade Church-wide Bake Sale	28 10:00 Riverside Regional Convalescent Worship Service	29 <u>Photo shoots</u>	30 <u>For Directory</u>	31 5:45 Youth Tides Game		



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Could you use 6 hours a week by yourself while your child is learning skills in a Christian environment to prepare for a lifetime of learning ?

If your child will be a potty-trained 2 1/2 or 3-year old by next fall, the time to act is

NOW.

We still have a few spaces available in our *2-day 3-year-olds' class and our 2-day 2 1/2-year-olds' class.*

Do you have questions?

Stop by the Preschool Director's office any Wednesday between 10 and 12

for a tour and to get your questions answered.

You can also pick up a brochure in the Narthex or outside Joyce's office.

Call 898-3017 or check out


St. Luke's website for information.

Time Sensitive Material

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday
Worship - 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM
Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Youth Fellowship - 5:00 & 6:00 PM

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