



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

St. Luke's Outlook

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Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

Hanging of the Greens Service ~ Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM. Bring your family and friends as we prepare the sanctuary for Advent and the birth of Christ. All are invited to participate. Why not make it an evening by first coming to dinner (reservations required for dinner)?

Blue Christmas Service ~ Blue is one of the colors associated with the Advent and Christmas seasons. And it is pretty. However, the Blue Christmas Service has nothing to do with the color. A Blue Christmas Service acknowledges that in this season of merriment and anticipation, we may have a heavy burden that we are carrying that is keeping us from feeling the joy and excitement. These feelings come from many places and experiences in our lives. We may have had a move or a change in jobs. It may be a loss of a loved one to death or divorce. It may be an addiction or a state of depression that is keeping us down. Whatever the cause, a Blue Christmas Service provides a safe place for us to visit these feelings and to allow God to enter into them. It's a quiet service where scripture is heard and hymns are sung. Participants will be invited to lay their burdens at the altar and to experience God's presence in their lives. You are invited to worship with us on Sunday evening December 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to come and to invite a friend who may feel blue this Christmas.

Children's Choirs Christmas Presentation ~ Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM our St. Luke's Children's Choirs will perform the musical *One Starry Night*. Come early and join us for Wednesday Night Supper. (Don't forget to make reservations) Bring your family and friends!

Christmas Eve Worship Services: Join us Christmas Eve for one of our four services! *Holy Communion & Candlelight at all services*
5:00 PM "Messengers for the Messiah" ~ A family friendly Christmas Eve worship where our children are invited to don a costume to help tell the Christmas story!
7:00 PM Festival of Lessons and Carols
9:00 PM Service of Las Posadas
11:00 PM Variation of a Service of Las Posadas

Other Opportunities During Advent and Christmas

Breakfast with the Friendly Beasts ~ Saturday, December 4th at 9:30 AM. Come and have breakfast with the friendly beasts of the Nativity. Reservations are not necessary, but if you know you want to come, please register online or sign-up on the bulletin board.

Preschool Christmas Program ~ Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for music in the sanctuary. Goodies and a visit from Santa Claus follow in the Fellowship Hall!

Dinner at the Gestwick's home (105 Castellow Ct, Yt. 23692): Young adults post high school, attending college or not, are invited to a dinner at the Gestwick's home on December 21, 2010, at 6:00 PM. This is an informal gathering for the purpose of fellowship and reconnecting. If you have been away at college or other school or have been away from friends for a while, this is a great time to reconnect and visit with one another and with your pastors. Though reservations aren't a must, they are nice so that enough food can be prepared. Please call the church office (898-3017) or sign up on the Facebook site or church website for St. Luke's. Doug and Clara look forward to being with you!



Upcoming Study Opportunities in January!!

Hope for Creation and Hope for Humanity, green initiative study facilitated by Joe Posey and John Dunning. Class begins Tues., Jan. 18th at either 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the DDM office.

Pastor Clara will be leading a group through the fun book called **Being Methodist in the Bible Belt**. Classes begin Wed., Jan. 12th at 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM. Sign-ups will be available on the bulletin board outside the DDM office and online.

Financial Peace University - We are about to launch the class again because we want every person here to know what it's like to experience true financial peace. We're having free class previews Wed., Dec. 15th at 6:30 and Sun., Dec. 19th at 4:00 PM. Classes will be offered Tues., Jan. 5th at 6:30 PM and Sun., Jan. 9th at 4:00 PM. If you want more information now, contact Ron Dorenbush at rdorenbush@aol.com or (H) 872-4666 or (C) 817-0196. Sign-up online, on the bulletin board across from the DDM office or using the forms at the Hospitality Center.

First Place 4 Health, a Christ-centered total-wellness program, will be offered here at St. Luke's. To find out how to achieve emotional, physical, mental and spiritual wellness, come to the First Place 4 Health previews December 2nd at 6:30 PM or December 12th at 4:00 PM! First Place 4 Health groups will begin meeting Thursday, January 6th from 6:30-8:00 PM. You can RSVP online or sign-up on the bulletin board outside the DDM office. Questions? Contact Megan Collins at 898-3017 or c_c@stlukesyorktown.org.

News from Nate (aka What the Youth Are Up To)

Sunday

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

6:30 – 7:00 Combined Youth Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 – 8:30 High School Youth (Fellowship Hall / Game Room)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 6:30-7:30 PM for grades 6th-12th

December 3rd – 5th is the High School Retreat. We'll be heading up to Eagle Eyrie to fellowship with other Youth around the Virginia Conference. We'll be meeting at St. Luke's at 3:45pm on the 3rd with hopes of departing by 4:00pm. We will return around 4:30pm on Sunday, December 5th. The \$115 check can be made out to SLUMC. Funds will also be needed to stop and eat on the ride up and the ride back. But, as always, don't let money keep you / your youth from going! Talk to Nate if you need financial assistance.

Wednesday, December 15th, We will be **Packing Cookies** for the Drive-Thru Nativity. Both Middle School and High School students are invited to come out and help us prepare for this event from 6:30 – 7:30pm. (Please sign up so we can know how much help to expect.)

On **Sunday, Dec. 19th,** the youth group will be going **Carol-ing to shut-ins** during our normal youth group times. Permission Slips will be required to attend youth group on this night. Middle School will be asked to be particularly punctual for this event because your arrival and departure times directly effect how much time both groups will spend caroling. Rather than a full dinner, we will have light seasonal refreshments together in the fellowship hall from 6:30pm – 7pm. If you or someone you know would like to be included in the homes we visit, please contact Joyce (757) 898 – 3017.

The **Youth Pot-luck Christmas Party is December 22nd from 6pm – 8pm.** Youth participating in this event are asked to bring a gift for our gift exchange (valued at \$10 - \$15) and a dish to share for a pot-luck Christmas Party dinner.

Sign up ends on Dec. 31st for the Youth Ski Trip which will be January 27th – 29th. We will meeting at the church at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 27th (this is an early dismissal day for schools). We will Ski all day Friday (8 hours) (Schools are closed). We will go tubing Saturday morning (9am-11am) and return to St. Luke's at approximately 3:30pm. The cost for this trip is \$140 per person + approximately \$20 spending cash for 2 lunches out (one on the mountain, one on the drive back). Lessons are available for skiers all levels for only \$16.00. I strongly recommend all first time skiers sign-up for lessons. It's only \$16 and 2 hours and will make the rest of your time much more enjoyable and safe.

Sign ups for all of these events and any additional information can be found at: <http://stlukesyouth.wikispaces.com/>



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

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

- Sat., Dec. 4, will be the District Training Day from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Bethany UMC. All 2011 UMW Officers and Mission Coordinators should attend.
- Thurs., Dec. 9th, at 10:00 a.m. the LIFT Circle will have their regular meeting at the church. Plans have been made to give Christmas gifts to a mother and daughter at Menchville House. Following the meeting, the ladies will go to the First Ladies Tea Parlor, Port Warwick, for lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Marian Thome, 969-5880).
- Sun. Dec. 12, the Sisters in Christ Circle will meet at 4:00 p.m. for a covered-dish meal at the home of Lynda Sullivan. (Heidi Baskin, 867-1034).
- Mon., Dec. 13th, will be the UMW Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the church.
- Tues., Dec. 14th, the Gertrude Carmines Circle will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m., to continue study of the book 3 Simple Rules and plan for how to help Yorktown Elementary Students. Following the meeting they will go out for lunch. (Joan Reese, 898-3938).
- Tues., Dec. 14th, at 10:00 a.m. the Sarah Sudduth Circle will have their regular meeting at the church, followed by going out for lunch together. (Barbara Mitchell, 898-7128)

New members are always encouraged to join any of our four UMW Circles and this month is an especially good time to come to one of the meetings and join in the fellowship. Contact the circle representative listed above.

REMINDER

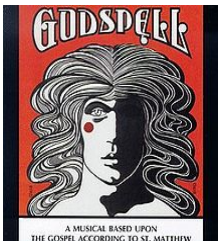
If you have not already done so, please join in supporting United Methodist Women's local, national and global mission outreach by making your annual pledge to missions. Check with your circle chairwoman for a membership/pledge card. Also please consider subscribing to RESPONSE Magazine. You will find a wealth of information in every issue. Copies of past issues of RESPONSE can be found in the Library.

2010-2011 PORT Homeless Shelter Program

Each year, LINK of Hampton Roads operates the Newport News PORT Homeless Shelter in conjunction with various Peninsula host and partner churches to provide temporary winter shelter in the host churches on a rotating basis from November to March. St Luke's is partnering with three host churches (Warwick United Methodist Church, Peninsula Korean Baptist Church, and Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church) by providing volunteers to help with registering, preparing as serving dinner and breakfast for as many as 120 shelter guests, and assisting with manning the shelter overnight. Please visit the Hospitality Center in the Church Narthex to sign-up to help meet the needs of the emergency shelter needs for the homeless. For more information on this program please contact Rich Zeimet at 877-0753.

Godspell Coming to St. Luke's

St. Luke's is presenting Godspell as it was originally intended to be done. The performance dates are March 11th, 12th, and possibly 13th. Tryouts are Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at 10:00 AM. 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.



Risk Taking Mission in Tennessee

The victims of the Tennessee Floods in May 2010 need help with repairing their homes. We're planning a mission trip after Christmas and before school starts. We plan to depart St Luke's UMC @ 6:00 am on Mon Dec 27 to arrive in Centerville, TN between 5&6 pm. We plan to return Sun. Jan 2 around 7 pm. If you're interested in helping someone desperately needing help getting back into a warmer, safer, drier home this Christmas vacation, contact Ron Dorenbush @ (H) 872-4666: or (C) 817-0196 or email, rdorenbush@aol.com to gather and complete paperwork.

St Luke's UMC Easter Egg Project is for Individuals in Need
Matthew 25:35 - *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

1979 was the first year St. Luke's UMC began the Easter Egg project. The original goal for the money raised was to help a member in dire financial need. Throughout the years, the money has been given to many other worthy causes. However, in 2009 the decision was made to go back to the original focus of the Easter Egg Fund. 75% of all money raised goes directly to individuals in immediate financial crisis.

It is our hope that members of St. Luke's will be aware of the criteria of the Easter Egg Fund and encourage those they know who meet this criteria to apply for help.

Anyone is eligible to apply, applicants do not need to be members of St. Luke's UMC. The need must be for short-term assistance, not ongoing or long-term support, and is limited to one application per year per household. Applicants will need to provide three financial documents (e.g., pay statement, bank statements) and agree to be interviewed.

Committee members will interview applicants after receipt of financial documents. Funds will be disbursed to the appropriate business or businesses designated by the applicant. Confidentiality will be honored at all times.

Why Don't I See Any Building Activity?

The Building Committee continues to work this project for the church community. We have reviewed many options for the project and have decided on some tentative priorities. Our next step is to work the financial issue with the finance committee. We are presently working with several local banks with the goal of establishing a realistic and successful financial plan for the church. It is amazing how much time all of this takes but we are still moving forward. We continue to be sensitive to the current financial situation of many people during this trying time in the current economy. We are focused on doing the right thing for St Luke's UMC. Our goal was to have a recommendation for approval by a Charge Conference by the end of 2010 but that won't happen because the financial issues are taking a bit more time than anticipated. We need your prayers and your continued generous contributions to the Building Fund. If you have particular comments or questions, they can be sent to building@stlukeyorktown.org.



St. Luke's Preschool is having a wonderful year. The children are learning so many things about God and His love for us. As November came to an end, all our classes donated almost 150 food items to "Stuff the Turkey" at the "T" in the hall. So they could have a better understanding of what "Stuffing the Turkey" was all about, they visited the York County Food Closet early in the month. Thank you, Susan Sallwasser for speaking with our students about the Golden Rule and the importance of sharing with those less fortunate.

This month they will learn about the story of the birth of Jesus. They'll talk about the real reason for this season, which can be a hectic time for everyone. Be sure to take a few moments to see it through the eyes of a child. We'll be having our Christmas program on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00. We'll start in the Sanctuary and finish up with Christmas goodies and visits with Santa in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and see what Christmas is all about to preschoolers!

Just a reminder... We will begin registration for the 2010-2011 school year for currently enrolled families and church members on Monday, January 24. Registration opens to the public on Tuesday, February 1. Look for more details next month!

Whether you are traveling or staying in the local area, the staff of St. Luke's Preschool wishes you and your family a safe and most blessed Christmas season.

Merry Christmas! ~ *Diana Donnelly*, Preschool Director

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 PM. Reservation cards are in the pew racks and on the kiosk. **Please turn them in by Sunday at noon** either in the offering plate or turn them in at the church office. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10, and \$20 for families. Please pay at the door. Menus for December:

- Dec 1: Chicken Pot Pie, Spinach Salad w/ Mandarin Oranges, Roll, Jello Poke cake, and drinks
- Dec 8: Kelbasa sausage, Sauerkraut, Boiled red Potatoes, Green Beans, Sherbet, and drinks
- Dec 15: Pizza Casserole, Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream & Cookies, and drinks

Sunday School Study Opportunity

Join Spirit & Truth on 2 January for an exciting 6 week study on *Christianity and World Religions!* Adam Hamilton, is the senior pastor of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Christianity and World Religions explores Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism, and compares their beliefs with those of Christianity. The study deals openly and honestly with the questions people ask about other religions, including why we should believe the claims of Christianity over the other faiths. In the study, Pastor Hamilton interviews a religious leader from each tradition, acknowledges each one's unique contributions, and urges us to build bridges with them so that we can grow in our faith, seek peace in the world, and find positive ways to share the gospel with them."



December 2010

Wednesday, December 1st

10:00 AM Bible Study - Invitation to John
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Eagle Board
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal
 6:30 PM Bible Study - Invitation to John
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades
 7:00 PM Hanging of the Greens
 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 2nd

6:00 PM Worship Ministry
 6:30 PM First Place 4 Health Preview
 6:30 PM Education Ministry Area Meeting
 7:00 PM Financial Peace University

Friday, December 3rd

High School Retreat to Eagle Eyrie

Saturday, December 4th

High School Retreat to Eagle Eyrie
 7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study
 9:00 AM Breakfast with the Friendly Beasts
 10:30 AM Godspell auditions

Sunday, December 5th

High School Retreat to Eagle Eyrie
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Worship
 3:00 PM Heavenly Metal Band Rehearsal
 4:00 PM Confirmation Classes
 5:30 PM ADVENTCELEBRATION DINNER and Program
 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
 6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday, December 6th

4:00 PM Outreach Ministry
 5:00 PM Drive thru Nativity planning

Tuesday, December 7th

11:00 AM Staff Meeting
 12:30 PM Preschool Stay-N-Play
 3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed
 6:00 PM Service Ministry
 7:00 PM Lay Leader Council

Wednesday, December 8th

10:00 AM Bible Study - Invitation to John
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Eagle Board
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal
 6:30 PM Bible Study - Invitation to John
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades
 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 9th

10:00 AM L.I.F.T. Circle
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program
 7:00 PM Financial Peace University

Friday, December 10th

4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 11th

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Drive-Thru Nativity Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Wedding

Sunday, December 12th

8:30 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:30 PM Children's Choir dress rehearsal
 3:00 PM Heavenly Metal Band Rehearsal
 4:00 PM ASP meeting
 4:00 PM Confirmation Classes
 4:00 PM First Place 4 Health Preview
 4:00 PM Sisters In Christ Circle
 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
 6:30 PM High School Youth Group
 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

Monday, December 13th

5:30 PM UM Women Board meeting
 7:00 PM Trustees meeting

Tuesday, December 14th

10:00 AM Gertrude Carmines Circle
 10:00 AM Sarah Sudduth Circle
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
 3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed
 6:30 PM Finance Committee/
 7:30 PM Church Council

Wednesday, December 15th

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel Time
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes
 10:00 AM Bible Study - Invitation to John
 12:30 PM Preschool Stay-N-Play
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Eagle Board
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal
 6:30 PM Bible Study - Invitation to John
 6:30 PM Financial Peace University Preview
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades
 7:00 PM Children's Choir Christmas Program
 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 16th**Friday, December 17th**

5:30 PM Drive Thru Nativity

Saturday, December 18th

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study
 5:30 PM Drive Thru Nativity

Sunday, December 19th

7:00 AM United Methodist Men's Fellowship
 Breakfast
 8:30 AM Worship
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Worship
 3:00 PM Heavenly Metal Band Rehearsal

4:00 PM Financial Peace University Preview

4:00 PM Rain-date for Drive Thru Nativity

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday, December 20th

10:30 AM York Convalescent Worship Service

PORT Shelter/St. Luke's serving at Warwick Mem. UMC

Port Shelter Support

Tuesday, December 21st

Port Shelter Support

PORT Shelter/St. Luke's serving at Warwick Mem. UMC

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 College & Young Adult Gathering at the Gestwicks

Wednesday, December 22nd

No Preschool/Christmas Break

10:00 AM Bible Study - Invitation to John

6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

6:00 PM Boy Scout Eagle Board

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Bible Study - Invitation to John

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 23rd

Office closes at 3:00 PM

Friday, December 24th

Office Closed

Worship Services:

5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 PM

Saturday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!!!!

Sunday, December 26th

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 27th

Office Closed

Flood Relief Mission Trip

No Preschool/Christmas Break

10:00 AM Warwick Gardens Convalescent Worship Service

Tuesday, December 28th

Flood Relief Mission Trip

No Preschool/Christmas Break

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 29th

Flood Relief Mission Trip

No Preschool/Christmas Break

6:00 PM Boy Scout Eagle Board

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 30th

Flood Relief Mission Trip

No Preschool/Christmas Break

St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

Friday, December 31st
Office Closed
Flood Relief Mission Trip
No Preschool/Christmas Break

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

Look Who's New at St. Luke's

Bill and Linda Eason 112 Buffie Road YT (93) Ph: 867-9180	Ed and Michele Cape 120 E. Wedgwood Drive YT (93) Ph: 369-9098 Children: Mackenzie and Mason Cape
Patrick Murphrey 702 West Willow Point Pl. NN (02) Ph: 871-5376	Katie Annas 523 Murphy's Mill Rd Suffolk (23434) Ph: 535-1443
Randy and Natalie Hall 117 Runaway Lane YT (93) Ph: 243-2718	Nathan Storck 328 Brentmeade Drive YT (93) Ph: 659-0074

Many thanks to everyone who donated yarn to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Your generosity enables the ministry to continue their mission to those in need of nurture, love and comfort.

~ Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you so much, my loving church family, for the many expressions of sympathy in the passing of my brother, Louis Cordle, with brain cancer in October. Your prayers and support means a great deal to our family. God bless you for caring & sharing Jesus love. ! Faye Cordle Keenan & family

Prayers & Sympathy to

Tommy and Meagan Bibbins on the death of her grandmother, Doris McLamb, October 18, 2010.
Mac and Andy Mullins on the death of his wife and Andy's mother respectively, Nancy Mullins, October 23, 2010.
Rhonda and Barry Guilliams and family on the death of his mother, Essie Guilliams, October 25, 2010.
Wesley and Betty Wilson on the death of his mother, Earline Wilson, November 9, 2010.
Cam and Beth Knox and family on the death of her uncle, Red Helms, November 12, 2010.
Jerry and Jeannie Turner and family on the death of her mother, Anna Fink, November 17, 2010.

Congratulations to

Steven and Hayley Reid on the birth of a son, Hudson Daniel Reid, October 24, 2010. Tom and Mary Boufford are the proud grandparents.
John and Ashley Coleman on the birth of a daughter, Leeann Elizabeth Coleman, October 18, 2010. Johnny and Skeeter Coleman are the proud grandparents.
Daniel and Danielle Mellen on the birth of a son, Grayson Chase Mellen, September 20, 2010. Mike and Caroline Mellen are the proud grandparents.
Jake Pieggar and Caroline Ellis who were wed at the altar, October 30, 2010.
Justin Crocker and Michelle Landin who were wed November 6, 2010 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Raleigh, NC.

Memoriam

Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Mildred Erickson by: Peggy Hadden, Joe and DeAnn Posey, Paul and Cindy Roche, Joan Comeaux, Flo McFarland
A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Anna Fink.
Donations were made to the St. Luke's Building Fund in memory of Nancy Mullins by: Arnell and Jonathan Briel, Richard and Catherine Swett, Erwin and Mary Thomas, Jay and Lisa Swett, Jeffrey and Ann Marie Swett, and Rick and Magda Swett
Donations were made to the St. Luke's Building Fund in memory of Anna Fink by: Dave and Margaret Mason, Gary and Heidi Derby, Jerry and Amie Ansama
Donations were made to the Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Anna Fink by: Virginia Doty, Bill Wade, Carmines Sunday School Class, Goodman & Barbara Mitchell, and Sarah Sudduth Circle

Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Elsie Lucille Greene, infant daughter of Brandon and Anna Greene, baptized November 21, 2010.
Hudson Daniel Reid, infant son of Steven and Hayley Reid, baptized November 21, 2010.
Kylie Faith Mack, infant daughter of Derrick and Ashley Mack, baptized November 28, 2010.

Our Military Especially our Deployed

Calvin Anderson, Jason Collins, Stephen Crosswell, David Cluxton, Ben Liles, Mike Sherman, Traci Shoffner

- 1 Bonnie Woltman
2 Eddie Davis
Caroline Shoemaker
3 Morgan Bates
Tanner Bates
Chelsea Gentry
Cille Honig
Paul Roth
Ben Scudder
Bud Skeens
Maggie Southerington
4 Nathan Storck
5 Kelly Caldwell
Mitchell Dow
Steve Mercier
6 Alvin Adams
Heidi Bakin
Mike Puffenbarger
Roger Reese
Katie Shelton
Lois Shields
John & Nancy Shifflett(A)
7 Steve Allen
Brittan Campana
Rhonda Gianturco
Lois Warnick
Alan Wilhite
Mary Wooddell
9 Skeeter Coleman
Bill & Linda Eason(A)
Kaylee Ketchum
Jarrett Pierson
Jana Smith
Gary Smith
Matty Woltman
10 Allison Cherry
Courtney Frye
Carmen Guardia
Wade Wooley
Mariah Wozniak
11 Johnny Francum
Heather Voska
12 Madison Conner
Cam Knox
Jessica McMasters
Zachary Reid
Paul & Phyllis Roth(A)
Jeannie Turner
Ian Van Deusen
Donna Wilson
13 Julie Ferrell
Marie Harrell
Sarah Henke
Julianne McMichael
Mike Stinson
Marian Thome
14 Julie Lapointe
Justin Slaydon
Erin Smith
Jack Thompson
15 Barbara Booth
Aaron Clemmons
David Ford
Bud & Ann Thrasher(A)
16 Kerianne Allen
Megan Collins
Ron Dorenbush
Vicki King
Emily Pace
17 Amanda Booth
Jim Bostancic
Jimmy Carson
Nick & Christine Creasman(A)
David Johnston
Harrison Tragle
Mike & Kathy Watts(A)
18 Dave Bates
Brooke Everhart
Rebecca Hoppe
M.R. & Carol Whitman(A)
19 Scott & Kelly Caldwell(A)
Jack Gleisberg
Charles & Dot Harris(A)
Michelle Jordan
Faye Keenan
April Kelly
Mike & Gabi Lingenfelter(A)
Jim & Marilyn Morrison(A)
Mina Sturk
Brock Yarbrough
20 Faye Burbage
Joel Church
John & Debby Clotfelter(A)
Carly Coates
Ron Mitchell
Lee Person
Ance Yarbrough
21 Travis Frye
Ann Lash
Win & Carole Lawrence(A)
John Myers
Dennis & Ginny Napier(A)
Joe Posey
Fred & Eleanor Waynick(A)
22 Wes Cowan
Leah Gregory
Terri Knight
Bud & Roberta Skeens(A)
23 Bert Brummer
Ashley Pipkins
Ashley Slaydon
Aaron & Lee Anne Tragle(A)
Victoria Woodruff
24 Lucy English
Ken & Kathy Judy(A)
Tom Kelly
Richard Knight
Whitey & Bev Walters(A)
25 Ann Holmstrom
Dave Moulton
Jennifer Toombs
Brandon Turner
26 Anthony Budzik
Krista Crittendon
Deene & Jo Weidman(A)
27 Wayne & Karen Bacon(A)
Philip & Beth Beach(A)
Jimmy Clotfelter
Tony & Donna Frederick(A)
Beverly Jewel
Ben & Jennifer Liles(A)
Gary & Frances Sandiford(A)
Tom and Nancy Sayre(A)
John Shifflett
Hannah Spencer
Linda Tyler
28 Miles Burcher
Carie DeWeerd
Katie McLamb
James & Rachel Pace(A)
Matthew Ramsey
Wade & Sarah Wooley(A)
29 Brad Ellingson
Joshua Way
30 Chad Collins
Joe Delgado
Jason Houser
Dave Modzelewski
Jay & Iris Selden(A)
Della Shelton
Alice Stevenson
31 Jonathan Dukes
Elaine Edwards
Chelsea Gentry
Jesse Grooms
Eric & Deb Sandiford(A)
Steve Van Ness
Mary Yarbrough

As I See It

2010 Pastor Written report to charge Conference

2010 has been a VERY busy year. As a church, we voted to move forward with the building project, and entered into a month's long capital campaign. We are closing in on \$2 million dollars raised, which is wonderful! 2011 will bring many changes to Saint Luke's as we embark on the building phase of this project.

Saint Luke's has always been very mission minded. In 2011 we will send our 20th annual ASP team, which is a significant milestone for any church. We will also be sending a mission team to the Czech Republic.

I was honored to be named a delegate to the 2011 World Methodist Conference, so I will be traveling to Durban, South Africa next August to meet with representatives from 132 countries and all branches of Methodism. It promises to be an exciting and spirit-filled time.

Our church continues to grow, and we report a net gain of 24 members this charge conference. At a meeting of Large Church lead pastors in October, we discussed the state of the large church in America. One of the trends we discovered is that people who attend worship once a month or even just quarterly self identify as being "very active" in their church. Another interesting note was that people who are "affiliated" with a church – in such ways as boy scouts or pre-school, will often refer to that church as their home church, and claim it as "church" even though they never attend worship. I will be working with our church council this coming year to discuss how we, as a church, can respond to these changing demographics, and what they mean for the long term health and vitality of Saint Luke's.

Clara and I continue to be excited to serve as your pastors, and look forward to 2011 and all the challenges it brings.

Still in One Piece,

Doug

Clara's Quips

I spend some of my time out of doors. I sit on the sidelines of the soccer field or track when my boys are on a team. I play catch with my dog in the backyard. If it's warm enough, I hang my hammock that I purchased in Brazil between two trees and take a nap or read a book. I love being outside. On a walk through the forest this fall, I noticed that there were a bunch of acorns on the ground. Some fell intact, with the nut and the little cap on it. When others fell, the cap would break off, leaving the body of the acorn looking unfinished. Some had begun to sprout the root, searching for a place to find sustenance. All of these were on the path where many persons had trod. The ground wasn't ready to host the seedling.

These images made me think of the parable that Jesus told about the seed that fell on different types of soil: The trodden path, the rocky soil, a thorny place, and finally good soil. Too often I find myself in a place as described as the first three soils. I'm worn out and don't listen to God, my attention is divided and I don't let God sink into my life or I'm just plain too busy to even think about God in my life. The season of Advent is a great time to prepare the "soil" of our souls to accept the seed of grace that God has for us. I pray that as you prepare for the birth of your Savior into your life, you will take time this season to prepare yourself for the coming of God.

Blessings,

Clara

Doodles from the DDM:

As we anxiously await during this advent season, I hope and pray that you and your family is taking advantage of the devotional materials provided by St. Luke's. This season,

probably more than any other really requires us to slow down and remember why all the hustle and bustle. For families we have provide a daily guide called "Gather Round the Christmas Tree" which guides participants through a fun filled look at the many symbols for Christmas. Each day has wonderful hands on experience that will enrich your observations during this season as a family. For those wanting a more adult approach, we are offering a daily devotional called "The AH-HAs of Advent." This devotional is designed to enable and encourage us to live as AH-HA people of the Lord! The term AH-HA is a joy filled phrase that focuses on all of Advent, it reminds us that we are to live as **Ambassadors of Health, Hope and Advent!**

Also during this holy time, our church has many offerings not only designed to help us celebrate Advent, but also grand opportunities for us

to invite our neighbors and others to experience a real celebration of the season. I do hope you will take advantage of all that is offered to help you celebrate the season!

Looking ahead to the New Year, we will be offering several studies to help you increase your devotional life. Pastor Clara will be leading a fun look at Being Methodist in the Bible Belt, Ron Dorenbusch is leading another round of Financial Peace, Megan Collins is facilitating a wonderful study focusing on body, spirit and health, Joe Posey and John Dunning are co-leading a look at Creation care. Check our website and weekly bulletin for more information on when studies are starting.

And, while we are looking toward next year, our dates for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL are: July 10-15.

~ James





December 17th - 18th

For the 5th year in a row we are offering “The Gift” to our community. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc to join us for this Nativity experience. This a great opportunity to share with our community and to fellowship with each other. Questions? Contact Mary Ellis (877.0358) or Ginny Potts (898.1329).

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