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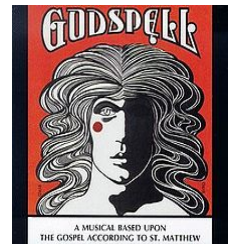
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## Godspell

If you would like to work on the set, help secure the props, assist with the costuming or makeup, or work the sound or lighting systems,

please contact Clara at [assoc@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:assoc@stlukesyorktown.org) and let her know you want to help. The performances will be March 11 and 12, 2011, so

save those dates!!



## 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 February

- Feb 2: Baked Potatoes, Cream of Broccoli soup, salad, cake
- Feb 9: Meatloaf, potato casserole, Green beans, sherbet

- Feb 16: Baked Chicken breast / thigh w / stuffing, mixed vegetables, roll, Valentine cake
- Feb 23: Ham, Mac-n-cheese, vegetable, roll, cherry cobbler

## Christian Yoga Returns to St. Luke's

Beginning March 1 at 9:30 AM and continuing for 8 weeks we will once again be offering a Christian Yoga group. Christian Yoga takes the best elements out of hatha yoga and brings them in the church environment. The classes include instruction in postures to in-

crease flexibility and strength, and conscious breathing and relaxation.

Our sessions will be facilitated by Liz Rowe, registered trainer with YogaFit. Classes will be held at St. Luke's. Class size is limited to the first 25 who register. There is no fee,

but preregistration is required! You will need to bring a yoga mat, a beach towel or large bath towel, and bottled water to class. If you would like to register or obtain more information, please contact Liz Rowe at 757-870-0981 or email, [liz@yorklighting.com](mailto:liz@yorklighting.com).

## United Methodist Women Host a Spring Tea

The United Methodist Women (UMW) will be hosting a spring tea at the church on Saturday afternoon, March 19th at 2:00 pm. This will be a great way to meet other women in the church and to hear about what the UMW

will be doing this year. Come enjoy a "spot of tea" and some goodies and an afternoon of relaxation and conversation with the other women of the church. Hats are encouraged but not required.

RSVP's are needed NLT March 11th. There will be a sign up sheet on the UMW Bulletin Board. If there are any questions please contact Diane Robbins, 890-0583.

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

# St. Luke's Preschool



St. Luke's Preschool is having a wonderful year. It is hard to believe we've already started registering for next year! Church members and families currently enrolled in our program are always given an opportunity to **register early for the 2011-2012 school year.** We began registering on Monday, January 24. Registration will be open to the public on Tuesday, February 1. We offer classes for children between the ages of 2 ½ and 5. Some of our classes filled up quickly last year and class sizes are limited. *Please don't wait too long to register.* The staff of St. Luke's Preschool would love an opportunity to help you develop a

strong Christian base for your preschooler while preparing them academically for kindergarten.

Our class for children who are 2 ½ by December 30 (but must be 2 ½ to start) will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will offer a 3-day, Monday, Wednesday, Friday class and a two-day Tuesday, Thursday class for 3-year-olds. The four-year-olds' four-day class will meet Monday through Thursday. We also offer a 5-day class for four-year-olds. Threes and fours must be the appropriate age by September 30. All classes meet from 9:30 to 12:30 and children must be *completely* potty-trained to attend.

If you are interested in registering your child or want to know more about our program, feel free to stop by the church any Monday through Friday morning. My office hours are 9:00 to 1:00. I'd love to answer your questions and give you a tour of our facilities. If this isn't convenient, just give me a call. I'd be glad to fax, mail or email an informative brochure to you. You can also find more information at St. Luke's website. Just log on and go to the Preschool's link.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.  
~Diana Donnelly, Director



## Let's Get Together as St. Luke's United Methodist Women

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

- Thurs., Feb. 3, will be United Methodist Day at the General Assembly in Richmond.
- Tues., Feb. 8th, the Gertrude Carmines Circle will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. They will go out for lunch together after the meeting.
- Tues., Feb. 8th, at 10:00 a.m. the Sarah Sudduth Circle will have their regular meeting at the church, followed by going out for lunch together.
- Thurs., Feb. 10th, 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 5.

- Mon. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, the Book Club meeting at 10:00 a.m. will be on The True Cost of Low Prices – The Violence of Globalization, by Vincent Gallagher.
- Mon., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the UMW Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the church.
- Mon. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sisters in Christ Circle will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. Their new study book will be Having a Mary Spirit, Allowing God to Change Us From the Inside Out, by Joanna Weaver.

New members are always encouraged to join any of our four UMW Circles. Come to one of the meetings at the church and join in the fellowship.

### 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 gifts as well as souvenirs of the way our church looked in 2010. They are \$18 each which will be given to UMW Missions. Contact Marian Thome at 969-5880 or [redbud30@cox.net](mailto:redbud30@cox.net).

# St. Luke's Supports Sister Church's Clothing Ministry

St. Luke's Service Ministry assists sister church and Refugee and Immigrant Services.

Hampton's Refugee Resettlement Program receives many refugees from all over the world including such countries as Bhutan, Myanmar, Iraq, Rwanda, and the Republic of Congo. When these



refugees arrive, many are unprepared for the winter weather here in Virginia and did not come with adequate winter clothing.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church offered to begin a clothing ministry for these recently resettled refugees, but did not have sufficient funding for the shelving needed to



organize the donated clothing. St. Luke's Service Ministry generously provided the funds necessary for her sister church to build shelving and clothing racks, helping to meet the needs for our local refugee families.

## News from Nate (aka Youth Activities)

Everyone knows that February means Valentine's Day parties, cutesy hearts and flowers, pink and red everywhere. If you're not part of a couple, there must be something wrong. Unless of course, you're attending our Single's Awareness Day Party on February 11th. We'll poke fun at a few of these and other traditions, have a good time with friends and offer a few gentle reminders that your Facebook relationship status doesn't have to define who

you are or how satisfied you feel. The party will go from 6pm – 9pm in the Game Room / Fellowship Hall. Dressing like a dork is strongly encouraged. Please sign up online no later than February 9th.

The High School Lock-In will be held at St. Luke's from 9:00pm on February 25th to 8:00am on the 26th. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, \$10 to help cover expenses, and some warm gear for outdoors as we may be

playing some games outside. Please sign up online at <http://stlukesyouth.wikispaces.com> no later than Wednesday the 23rd.

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

~Nate DeHart, Youth Director

## Good Samaritan Fund Annual Report and Thank You

The Good Samaritan Fund touched many families in many ways during the year 2010. The main reason St. Luke's was able to help so extensively was because of the Christmas Miracle 2009 and your generosity. Thank you for your sacrificial giving to the Fund. We had ample money for the whole year so we could be more generous when meeting the needs of people in our community. Many of the requests came from people who had never had to ask before. We at St. Luke's continue to be a resource for the needy to tap when they can not meet the basic survival needs in their households.

Utility bills, mainly Dominion

Virginia Power, and rent bills to section 8 housing, made up the majority of the requests we received. We dispersed \$54,600 during 2010 to assist with paying those requests. That was \$22,600 more than we dispersed in 2009. God is good...you are generous!

And your generous giving hasn't stop. At the Christmas Eve services (2010), you again contributed to a Christmas Miracle offering of nearly \$32,000. That positions us with \$44,400 to start helping others in the New Year.

St. Luke's is an extremely generous church whose reputation for helping the poor with their needs is well

known. Thank you to all those who contribute regularly at the altar rail each month, and for those who sacrificed Christmas Eve and truly gave from the heart. We were all blessed to have seen and been a part of this miracle. Thank you for being an integral part of our ministry to the needy.

Post Script:: Because of the increase in volume of requests, Paul Lapointe volunteered in the fall to help the Good Samaritan "staff" with the weekly requests and disbursements. Paul is a welcome addition. Thank you, Paul.

# February Calendar

## Tuesday, February 1st

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts  
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Service Ministry  
 7:00 PM Hope for Creation and Humanity  
 7:00 PM Trustees meeting

## Wednesday, February 2nd

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner  
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir  
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades  
 6:30 PM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 6:30 PM Financial Peace University  
 7:00 PM Lay Leader Council  
 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, February 3rd

United Methodist Day/  
 General Assembly in Richmond  
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 4:30 PM Education Ministry Area Meeting  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 6:30 PM First Place 4 Health  
 7:00 PM Worship Ministry

## Friday, February 4th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
**Saturday, February 5th**  
 7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
 1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

## Sunday, February 6th

8:00 AM Stop Hunger Now Corsage Sale/  
 4th&5th grades  
 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  
 1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 4:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
 5:00 PM Financial Peace University Class

## Monday, February 7th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 12:30 PM Easter Egg Project Organizational  
 Meeting  
 4:00 PM Outreach Ministry  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

## Tuesday, February 8th

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts  
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Gertrude Carmines Circle  
 10:00 AM Sarah Sudduth Circle  
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 12:30 PM Preschool Stay-N-Play  
 3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Finance Committee/

7:00 PM Hope for Creation and Humanity

7:30 PM Church Council

## Wednesday, February 9th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner  
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir  
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades  
 6:30 PM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 6:30 PM Financial Peace University  
 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, February 10th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM L.I.F.T. Circle  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 6:30 PM First Place 4 Health  
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 6:30 PM UMWIM Czech Republic Meeting

## Friday, February 11th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 6:00 PM S.A.D. Party  
**Saturday, February 12th**  
 7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
 1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

## Sunday, February 13th

Scout Sunday/serve in all areas during  
 worship 8:30 and 11:00  
 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

1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
 5:00 PM Financial Peace University Class  
 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
 6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, February 14th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Book Club  
 5:30 PM UM Women Board meeting  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Sisters In Christ Circle

## Tuesday, February 15th

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts  
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Hope for Creation and Humanity

## Wednesday, February 16th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner  
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir  
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

6:30 PM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt

6:30 PM Financial Peace University

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, February 17th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 6:30 PM First Place 4 Health

## Friday, February 18th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
**Saturday, February 19th**  
 7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study  
 1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

## Sunday, February 20th

7:00 AM United Methodist Men's Fellowship  
 Breakfast  
 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

1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes

5:00 PM Financial Peace University Class

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, February 21st

Presidents' Day/no preschool  
 10:30 AM York Convalescent Worship  
 Service

6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal

## Tuesday, February 22nd

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts  
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 11:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Hope for Creation and Humanity

## Wednesday, February 23rd

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner  
 6:15 PM Hand bell Choir  
 6:15 PM Discovery Kids  
 6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8  
 grades  
 6:30 PM Being Methodist in the Bible Belt  
 6:30 PM Financial Peace University  
 7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, February 24th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 6:30 PM First Place 4 Health  
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Friday, February 25th

9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 9:00 PM High School Lock In

## Saturday, February 26th

12:00 AM High School Lock In  
 7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

# St. Luke's Celebrations & Concerns

1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
**Sunday, February 27th**  
 Sisters in Christ Lenten Calendar Distribution and Collection for Stop Hunger Now  
 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  
 1:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 4:00 PM Confirmation Classes  
 5:00 PM Financial Peace University Class  
 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group  
 6:30 PM High School Youth Group  
**Monday, February 28th**  
 9:30 AM Preschool Classes  
 10:00 AM Warwick Gardens Convalescent Worship Service  
 6:00 PM GODSPELL rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 200

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).

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

Don and Debra Reese  
 124 Winders Lane  
 YT (92) Ph: 989-5485

Gary and Patty Riggins  
 Michael and Ryan Riggins  
 207 Halles Run  
 YT (93) Ph: 865-6121

Michael and Martha Kuhns  
 956 Nicklaus Dr  
 NN (02) Ph: 234-6666

Bill and Sherry Schregardus  
 200 Harwood Drive  
 YT (92) Ph: 872-9331

## Prayers & Sympathy to

Martha Brewer on the death of her husband, Tom Brewer, December 17, 2010.  
 Kathy and Kurt Van Deusen and family on the death of her father, Joseph Cannon, December 1, 2011.  
 John and Kathie Murphy and family on the death of his aunt, Mary K. Dick, January 3, 2011.  
 Woody and Marian Pierce on the death of her nephew, Michael Duckett, January 3, 2011.

## Memoriam

Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Ann Fink by Tom and Thelma Kelly & George and Virginia Boyes. A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Julie Mitcham by Pamela Bagalkotkar.  
 Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Tom Brewer by: Paulette Clement, James Arthur, Jr., Kelly and Ralph Champion, Sam and Jerry Fidler, Frank and Nancy Clark, Carolyn LeDuc, Barbara Lindley, Carolyn Fronfelter, Larry and Linda Roesen, Faye Keenan, Jim and Charlotte Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Edwards, Jr., Emilee Mason, Tom and Mary Ann Zakrzewski, Joan Comeaux, Bethel Manor Elementary School, Mr. & Mrs. William Eason, and Margie and Roger Smith  
 A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Janet Clayton by the Bridge Group.  
 Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Sue Merritt by: Paul Easterling, George and Linda Bennett, A donation was made to the St. Luke's Building Fund in memory of Ann Fink by The Bunko Ladies.

## Honoraria

A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in honor of the volunteers in the Food Closet by Faye Keenan.  
 A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in honor of Tom and Thelma Kelly by Carlton (Tony) and Deborah Holmes.  
 A donation was made to the York Col Church Women United Food Closet in honor of Toddy Coon by Jim and Doris Eagle.

## Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Randy James Eberly was baptized January 23, 2011.  
 Savanna Reese Sousa, infant daughter of Ryan and Carey Sousa was baptized January 16, 2011.  
 Landon Christopher Gaboury, grandson of Bill and Sherry Schregardus was baptized January 30, 2011.

## Our Military Especially our Deployed

Calvin Anderson, Jason Collins, Stephen Crosswell, Ben Liles, Jon Prindle, Mike Sherman, Traci Shoffner, Sam Wagner

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Chris Chinn<br>Terre Eberly<br>Murphy Heist<br>Tom Tragle   | Marilyn Smith<br>John & Sherry Stokes(A)<br>Kurt VanDeusen | 21   | Wayne Bacon<br>Aiden Blanchard<br>Carson Brice<br>Hugh Johnson (missionary)<br>Dave Owens<br>Joey Wagner |  |
| 2 | Linda Anderson<br>Jenn Bates<br>Samantha Bradley<br>Jeff & Cindy Clemmons(A)<br>Kimberly Enneking<br>Helen Farley<br>Claira Lively<br>Pete Prindle<br>Chris Shifflett<br>Roger Slaydon<br>Laura Smith<br>Lynda Sullivan | 10   | Cecil & Barbara Adcox(A)<br>Jim Deeley<br>Lon Kelly  | 22   | Richard Keener<br>William Pattison<br>Sherry Schregardus<br>Jim & Marilyn Smith(A)<br>Jerry Turner<br>Ashlea Weems<br>Sarah Wooley |
| 3 | Jim Leftwich<br>Kris Vogt<br>Kim Voska<br>Eleanor Waynick   | 11   | Michael Dow<br>Donald Porter<br>Ernest & Vivian Smith(A)<br>Chelsea VanLear<br>Anne Wozniak  | 23   | Heidi Crouch<br>Laura Gestwick<br>Dee Dee Ketchum<br>Jean Purgold<br>Suzanne Smith   |
| 4 | Barbara Adcox<br>Cecil Adcox<br>Asher Bates<br>Ed Brummer<br>Jeff & Cindy Clemmons(A)<br>Nathalie Coates<br>Helen Farley<br>Kevin Jacobs<br>Jacqueline Stabnow  | 12   | Todd Wayne Barnes<br>David Campbell<br>Laura Quinn<br>Judy Walkley<br>Charles & Martha<br>Welch(A)   | 24   | David Deeley<br>Bob Dye<br>Bill Eason<br>Tristan Shoffner<br>Sandy Weems   |
| 5 | Nancy Amick<br>Christie Bates<br>Doug Nelms<br>Katie Ranger<br>Brandon Robbins  | 13   | Chad Atherton<br>Susan Creamer<br>Linda Eason<br>Paul Gregory<br>Robert Jordan<br>Micaela Verry  | 25   | Emily Bradley<br>Mike Findlay<br>DeAnn Posey<br>Jack & Mary Louise Thompson(A)   |
| 6 | Hazel Burtner<br>Cindy Cherry<br>Sue Dearnley<br>Bill Magowan<br>Robin Moon   | 14   | Bill & Gay Andrews(A)<br>Beth Campbell<br>Michael Dayton<br>Alex Dynan<br>Bruce Edwards<br>Oscar Sobkowicz<br>Kendall Wooddell   | 26   | Kevin Burbage<br>Lucy Holmstrom<br>Nicholas Orlando<br>Jonathan Wagner   |
| 7 | Doug Blount<br>Ginger Boyles<br>Peyton Francum<br>Cynthia Gleisberg<br>Clarke Houston<br>Pat King<br>Scott Stith<br>Porter & Rose Marie Taylor(A)   | 15   | Katie Bacon<br>Braden Coykendall   | 27   | Carl Barbour<br>Jamie Conner<br>Scott King<br>Deborah Mitchell<br>Brian Sills<br>Mark & Sherry Smeland(A)                          |
| 8 | Estelle Butler<br>Stacie Masten<br>Amanda Potts   | 16   | Katherine Cordell<br>Jackson Dykstra<br>Mitchell Franklin<br>Wayne & Judy Harrell(A)<br>Jackie Houston<br>Dee Moore<br>Catherine Shelton<br>Tom Sobkowicz<br>Ryan Turner | 28   | Janet Knabe<br>Ronna McLane<br>Kylee Rader<br>Barb Richardson<br>Cole Rountree<br>Karen Turnbull<br>Pat Wilhite                    |
| 9 | Madison Baskin<br>Mandy Heath<br>Ben Morter   | 17   | Martha Davis<br>Amanda Doggett<br>Henry Tragle III   | 29   | Wayne Harrell  |
|   |   | 18   | Jennifer Elliott<br>Betty Gibbs<br>Kristina Yeargin  |  |  |
|   |   | 19   | Anna Brice<br>Tim Holmstrom  |  |  |
|   |   | 20   | Vicki Allen<br>Kelsey Anderson<br>Ed & Debbie Fullhart(A)<br>Will Shoemaker<br>Carolyn Stokes  |  |  |

## As I See It

On January 16<sup>th</sup> we celebrated a Congregational Re-affirmation of Baptism. I had what I thought was a very good idea, albeit a little late. George Leftwich is one of our unofficial photographers for the church, and often puts together some beautiful compilations. When I saw George walking down the aisle at the 8:30 service, an idea came to me and I asked him if he had his camera. He said he did not, but

could go and get it for the 11:00 service. Whenever we do a baptism, the family almost always asks if we can take some pictures afterward. So the idea I got was to take a picture of the Saint Luke's "family," right after the reaffirmation of baptism. This is one idea I wish I had gotten about 4 hours earlier, so we could have taken a picture at all services! Anyways, the 11:00 picture that accompanies this article is on our web-

site. What a wonderful morning that was, and what a great way to begin 2011, united in our baptism. Our liturgy states "remember your baptism, and be thankful." This year, as we face the challenges and opportunities ahead, at all times and in all things, let us remember our baptism and indeed, be thankful!

Still in One Peace,

*Doug*

## Clara's Quips

Last month, I lifted up in my pastoral prayer one Sunday morning, the violence surrounding the shooting in Arizona. My purpose was to lift up the atmosphere that pervades our society of violence as a way of dealing with the differences we have in life and to pray for an attitude that leads to more peaceful ways of dealing with these differences. We hear it in our schools as they teach about how we shouldn't allow bullying behavior to exist. We hear it in society whenever various forms of violence occur. I want us to look at it in our churches also. Christ teaches us to "turn the other

cheek" (Matthew 5:38f), "to love our enemies" (Luke 6:27f), indeed "to love others as we love ourselves" (Mark 12:28-31). Violence or bullying is never an answer to our differences. Violence only breeds hurt and often regret. This in no way teaches us to be doormats for other to walk on. We hear in Ephesians that we should "speak the truth in love" (4:15). The Bible is very vocal on issues of justice. Justice is something that is desired. Just take a look at Deuteronomy 16:19-20, Isaiah 42: 1-4, Amos 5:15, and Micah 6:8. When we speak or act on issues that cause division, we are to do

so with an attitude of respect and love. That is why when I prayed that Sunday morning, I prayed not only for the victims, but also for the one who perpetrated the violent act. Jesus reminds us that it's easy to love those who love us. (Even the ones who sins loves those who love them. That's easy to do. See Luke 6: 32f) Jesus wants us to work hard at loving those that don't love us, even those who persecute us. That is one of the callings of our discipleship. I know it's hard but remember that God is here to help you and me!

Blessings, *Clara*

## Doodles from the DDM:



I hope your New Year resolutions are going well and that you have already made some new habits, if not, do not give up. Many, many folks are involved in other studies that have recently begun, and hopefully are keeping up with their daily work as well. Be looking for new classes to be starting during Lent and right after Easter. Speaking of Lent, on Shrove Tuesday- March 8 (Mardi Gras) we will once again be hosting our Lenten Workshop as we prepare ourselves for that 40 day period leading up to Easter. The workshop this year will focus on our theme this year, "Lift High the Cross" and will allow participants to create a visual reminder for the Lenten Season. Proceeding the workshop once again is our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner hosted by the

youth. Plan now to make this evening a great time of fellowship as we prepare ourselves for the reality of Ash Wednesday services and the beginning of the Lenten Season. The United Methodist Book of Worship gives the following insight into Lent: "Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means 'spring.' The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The first Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters,

the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

Also, if not by now, very soon, our reservation forms for this Summer's Camp Overlook should be here. Be sure to complete yours soon and be mindful of the dates when payments and forms are due to get in with our group pricing. Our church will be taking folks to camp this summer on two different weeks, July 3 - 8 and July 17-22. Be on the lookout for reservation forms. Other dates to be mindful of this summer include HOMETOWN NAZERETH, Vacation Bible School, July 10-15, and Midweek Mission, Music and Mayhem will be July 27-28. Be watching the Outlook and our website for more information! *James*



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## Risk Taking Missions

### **UMVIM Trip to Czech Republic**

St. Luke's will be leading a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission, (UMVIM), team to Czech Republic 6-14 August 2011. There will be a meeting at St. Luke's on 10 February @6:30 p.m. to discuss and plan for this trip. Our primary focus while in Czech Republic will be to expose the Czech students and atheist Roma community to the English language through evangelism and recreational activities. If you feel inspired to share the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to non-Christians than this trip is for you. If you are unable to attend this meeting and want to participate in the trip contact Linda Rody, 890-4708 or email [rody@cox.net](mailto:rody@cox.net).

### **Katrina Rebuild**

The Mississippi UMC Conference is about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> complete with the Katrina Recovery rebuild phase. Therefore, we are planning a mission trip to D'Iberville, MS during YCSD Spring Break week. We'll depart on Mon. Apr 4<sup>th</sup> and return Sat. Apr 9<sup>th</sup>. If you want to be an answer to someone's prayer for help to restore their home, please contact Ron Dorenbush @ (H)872-4666 or ©817-0196 or email [rdorenbush@aol.com](mailto:rdorenbush@aol.com) to get the proper paperwork completed and sent in.

### **FOGG ASP**

ASP for Old Gals & Guys (age 18+) has been scheduled for Apr 25-May 1, 2011. This is the last week of the adult year-around program to help people of Appalachia make cold, wet and unsafe homes warmer, drier and safer. If you'd like to be a part of this Mission Ministry, contact Ron Dorenbush @ (H) 872-4666, (C) 817-0196 or email [rdorenbush@aol.com](mailto:rdorenbush@aol.com).