



ST. LUKE'S OUTLOOK

Events At a Glance:

- ◆ February 5th—3:00 PM - District Evangelism Event
- ◆ February 12th—12:00 PM UM Women's Program & Lunch
- ◆ February 12th—Relay Valentine Dance
- ◆ February 15th—10:00 AM Easter Egg Organizational Meeting
- ◆ February 20th - Presidents Day—No Preschool
- ◆ February 23rd—6:00 PM Usher Training for 11:00 AM service
- ◆ February 26th- 1:30 PM ASP Training
- ◆ February 27th- 3:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive

Check out our website at
www.stlukesyorktown.org!

It's That Time of Year Again: Easter Egg Organizational Meeting!

The 28th Annual Easter Egg Project Organizational Meeting is coming Wednesday, February 15th at 10:00 A.M. All those who work with Easter Eggs are invited to attend.

We will review, update and decide upon the charities to benefit from this project. Ideas for charities are welcomed at this meeting. Please be prepared to share details and inform us about the charity. The recipients of the 2006 Easter Egg Project proceeds are decided at this meeting.

Help Wanted: Piano Player for Convalescent Service

Additional piano players are needed for the informal worship services led by Pastor Mark at York Convalescent Center on the third Monday of each month at 10:30 AM and at Riverside Regional Convalescent Center on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM. If you like to play hymns (especially "oldies"), please consider assisting with this important ministry. For more information, contact Mary Ellis, 877-0358 or Melissa Koch 890-2131.

Need a Brochure, Flyer, Bulletin Board, a Link on the Website, etc for your group or next event?

Contact Megan Zahn, Communications Coordinator
Contacts: 898.3017 or
c_c@stlukesytwm.hrcoxmail.com.

Evangelistic Priority for the Peninsula District *Launching Out to Cast Our Nets* Sunday, February 5th, 2006 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Major inspirational and motivational event to launch our district evangelism priority for lay and clergy teams from each local church.

- ◆ Dr. Scott Kisker, the E. Stanley Jones professor of evangelism.
- ◆ Hands-on training and resources will be provided by Dr. Franklin Gillis and Dr. Robert Parsons, members of the District Task Force Evangelism Team.
- ◆ Church teams will be provided opportunity to reflect on implications of the district priority for their church.

And it is here at St. Luke's so plan on attending! Sign-up on the board across from Pastor Mark's office.

Meet St. Luke's Lay Leader Council

Currently, St. Luke's Lay Leader Council is comprised of Dennis Crocker and Betty Miller (Class of 2006), Melissa Koch (Class of 2007), and Blair Ellis and Ginny Potts (Class of 2008). Maybe you'd like to know their responsibilities.

Lay leaders encourage an awareness of laity's role both within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world. They also find ways to recognize these ministries. (continued on page 4)

Blood Drive Coming Soon

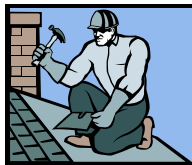
St. Luke's next Red Cross Blood Drive is Monday, February 27, 2006 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Nurture Ministry seeks volunteers to provide sandwiches and cookies and to help in the kitchen and at the sign-in desk. Sign-up sheets for blood donors and helpers will be in the Narthex beginning on Feb. 12.



Come One, Come All to the Women's Breakfast!

Join us for food, fellowship, devotions and a program led by Barbara Ripley. She will discuss her work with Katrina Hurricane relief in the Gulf. All women are invited Sunday, February 26th, 2006 at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Going to ASP? Workshop February 26th 1:30 to 4:30PM



This is a workshop to learn about sensitivity to issues we will deal with on our mission trip, like:

- ◆ learning about poverty
- ◆ learning about the people we will work for and the area we will work in
- ◆ using God's gifts wisely
- ◆ teamwork
- ◆ etc.

Come See What's New with UMW!

St. Luke's UMW will hold their first Unit Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, February 12th, noon to 2 pm, in room 21. Pot luck lunch, bring a dish to pass, drinks provided. Program: A Service of Prayer and Self Denial led by Joyce Wilson. All are invited.

Road Trip: Visit the United Methodist Building and new American Indian Museum in DC March 30th. Sponsored by District UMW, cost \$45. Deadline for registration, March 6. See UMW bulletin board for registration forms.

Preschool Registration

Have a friend with a 2 1/2 to 4 year old child ready for preschool? Open registration begins February 1st. Spaces are still available! Questions? Contact Diana Donnelly, Preschool Director 898-3017.



**St. Luke's Preschool
will be closed
Monday, February 20th
for Presidents Day!**



Save Your Labels!



Our preschool and Sunday School are trying to earn a 27" laminator. They need 106,200 labels so far thanks to you they have 9,700. Please bring your labels to the basket in the office! Thank you!!

YOUTH: DC2006 Youth Convention will be held next July 1-5. We are beginning to take reservations now. Registration forms can be found on the website (www.fellowshipofclay.org) and bulletin board across from Senior Pastor's office.

Needed: Ushers for the 11:00 service!

Interested? Come to a pizza and training session Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00 PM. Questions? Contact Ed Stover 898-3451 or Greg Kern 659-0231.

District UMW Sponsoring Mini School of Christian Missions

District UMW are sponsoring a Mini School of Christian Missions, Saturday, February 18, 9am to Noon at Parkview UMC, 912 Briarfield Road, NN. The Studies are: Children of the Bible, India and Pakistan, and Public Education Phase III. See UMW bulletin board for registration form.

**How are you
getting
involved at
St. Luke's?**



Doodles from the DDM:



Vacation Bible School

July 17-21

Make your plans now!

Leadership Team
Enlistment Ongoing –
Sign up on DDM Board

There is a place for
everyone to be a part of
St. Luke's Vacation
Bible School

~ James Pace, DDM

Results of the Good Samaritan Fund activity in 2005

- ◆ Started the year with \$4,026
- ◆ Ended the year with \$3,873.
- ◆ In between, we disbursed \$17,691 and our receipts were \$17,538. (Approx. \$1,500 from the Christmas Eve services.)

(Note: Isn't it amazing how God insures the costs of caring for the needy is covered!)

- ◆ We helped approximately 131 families, with an average gift of \$135.
- ◆ Where did the money go? To residents of York and Poquoson in need.
- ◆ What were the needs? A variety of survival needs that included all utilities, medications, gas tank fill ups, groceries, and rent.
- ◆ Where did the money come from? You. Members of St. Luke's congregation contributing at the altar rail each Communion Sunday.
- ◆ Why do we do this? Because we are disciples called to transform our community through God's love. People have enormous needs and with our temporary help, they can get through a crisis.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Good Samaritan Fund, on a regular basis, or even just once. You do make a difference and your community is grateful for your generosity.

St. Luke's Volunteers in Mission in Action

I want to thank all those who participated in the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission UVMIM response to Hurricane Katrina victims in Gulfport, MS. Trinity UMC in Gulfport has been gracious enough to allow us to sleep, shower, eat and study God's word in their family life center.

The volunteers have been removing wet and moldy drywall and spoiled debris from homes; cutting up and removing trees from homes and yards; installing insulation, drywall, ceiling tile, and sub flooring; taping, mudding, and sanding walls. Future work requirements will include much of the same with additional work in painting interior homes, installing molding, and base boards.

I know all of you have been tremendously blessed by God through doing His work for His people. The people have also been blessed by serving Jesus Christ in you as His witness as well as an answer to their prayers.

Two more opportunities to volunteer to go to Mississippi are March 23rd-30th and April 17th-23rd. If you are interested in volunteering for either one or both, contact Ron Dorenbush 872-4666 (home) or 873-0993 (work). Remember these trips are about the (continued on page 4)

St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

In Memoriam

- A Donation was made to the Food Closet by Peggy Hadden in memory of Mary Sallwasser and Walter Clement.
- A Donation was made to the Food Closet by Faye Kenan in memory of Judy Whipple.
- A Donation was made to the Relay for Life Teams at St. Luke's by Dave and Kenna Rusk in memory of Versie Fuller.

Honorarium

- A donation was made to the General Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hopkins in honor of their grandchildren; Brad, Stephanie, Ben and Brian Barnes.

(St. Luke's VIM cont. from page 3) people, not about the project. If you would like to provide financial support for these trips, make checks payable to St. Luke's UMC with mission support response in the memo. Also praying for the Volunteers while they are on the trip is extremely powerful.
~ Ron Dorenbush

Congratulations to

Michael and Stephanie Cooper on the birth of a son, Logan Matthew Cooper, born January 3, 2006. Roger and Margie Smith are the proud grandparents.

Deployed

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| Jonathan Bland | David Patterson |
| David Cluxton | Jeff Prindle |
| Ryan Dorenbush | Shaun Slone |
| James Lotspeich | Curtis Smith |
| Derrick Mack | |

Welcomed Into Membership

Dave and Jenn Bates
116 Solebay Street
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757) 369-8407

Anthony and Kathryn Budzik
Son: Jarrod
138 Cardinal Lane
Yorktown, VA 23693
(757) 327-0779

Lay Leader Council (continued from page 1)

They meet regularly with the clergy to discuss the state of the church and the needs for ministry, and are members of the charge conference and the church council. A lay leader is also part of the committee on finance, the committee on lay leadership, and the committee on staff-parish relations. Along with the clergy, they help to interpret the actions and programs of the annual conference and the general Church.

Lay leaders are involved in study and training opportunities so that they can understand the kinds of ministry that will effectively fulfill the Church's mission. They also advise the church council about available opportunities and needs for effective ministry through the laity in the community.

St. Luke's Lay Leader Council is an essential part of our overall ministry. Take a moment to share your thoughts and impressions with any of our lay leaders.

Readings for Worship

- Sunday, February 5** – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
- Sunday, February 12** – 6th Sunday after Epiphany
2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;
Mark 1:40-45
- Sunday, February 19** – 7th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 43:18-25; Psalm 41; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22;
Mark 2:1-12
- Sunday, February 26** – Transfiguration Sunday
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6;
Mark 9:2-9

Acts 29 Prayer Conference with Dr. Terry Teykl at Newtown UMC

April 8, 2006
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

What to Expect: An Acts 29 Prayer Encounter is a blend of worship, teaching, ministry, prayer, and fellowship. Following the worship, there will be two morning sessions. Following lunch there will be two afternoon sessions. The purpose of this conference is to enhance and strengthen the prayer ministry of the local church.

Cost \$25 (includes materials, lunch and breaks)
Registration Deadline: March 7, 2006
Forms are available outside the office or call 258-1072 or www.newtownumc.org
309 Waltz Farm Drive,
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Pastor Bill's Back Page

This begins a monthly rotation of staff columns!

In December, the Gallup Poll released its annual report of the professions that Americans consider the most honest and ethical. Of twenty-one professions considered, nurses again placed at the top with an 82% rating. Next came pharmacists, medical doctors, high school teachers, and police officers. Clergy were around the middle of the ranking with 54%. At the very bottom of the list? Politicians, car salesmen, and telemarketers.

I find it interesting the way the secular sphere views us clergy. For that matter, it's interesting how Christians and people of other faiths view us. This I know for certain. Right or wrong, we're often categorized as a "helping profession." And, if I'm sitting next to a stranger who asks what I do for a living, nothing colors the conversation quite like saying, "I'm a pastor." Some want to bare their souls. Others try to flee as fast as they can.

People have different expectations of clergy. Why, even clergy have different expectations of clergy. Within the United Methodist Church there are two orders of clergy: elder and deacon. Our *Book of Discipline* currently devotes two and a half pages to the responsibilities and duties of elders and licensed pastors. It devotes one and a half pages to the definition, ministry, authority, and responsibilities of deacons. In a nutshell, elders are ordained to a "four-fold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service within the connection and thus serve in the church and the world." (§ 340) Deacons are ordained to a ministry of "Word and Service to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two." (§ 329)

Speaking of expectations, I just saw a classified ad seeking a pastor for a Presbyterian Church in Maryland. It reads in part, "Ideal pastor will have the courage of Deborah, the organizational skills of Peter, the motivational skills of Moses, the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job." Hmm, I wonder what the pastor might well expect of that congregation.

The truth is, many clergy and congregations don't have a clear sense of what it means to be Christian. Thus, it isn't clear what it means to be clergy. As a result, expectations range all over the place. As Greg Jones, dean of Duke Divinity School, points out, we clergy are administrators and leaders, but we're not MBAs and CEOs. We are therapists; we are not nurses or doctors. We are teachers and instructors; we're not scholars and professors. We are communicators; we're not entertainers and performers.¹ In such an environment, it's easy to try to be all things to all people. It's easy to become exhausted and depressed by trying, and failing, to meet all expectations.

Jones suggests that, in such an environment, the job description for ordained ministry reads like this:

WANTED: Person to fill position that involves important but undervalued work; exact job description unclear. Long hours; must work weekends and holidays. Low pay. Master's degree required; doctorate preferred. Must be accomplished at multitasking, including running an organization without clear authority to do so. The successful candidate will be skilled as a

public speaker, manager, politician and therapist, and will devote significant time each week to pastoral visits. The position reports to multiple bosses.²

Each year, we United Methodist clergy are asked to update our Pastor Profiles. I just revised mine. When asked about my personal and spiritual sensibility, I answered, "As a follower of Jesus Christ, I try to live with faith, humility, joy, and curiosity. I have found that the Christian journey is a holy adventure with others in Jesus' service. I try to share this sense of adventure with others in my words and actions. I remain strongly committed to my vocation to ordained ministry within The United Methodist Church. I am especially committed to the ministries of proclaiming God's Word, celebrating the Sacraments, and serving with and equipping fellow disciples for Christian ministry in the world."

Acknowledging this "sensibility," I especially like what Greg Jones offers as a corrective, alternative job description for ordained ministry:

WANTED: Persons for a vocation that leads God's people in bearing witness to God's new creation revealed in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Work schedule is shaped by relationships, focusing on what is important in people's lives, and depends on regular rhythms of work, rest, and play. Compensation is shaped by a mutual discernment of what is necessary in order for the persons (and, where appropriate, their families) to have an appropriately well-lived life. The vocation involves cultivating holy dispositions, preaching and teaching, nurturing rigorous study and shaping practices of faithful living in church and world. Lifelong education and formation is expected in order to enable others also to grow throughout their lives. The successful candidate will collaborate with others toward the same ends. The person with this vocation reports to God.³

In his description, Jones captures some of the sense of adventure that I have discovered in Christ's service with you and others. He bespeaks what it means to be Christian and offers a corresponding set of expectations for Christian clergy.

I pray that you feel a sense of adventure in Christ's service, too. I hope that life together here at St. Luke's will be characterized by deep faith, authentic humility, boundless joy, and infinite curiosity. I hope that we can begin to share a mutual expectation of bearing witness to God's new creation revealed in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. I just wonder how both we and our world will be changed when we do.

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

1 The Christian Century, January 10, 2006, Vol. 123, No. 1, p. 35

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.

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| 1 | Chris Chinn Eleanor Davis Terre Eberly Murphy Heist Tom Tragle | Sheran Hodges Ben Morter David Patterson Marilyn Smith John & Sherry Stokes(A) Kurt VanDeusen | Jean Rawls |
| 2 | Jenn Bates Kimberly Enneking Ray & Helen Farley(A) Pete Prindle Tom Roberts Chris Shifflett Roger Slaydon Lynda Sullivan | 10 Cecil & Barbara Adcox(A) Ann Adcox Jim Deeley Lon Kelly | 21 Wayne Bacon LaRue Credle Terry Herrick Hugh Johnson (missionary) Dave Owens |
| 3 | Mildred Smith Kris Vogt Kim Voska Eleanor Waynick Heather Zsoldos | 11 Anne Davis Michael Dow Mark & Debbie Fischer(A) Marilyn Holland Donald Porter Ernest & Vivian Smith(A) Chelsea VanLear | 22 Richard Keener William Pattison Jim & Marilyn Smith(A) Jerry Turner |
| 4 | Barbara Adcox Cecil Adcox Ed Brummer Jeff & Cindy Clemmons(A) Nathalie Coates Betty Custer Shawna Daigneau Helen Farley Kevin Jacobs Peggy Marino Stephen & Carol Romeo(A) Jacqueline Stabnow | 12 David Campbell Jenny Pettyjohn Charles & Martha Welch(A) | 23 Heidi Fuller Dave Petersen Jean Purgold Suzanne Smith |
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| 6 | Hazel Burtner Sue Dearnley Bill Magowan Robin Moon Casey Stevens | 14 Bill & Gay Andrews(A) Beth Campbell Susan Davis Michael Dayton Alex Dynan Bruce Edwards Roby & Vanessa Knight(A) Radar & Doris Russell(A) | 25 Emily Bradley Gurdon & Ginny Buck(A) Mike Findlay DeAnn Posey Jack & Mary Louise Thompson(A) John Tweedy |
| 7 | Doug Blount Ginger Boyles Bea Burgess Cynthia Gleisberg Clarke Houston Pat King Kaylee Morris Scott Stith Porter & Rose Marie Taylor(A) Patrick Waynick | 15 Katie Bacon Braden Coykendall | 26 Kevin Burbage Amber Taylor Ed Trimble Jonathan Wagner |
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February 2006



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p><u>Every Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 11:00 Prayer Ministry 5:00 & 6:00 Youth Fellowship</p> | <p><u>Every Monday</u> 9:00—12:00 Preschool (M-F)</p> <p>7:00 Faith Weavers 7:00 Boy Scouts</p> | <p><u>Every Tuesday</u> 11:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Youth Devos</p> | <p>1 9:30 UMW Bd 5:30 Worship M 6:15 Men's Ch. 6:15 Discovery Kids 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Youth Council 7:00 (2)Faith Weavers 7:15 Chancel C.</p> | <p>2 9:30 M.O.M.S. Circle 10:00 (2)Faith Weavers</p> <p>4:00 Lay Leader Council</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 <u>Every Saturday</u> 7:00 God & Grits Breakfast for men</p> |
| <p>5 3:00-6:00 District Evangelism Launch</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 7:00 Service Ministry</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 9:30 L.I.F.T. Circle</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12 12:00 UM Women Program & Lunch 5:00 Faith Weavers begin Relay Valentine Dance</p> | <p>13 7:00 Sisters In Christ Circle</p> | <p>14 10:00 Gertrude Carmines Circle 10:00 Sarah Sudduth Circle 6:45 Finance Committee 7:30 Church Council</p> | <p>15 10:00 Easter Egg Organizational meeting</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19 8:15 UM Men Breakfast 5:00 Faith Weavers</p> | <p>20 No Preschool</p> | <p>21 1:30 Nurture Ministry 7:00 Trustees meeting</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23 6:00 Usher Training for 11:00 service</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 8:30 Women's Breakfast 1:30-4:30 ASP Training 5:00 Faith Weavers</p> | <p>27 3:00-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Luke's</p> | <p>28</p> | | | | |

We're On the Move! See Where We're Headed!

Colorful Coastal Carolina & Savannah

March 27 – 31 - \$629 per person
 \$100 per person - deposit due now
 Full payment due February 10, 2006



- ◆ Seat assignments on the bus are made upon receipt of your deposit or full payment.
- ◆ Reservation and Insurance Forms must be turned in with the \$100 deposit.
- ◆ Make all checks payable to Amber Tours and put check and forms in the Traveler's box in the church office.
- ◆ Itinerary and all Forms on Travelers Bulletin Board.

Questions? Contact Betty Brummer – 898-8031

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 to see "Behold the Lamb"
 April 18 – 20 - \$349 per person
 \$100 per person -
deposit due before February 15
 Full payment due March 1, 2006

We've changed our website.
 Check it out at www.stlukesyorktown.org!
 (you'll need to update your bookmarks)

St. Luke's web page - stlukesyorktown.org
 Fellowship of Clay web page - fellowshipofclay.org

Time Sensitive Material

Check out our site
stlukesyorktown.org!

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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