

# St. Luke's Outlook

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## Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, July 2nd – Welcome Reception for New Pastors
- Monday & Tuesday, July 3rd & 4th – Office Closed
- Monday-Friday, July 17th-21st – Vacation Bible School

## Time of Change, Time of Farewell, Time of Welcome!

On July 2, we will welcome our new pastoral team. Rev. Doug Gestwick, and Rev. Clara Gestwick, will be our new spiritual leaders. Currently pastors for the Bridgewater UMC in Bridgewater, VA, Pastor Doug will serve as the senior minister, and Pastor Clara will serve as the associate minister. The Gestwicks have four children – Ryan, Taylor, Brandon, and Laura. We will welcome the Gestwick family to their new church home on July 2 with a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 am service.

Pastor Doug holds a ThM and M.Div. from Duke University. This is his fourth appointment, having served St. Mark in Portsmouth, Bermuda Hundred in Chester, and Bridgewater UMC. Under his leadership, Bridgewater UMC, has doubled in size, membership, attendance, and budget. On the Conference Level he is Chair of the Pension Committee of the Board of Pensions, and Chair of the Committee on Investigation. Doug is originally from Buffalo, NY, and closely follows all the Buffalo teams. When not at work, he likes to involve himself in the community by coaching little league teams. Gourmet cooking is his passion, and he is an avid hunter, loves wood carving and wood turning, and likes to read and write.

Pastor Clara holds an M.Div. from Duke University. She enjoys reading, knitting and sewing. Her passion is Christian Education, and she likes to teach as well. She served as Associate Pastor at Centenary in Portsmouth for five years and then went on family leave for seven years. While on family leave she served a number of interim appointments. She joined the staff at Bridgewater as a 10 hr/week associate and

grew the position to full time. In addition to being a full time Associate Pastor, she is also a full time Mom for four children – you all understand what that includes!

Ryan is 14 and entering the 9th grade. He runs cross country and track. Ryan ALWAYS wears a tee-shirt from church and calls himself a "bill-board for the church." He also refers to himself as the "emergency adult" whenever a baby sitter can't be found.

Taylor is 11 and entering the 6th grade. He is a superb student and enjoys excelling at school. He went to Israel and Jordan last year for the trip of a lifetime. He enjoys reading and writing, and usually attends all services with his Dad.

Brandon is 9. The Gestwick's have a phrase (more like a mantra) in their household - "Brandon is Brandon." Brandon excels at all sports and is rarely without a ball of some kind in his hands. He loves little children and is a friend to all, usually befriending those whom others haven't. He rarely sleeps. Brandon is Brandon.

Laura is 7. She has three older brothers. She loves dancing and soccer and annoying her brothers. She is very good at all of these, especially the last. The large object you see wrapped around her little finger is her Daddy. He is always there.

Pastoral transition is a time of challenge for Pastors and their families who are moving to new homes and new churches. It is also a time of challenge for us as a congregation as we accept our feelings of excitement and challenge as new Pastors arrive.

Please join us as we welcome the Gestwicks to their new home!

~ Bo Walkley

Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

**Casting Our Nets on a Sea of Change  
~ Peninsula District**

All Peninsula churches were asked to write a covenant for their church for the evangelistic priority for the Peninsula District United Methodist Churches.

On Sunday June 4, 2006 we met at a District Pentecost Celebration to present our covenants.

**Covenant of St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

In response to God's continued grace, claim, and call experienced throughout Biblical history, nurtured by the

Holy Spirit, culminating in Christ, and the establishment of the Church as God's continuing incarnation, and the discovery of how we have broken covenant to fully participate in kingdom-building, we the people of

St. Luke's United Methodist Church covenant to:

1. Overcome our fears and selfishness. Be bold about praying for others, seeking opportunities to speak to them about Christ and to invite them to St. Luke's.
2. Keep evangelism and hospitality at the forefront of our minds and our ministries, helping every member of our congregation to recognize that each of us has this responsibility.
3. Welcome all who enter our church in Christ's name, having open minds and open hearts.
4. Put God's will first, above our own purposes. Be accountable and avoid blaming others.
5. Strengthen our own faith and commitment to worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and service so others may see Christ in us.

**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.

**New Sign Coming Soon!**

We plan to replace our current sign and get a lighted sign with changeable letters. This allows the church to get its message out to all who pass by. We invite you to contribute to this effort with a donation in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. Stop by the Hospitality Center or see the bulletin board at the "T" to see a picture of the new sign and pick up a contribution form.

**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!*

**Kits for Conference Update**

A total of 166 kits were assembled and taken to Annual Conference on June 11, which included 100 school kits, 21 bedding packs, 5 flood buckets, and 40 health kits. The Service Ministry Area thanks all who donated items and kits to the project. Also thanks to Jean Henley, Flo McFarland, Sally Pappas, and Joan Reese for sewing velcro on all of the school bags. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.



**Blood Drive**

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Look for a sign-up sheet in narthex for donors, canteen helpers, and for donations of sandwiches and goodies.



**Looking for a Preschool?**

**Look no further... we still have spaces in our 2 1/2 & 3 year old classes. Contact Diana Donnelly, 898-3017.**

**Help wanted!**

We need Sunday School teachers for the fall. And hey if you're ready to start now we can find space for you too!!

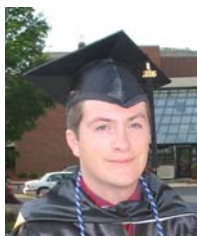
# CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!



**Caroline Ellis**  
*College of Architecture  
 at Georgia Tech*  
 Masters of City and  
 Regional Planning  
 Working as a planner for  
 Robert & Company, Atlanta



**Mary Beth Phaup**  
*Randolph Macon College*  
 Bachelor of Arts in English and  
 Education  
 Teaching in Richmond  
**Trey Phaup**  
*Tidewater Regional Fire Academy*  
 Working for the Williamsburg  
 Fire Department



**Ryan Daniel Franz**  
*Ferrum College*  
 Bachelor of Science, Criminal  
 Justice, Forensics minor  
 Working with the Forensics  
 Department of the Newport  
 News Police Department



**Andrew W. Robinson**  
*North Carolina School of the Arts ~  
 School of Filmmaking*  
 Bachelor of Fine Arts in  
 Cinematography  
 Working in South Africa for  
 "On the Loose in Wildest Africa"  
 for the summer. Plans on pursuing a  
 career in the film industry in Los Angeles.



**Ryan Robert Hoppe**  
*Grafton High School*  
 Honors Program  
 Attending:  
 Virginia Tech  
 Engineering



**Brooke Rowe**  
*Tabb High School*  
 National Honors Society  
 Attending:  
 Christopher Newport University



**Thomas J. Lane, III**  
*Tabb High School*  
 Honors Program  
 Attending:  
 Virginia Tech



**Jenna Rowe**  
*Old Dominion University*  
 Bachelor of Science,  
 Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Summa Cum Laude  
 Attending:  
 ODU for Masters in  
 Elementary Education



**Michael Murphy**  
*Tabb High School*  
 Attending:  
 University of Virginia

## Easter Egg Scholarship Applications Now Available

Easter Egg Project Scholarship applications are being accepted. Please see application for eligibility. Note that current 2006 High School graduates are eligible. Applications can be found on the wall outside of the church office. Deadline for completed applications is August 1, 2006 and should be turned into the church office/Egg Project mail box. Please contact Tricia Church, 865-9053 or Debbie Frecker, 890-2698 for more information.

# St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

## In Memoriam

~ A donation was made to the Good Samaritan in memory of June Clement by the Real People Sunday School Class.

~ Donations were made to the Building Fund in memory of Louise Mitchell by:

- F. Dvorak and M.N. Dvorak
- Robert and Barbara Green
- Maxwell E. Hoffman
- Bobby G. Moss
- Kerry and Nancy Nunn
- Faye Keenan
- Goodman and Barbara Mitchell and family

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

- Sharley Hersberger by Jean Henley
- Catherine and A. E. Waynick and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sharpe by Fred and Eleanor Waynick.
- John Pappas by Sallie Pappas.

## Honoraria

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

- Pastor Bill and Pastor Mark by Kent and Deb Fuller.
- Pastor Bill Davis by Ronnie and Nancy Leshner.
- All the pastors who have served St. Luke's by Dave and Kenna Rusk.
- Mildred Smith by Fred and Eleanor Waynick
- Pastor Bill and Pastor Mark by the Real People Sunday School Class.
- Betty and Ed Brummer by Tom and Nancy Sayre.
- Benches for the Court Yard Memorial Garden were donated by John and Suzanne Masten in celebration of their marriage on June 19, 2006.

## Received the Sacrament of Baptism

- Sabrina Ann Lingenfelter, daughter of Mike and Gabi Lingenfelter.
- Karley Alana Haskiell, daughter of David and Michelle Haskiell.
- Brittany Nicole Ward and Christopher Jacob Ward, daughter and son of Michael and Jodi Ward.
- Carmen Grace Guardia, daughter of Cheryl Guardia.
- Nathan Matthew Levister, infant son of Matt and Shannon Levister.
- Savanna Rose Daniel, daughter of Mike and Vida Daniel.

## Congratulations to

Mark and Erin Quimby on the birth of a son, Mason Ahl Quimby, born June 11, 2006. Ed and Kim Voska are the proud grandparents.

## Prayers & Sympathy

Pete and Paulette Clement and family on the death of his mother, June Clement, May 28, 2006.  
Pastor Bill and Susan and family on the death of his aunt, Jane Davis, May 31, 2006.

## Deployed

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| David Cluxton  | Tim Moon        |
| Brian Cosgriff | David Patterson |
| Jason Johnson  | Jon Prindle     |
| Derrick Mack   | Shaun Slone     |

## Welcomed into Membership



### Our New Members

- Mica and Sarah Ashmore  
142 Barn Swallow Ridge  
YT (92) Ph: 369-1521
- Mike and Vida Daniel  
105 Rachel Lane  
YT (92) Ph: 872-0390  
Child: Savannah
- Mike and Gabi Lingenfelter  
207 Militia Court  
YT (93) Ph: 865-2332  
Children: Austin and Sabrina

### Our Confirmands

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Kelsey Anderson   | Carmen Guardia  |
| Lauren Balson     | Sarah Henke     |
| Reagan Bennett    | Benjamin Hoppe  |
| Sarah Campbell    | Alyson Motley   |
| Carley Coates     | Robert Rice     |
| Elizabeth Early   | Evelyn Seay     |
| Russell Gibson    | Shayne Smith    |
| Courtney Gilland  | Chelsea VanLear |
| Valerie Gleisberg | Brittany Ward   |

## As I See It



Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! When you read this, I will probably have become your pastor. As I write it, I am not. Such is our United Methodist system! Next to the death of a family member, job change and moving are the two highest stressors a person can have. In the UMC we put bookends around those - one Sunday I am preaching my farewell sermon to the people I have loved and served for six years, and the following Sunday I am preaching my "hello" sermon to a people I do not yet know, but will come to love. In between those two bookends we cram a job change and a move in just 4 or 5 days!

But I firmly believe in our system of a "sent ministry." I come to you, tired and stressed out - two temporary conditions which will resolve themselves as the boxes unpack and we settle into our new home. But more importantly, I come to you full of energy and enthusiasm! The word "enthusiasm" literally means "God-breathed." - I come to you full of God's spirit, anxious to begin our ministry together. This is my fourth appointment, and in my last three, if the Bishop had opened the book of all churches and told me to take my pick, I could not have done better than the cabinet did in placing me. They were three perfect matches. I fully trust that this will as well, and I look forward to many many more newsletter articles! My hope as we begin together is that all of my children will graduate from the same high school. Which is a way of saying that I intend to be here for the long run.

I close, leaving you two thoughts to ponder, both coming from my favorite theologian - Albert Einstein:

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

"When the solution is simple, God is answering."

Still in One Peace,

Doug



## Clara's Quips

What a joy it is to be here!! By the time this article is published, our family will be in our new home and exploring your town, claiming it as our town too. Doug and I will be learning the ropes of St. Luke's. First of all I want to thank all of you who have sent us a letter or e-mail of welcome. Many of you introduced yourself to us before we even made it to town. We truly feel welcomed. As summer moves on, I hope to meet each of you face to face. Learn your names. Get to know something about you. I'm sure we will have many opportunities.

At the time of writing of this article, I am in a disheveled home and office. Both are filled with boxes and piles of stuff waiting to be boxed. My life feels like chaos. I have told many friends here that I feel that I am treading water in the deep end, at least I am still above water. Though we have moved with four children before, they were much younger and I was on Family Leave. I know life will calm down, it may even be calm now that you are reading this article. (That's a positive thought!!) Our family is filled with anticipation for the future. Excitement fills our conversation as we talk about the new home and the fun in exploring the area around the house. Sadness is heard when we talk about Bridgewater friends and how we will miss them. Anxiety is present when we anticipate how we will fit in at a new church, school, and town. Love is felt when we talk about the people we have already met and welcomed us warmly. Anticipation is so much a part of life.

Our Bible is full of anticipation also. Jacob was filled with fearful anticipation as he traveled to meet up with his estranged brother after many years of separation. Moses was filled with an exuberant anticipation as he climbed up the mountain to meet with God. Abraham was filled with sorrowful anticipation as he walked with Isaac to the place where he was to sacrifice him. Mary was filled with joyful, yet fearful anticipation, as she awaited the birth of Jesus. Life, both in the Bible and here with us, is filled with anticipation. It is just a part of life. It carries many emotions, both positive and negative.

I give all my emotions over to God, knowing that God already knows them and is working with them to bring about God's purpose. May God bless your change in pastoral leadership, both Mark and Bill leaving and Doug and I coming. May God bless the new relationships that will be formed. May God give us all the strength, patience, hospitality and love that is needed in this time of change. I can't wait to meet you.

Blessings,

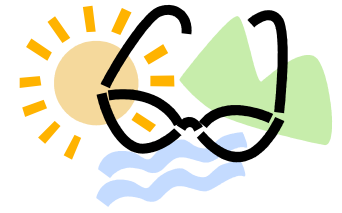
Clara

**JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

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|----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Shawn Jewel                   | Tim & Robin Moon(A)           | Garnett Knabe               |
|    | Bob & Sally Maness(A)         | Andy Petersen                 | Jon & Bobbie Piche' (A)     |
|    | Keith Maston                  | Beulah Sutton                 | Alex Rich                   |
| 2  | Julie Mason                   | Suellen Turner                | Justin Vakulich             |
|    | Don & Candy Porter(A)         | 11 Merf Heist                 | 22 Barbara Battles          |
|    | Walt Baskin                   | Mike Lingenfelter             | Ron Donston                 |
|    | Kathy Gibson                  | Scott Ripley                  | Ashley Dow                  |
|    | Daniel Mellen                 | 12 Ken & Esther Barnes(A)     | Amanda Gray                 |
|    | Michael & Brenda Ramsey(A)    | Patrick Crawford              | Mark & Cheryl Kincaid(A)    |
|    | Stephen Romeo                 | Joel & Kathy Everhart(A)      | Mary Mixon                  |
| 3  | Debbie Campbell               | Kevin & Brenda Gentry(A)      | Joe & Nancy Rine(A)         |
|    | Ed & Gloria Nuckles(A)        | Clark Ward                    | Janice Swain                |
|    | Ronnie & Nancy Leshner(A)     | 13 Roger Fuhrman              | 23 Robyn Carl               |
|    | Bobbie Spear                  | Tom & Jean Rawls(A)           | Ginger Heath                |
|    | Cheryl Thompson               | Suzi Smith                    | Mary Mixon                  |
| 4  | Michael & LuAnne Dow(A)       | 14 Denise Francum             | Nancy Mullins               |
|    | Peter & Mary Jacobs(A)        | Sara Johnston                 | 24 Helen & Don Gaddis(A)    |
|    | Rosie Walsh                   | 15 Lloyd & Estelle Butler(A)  | Barry & Rhonda Williams(A)  |
| 5  | Joel & Tricia Church(A)       | 16 Bobby Bass                 | Betty Ward                  |
|    | Karen Hymes                   | Jim & Shirley Bostancic(A)    | 25 Don & Esther Balser(A)   |
|    | Ashley Mack                   | Tricia Church                 | Jennifer Smith              |
| 6  | Cathy Barnes                  | Jeff & Becky Henke(A)         | Tom & Ann Spivey(A)         |
|    | Robert Bohannon               | Kari Keener                   | Cassie Watts                |
|    | Shirley Bostancic             | Carol Romeo                   | 26 Lynne Chittum            |
|    | Jim Fernald                   | Iris Selden                   | Ben Keener                  |
|    | Peggy Hadden                  | David Shoemaker               | Adrienne Nelms              |
|    | Kathie Nett                   | Jennifer Watson               | 27 Scott Allen              |
|    | James Pace                    | Ed Voska                      | Trey Gayne                  |
|    | Kevin & Della Shelton(A)      | 17 Bert & Marlene Brummer (A) | 28 Beth Early               |
| 7  | David Allen                   | Kevin Gentry                  | Kelly King                  |
|    | Nick Cianelli                 | Claire McKinney               | Sally Maness                |
|    | Don & Avoline Warden(A)       | Chris & Leah Omweg(A)         | Kay Myers                   |
| 8  | Gary & Cathy Anderson(A)      | Ashley Perry                  | Kelley Phaup                |
|    | Laura Broderick               | Becky Slaydon                 | 29 Wayne & Carie DeWeerd(A) |
|    | Kevin & Tricia Craig(A)       | Tony & Bonnie Sousa(A)        | Beth Early                  |
|    | Becky Deeley                  | 18 Chris Carpenter            | Janet Griffith              |
|    | Donna Dorenbush               | Randy Eberly                  | Shawn Gutshall              |
|    | Joshua Jacob                  | Donna Gilland                 | Burt & Carol Lightner(A)    |
| 9  | Helen Barger                  | Mary Jacobs                   | Johnny Martin               |
|    | Stacy Balson                  | Bill Smith                    | Joe & DeAnn Posey(A)        |
|    | John Coleman                  | Scott & Laurie Stith(A)       | Robin Taylor                |
|    | Rich & Donna Freet(A)         | 19 Patrick Anderson           | Ashley Walkley              |
|    | Ellen Lane                    | Rod & Beth Crispen(A)         | 30 Kayla Holcomb            |
|    | Amanda McLean                 | Wesley DeLauder               | 31 Steven Bjarnason         |
|    | Ricky & Vicky Reid(A)         | Mike Mason                    |                             |
|    | John & Ellen Wirt(A)          | Michael Ramsey                |                             |
|    | Connor Zebrowski              | 20 Vonnie Bohannon            |                             |
| 10 | Jim & Donna Elliott(A)        | Wayne Miller                  |                             |
|    | Rick & Ronna McLane(A)        | 21 Keith Adcock               |                             |
|    | Brad & Jennifer McMasters (A) | Karen Kern                    |                             |



# July 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Every Sunday</u>                      8:30 Worship                      9:45 Worship                      9:45 Sunday Sc                      11:00 Worship                      11:00 Prayer M.                      5:00 Youth Fel.</p>	<p><u>Every Monday</u>                           7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><u>Every Tuesday</u>                        11:00 Staff Mt.                         7:00 Youth Devos</p>	<p><u>Every Wed.</u>                      6:30 Handbells                      7:15 Chancel Choir</p>			<p><u>1 Every Saturday</u>                      8:00 God &amp; Grits Breakfast For Men                       Youth DCLA Trip—July 5th</p>
<p>2                      12:00 Welcome Reception for New Pastors</p>	<p>3                      Holiday Church Closed</p>	<p>4                      Holiday Church Closed</p>	<p>5                      8:00 UIM Women Board                        7:00 Youth Council</p>	<p>6                      9:30 M.O.M.S. Circle                      4:45 Lay Leader Council                      7:30 Education Ministry</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10                      7:00 Sisters in Christ Circle</p>	<p>11                      1:00 Nurture Ministry                      6:45 Finance Committee                      7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>12                      5:30 Worship Ministry</p>	<p>13                      9:30 L.I.F.T. Circle                      6:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting                      7:00 Staff/Parish Mt</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17  <u>Vacation</u>                       10:30 York Convalescent Worship Service</p>	<p>18  <u>Bible</u>                       1:30 Nurture Ministry                      7:00 Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>19  <u>School</u></p>	<p>20  <u>Monday</u></p>	<p>21  <u>through Friday 9:30 - 12:00</u></p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24                      10:00 Riverside Regional Convalescent Worship Service</p>	<p>25                      7:00 Communications Ministry</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27                      6:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>					



**Remember:**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**is July 17th– July 21st!**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**  
[www.stlukesyorktown.org/vbs](http://www.stlukesyorktown.org/vbs)

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

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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