



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

# St. Luke's Outlook

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## What's Happening with the Building Committee

The Building Committee has begun transition from the planning phase to the execution phase of the church project – Growing to Serve. Blair Ellis is stepping aside as chair of the committee after many years and George Leftwich will lead the committee in this next phase. The members of the Building Committee are being asked to evaluate their excitement for future service. The goal is to have committee members who are excited about devoting their time and energy during this phase of the project. The candidates will be presented to the Nominating Committee for approval at the Charge Conference as required by the Discipline. We continue to work with Myler, our church design-build contractor, as we conclude the Capital Campaign and begin to prepare a construction proposal to the Church Council. A proposal to Council is anticipated by the end of September.

## Fall Women's Retreat

All women are invited to attend our Fall Spiritual Retreat on Prayer October 8-10, 2010. You may sign up through the website or by signing the registration sheet on Pastor Clara's door. Then secure your spot with your check of \$150.00, the all inclusive cost for the weekend! Once again we will be headed to the mountains and staying at Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook. The church bus and van will leave St. Luke's October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM and return about the same time on Sunday. This year we will have a guest leader working with Clara. Her name is Mert Brubaker. Mert has provided leadership for women's events in her own church (Park View Mennonite, Harrisonburg). Clara and Mert have been working together to plan an exciting and fun weekend on the topic of prayer. Bring comfortable clothes for the retreat. One of the sessions is called "Praying with the Body" so get ready to move a bit!! For more information on the retreat, please look at our website or pick up a recommended packing list from Clara's door.

## College Students Help Us Reach You!

College Students and parents! We want to be able to stay in-touch with you (your student) while at school. Please update your (your child's) contact information with the church office. Please call 898-3017 or email [a\\_c@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:a_c@stlukesyorktown.org). Thank you.



We're off and running with another great year at St. Luke's Preschool. The teachers are hard at work getting the rooms ready for the first day of school – Monday, September 13. Our Parent Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, September 9 at 10:00. Classroom visits are Friday, September 10. We can't wait to see those happy, smiling faces back in the building! We have a new smiling face on our Preschool staff. Nicole Stoufer has joined our staff as the aide of our two-day 2 1/2-year-olds' class. Welcome to St. Luke's Preschool, Nicole!

This year is our 15<sup>th</sup> year since beginning as a Mother's Day Out Program in 1995 and our program is better than ever! We've got two classes for threes, two classes for fours – 5-day and 4-day-- and a class for children who are 2 ½. We still have a couple of spaces left. We can always add your child's name to our short waiting lists for any class.

If you have any questions or are interested in enrolling your child, feel free to contact me. I'm in the building Monday through Friday mornings or you can call the church at 898-3017.

Please keep us in your prayers as we begin what I know will be another successful year. Thank you for supporting this St. Luke's ministry.

~ Diana Donnelly, Preschool Director

## Acolyte Training

There will be acolyte training on September 19<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 AM service for all children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above. Contact Samantha Cowen at [samandwes@cox.net](mailto:samandwes@cox.net) for more information.

## Wednesday Night Suppers Resume

Join us every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>. Reservation cards are in the pew racks and on the kiosk. **Please turn them in by Sunday at noon.** Reservation cards may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10, and \$20 for families. Please pay at the door.

Menus for September:

Sept. 15 - Spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, sherbert, and drinks

Sept. 22 - Chicken and wild rice casserole, Jello salad on lettuce, pudding, and drinks

Sept. 29 - Taco bake, green salad, corn bread, brownie, and ice cream

## Capital Campaign Update

We have raised \$1,740,400.00 toward the building campaign so far with 218 families and individuals contributing.



### The Faithful Chorus Needs You

The Faithful Chorus has completed another year in St Luke's music ministry. After bringing music to St Luke's for almost 16 years, we must have new members to maintain our music ministry. We have reached that point that there are too few of us to continue. Men, and women, it is time for action. Rehearsals on Wed evenings; singing once a month would be your commitment. In an effort to breath life into our ministry, we have opened our doors to women that are able to sing in the men's vocal register. Hopefully, interested singers will join us in September so the Faithful Chorus will live on. Please don't leave it to some one else to join. YOU do it!

For more information, please contact: Ted Leonard. 804-642-9189. Rehearsals will start 6:30 PM, Sep 8<sup>th</sup>. See you then.

### United Methodist Men Time Change

In September, the United Methodist men will meet at a new time. We will meet at 7:00 AM on the third Sunday of the month, instead of 8 AM. This time change has been made so that our regular meeting does not conflict with worship. If you haven't been to UMM in a while, or never have, please consider joining us at our new time!

### RISK TAKING MISSIONS--FOGG ASP is still alive!!

We've applied for and been accepted to take up to 18 adults (age 18+) to the ASP year around center in Jonesville, VA. We'll travel to Jonesville Sun. Sep 19 and return home on Sat., Sept. 25, 2010. This is a great opportunity not only to help make someone's home warmer, safer and drier, but to begin a relationship with the families in the area. Any questions or to volunteer for the trip, call Ron Dorenbush @ (h) 872-4666, (c) 817-0196 or email rdorenbush@aol.com

### The Food Closet Needs YOU!!

Starting October 4, the Food Closet will begin a 3 month trial period being open a second shift on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm. It is our thought that there are those who are in need of food in spite of having jobs, and are unable to make our usual hours due to that job. Four to five volunteers will be needed for each Monday; volunteers would work one Monday per month. Men, women, couples... (must be over age 18) call Susan Sallwasser (345-3453) if interested. There are also a few openings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-3:00. Job satisfaction is practically guaranteed!!

### September Events for Youth

#### Weekly Youth Events:

##### Sunday

- 5:00 – 6:00 Middle School Youth (Fellowship Hall / Game Room)
- 6:00 – 6:30 Youth Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 – 8:00 High School Youth (Fellowship Hall / Game Room)

See the bulletin board outside the Youth Director's office for more information.



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

- Mon. Sept. 13, at 10:00 a.m. the Book Club will have their next meeting.
- Mon., Sept. 13, will be the UMW Board meeting, at 5:30 p.m.
- Tues. Sept. 14, the Gertrude Carmines and Sarah Sudduth Circles will meet at 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 14, will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly Unit Meeting beginning with a covered-dish meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by a program on Christian Mission. Set-up will be by the Sisters in Christ Circle.
- Sat., Sept. 18, St. Luke's will be hosting the Peninsula District **Hands on Mission Day** from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is an opportunity for all District United Methodists to share their talents with persons in York County by doing hands-on-mission projects on this day. Projects for the day include visiting shut-ins, sing-a-long or hymn sing with residents at a local convalescent center, and delivering cookies to the fire stations in Grafton and Tabb, and to the Sheriff's Dept. in York County. Using church rooms we will write letters of encouragement to missionaries, cut out Campbell's coupons, and review donated books for use in St. Luke's Preschool and glue check-out envelopes in them for children to check out the books. Some of the other projects are to work on quilted bed rolls for the homeless, or lap quilts or prayer shawls, as well as prepare 157 small back packs with snacks and food items for those children entitled to school lunches/breakfasts during the week and are in need on the weekends. There is a need for many items to be brought from home and the list is on the UMW bulletin board outside of room 21. Please take one. Also sign up for which project you would be interested in helping with. You don't need to be a UMW member to participate in this worthwhile project – come on out – men and children, too. All are welcome.

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

### 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 souvenirs of the way our church looked in 2010. They are \$18 each which will be given to UMW Missions. Contact Joan Reese at 898-3938 or e-mail her at grannychick@verizon.net.

## Looking for a New Ways to Volunteer? Here are some Opportunities!

### Super Supper Hospitality

Are you looking for a great way to become more involved? ...to be more of service within our church? The Wednesday Night Supper Team is looking for volunteers to support this fun fellowship event. We're looking for a 3rd core team member to rotate supper planning and hosting responsibilities. In addition, we need cleaning crew help to stack chairs and tables after supper is over. We would love to hear from you! If you'd like to participate and be of service when suppers begin again on September 15th, please contact Michele Hurst at 868-1195 or Karen Kern at 659-0231 or email: gkkd@cox.net.

Looking for Marthas - Martha's Ministry at St. Luke's reaches out to bereaved church family members by hosting receptions for funeral or memorial services or providing a meal when notified of a need by our Funeral Coordinator. The ministry is organized into teams that rotate responsibilities to help distribute this caring ministry among its participants. If you would like to participate in this nurturing ministry or have questions, please contact Mrs. Donna Dorenbush at 872-4666.

Caring Ministries - We have two wonderful opportunities to serve the homebound members of our church:

**Homebound Communion** - This team provides communion to our home-bound church members. We have a couple of openings and would love to hear from you. Please contact Betty Brummer at 898-8031 or bettybrummer@cox.net for additional information.

**Caring Contact** - We are establishing teams to make periodic visits, calls or send cards or notes of Christian love to our homebound. Please prayerfully consider making a difference today! Contact Lynda Sullivan at Lyndas@ix.netcom.com or 871-1856.

Outreach Ministry opportunities for the congregation in the following areas: (Contact Ginny Potts at 898-1329 or Mary Ellis at 877-0358)

**Hospitality Desk** "welcomers"

**Parking Lot Greeters** coordinator and volunteers (new program; training will be provided)

**Reading Ministry** Coordinator and volunteers for new program at Yorktown Elementary (start date: Fall 2010)

**Reading Ministry** volunteers for existing program at Grafton-Bethel Elementary (resumes in Fall 2010)

**Community Carnival** organizers and helpers (planning will be ongoing through the summer; event takes place on Sunday, Sept. 12)

**Drive-Thru Nativity** organizers and helpers (planning will take place through summer and fall; event will be held weekend of Dec. 17 & 18)

## What is the Nurture Ministry and What Do They Do?

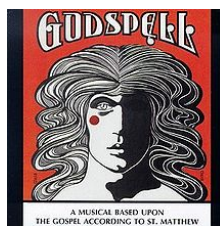
Co-Chairs: Della Shelton and Betty Brummer

Contact: Della - 875-9579 Betty - 898-8031

Nurture Ministry is called to take care of our congregation members. They offer opportunities of fellowship, small groups, care, and activities to nourish the congregation.

Opportunities in Nurture Ministry:

- **Card Ministry** - Greeting cards are sent to those with current prayer needs.
- **Martha's Ministry** - Loving assistance to church families during times of bereavement. Providing receptions for funerals or memorial services and/or providing meals for the family.
- **Travelers** - local and long-distance travel opportunities for adults planned throughout the year.
- **First Aid and Blood Drives** - twice a year we have a blood drive with the best canteen you have ever seen. We also offer training in first aid periodically.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - A group of knitters and crocheters make prayer shawls and pray for those who will receive them.
- **Fellowship Events** - throughout the year we plan fellowship events for our congregation.
- **Advent Dinner** - our annual dinner to celebrate Advent and Christmas as a church family.
- **SL8** - St. Luke's 8 is adult fellowship in groups of 8 that meet for dinner, Bible study, book reviews, or other activities.
- **Wednesday Night Suppers** - a weekly dinner during the school year to give people a mid-week break and for fellowship with fellow church members.



### Godspell Coming to St. Luke's

What is Godspell? It is a joy to see and work on. It is an unbelievable experience of sheer delight. It is a way of showing the joy of having Jesus Christ in your life. The title comes from the German word for Gospel which is Godspiel.

The stories which are retold in this work come from the Gospels —mostly from the book of Matthew. Hence the full title is Godspell, the Gospel According to St. Matthew.

We are fortunate here, at St. Luke's to have been given the opportunity to present this as it was originally intended to be done. The performance dates are not until March 11th, 12th, and possibly 13th but work on this project has already begun. 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.

### Do you like to read the Bible?

If so, here's a great opportunity for you. Volunteer to be a Scripture reader on Sunday morning! The 'mission' is simple: a printed script, which includes the 'Scripture lesson(s)', will be sent to you a few days in advance for your review. Also, the 'script' will be on the lectern on Sunday for your use. If you are interested, *contact Elizabeth Lyon (757) 833-7939, or sign up* in the notebook at the Hospitality Desk in the Narthex.



## September 2010

**Wednesday, September 1st**

**Thursday, September 2nd**

7:00 PM Worship Ministry

**Friday, September 3rd**

**Saturday, September 4th**

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, September 5th**

8:30 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of Clay

6:30 PM High School Fellowship of Clay

**Monday, September 6th**

Holiday/Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 7th**

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Lay Leader Council

7:00 PM Communications Ministry

**Wednesday, September 8th**

5:15 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 9th**

10:00 AM Preschool Parent Orientation

10:00 AM L.I.F.T. Circle

6:30 PM Financial Peace University

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, September 10th**

10:00 AM Preschool Student

meet your teacher day

**Saturday, September 11th**

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, September 12th**

8:30 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

3:00 PM Community Carnival

**Monday, September 13th**

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

10:00 AM Book Club

4:00 PM Outreach Ministry

5:30 PM UM Women Board meeting

7:00 PM Trustees meeting

**Tuesday, September 14th**

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

3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed

6:00 PM UMW Unit Meeting

6:30 PM Campaign Steering Committee

7:00 PM Finance Committee/

7:30 PM Church Council/Budget

**Wednesday, September 15th**

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

5:15 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM High School & Middle School Bible

Group 9-12 grades

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 16th**

9:00 AM Building/Mylar meeting

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

6:30 PM Financial Peace University

**Friday, September 17th**

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

12:00 PM UMW District Hand On/Set Up

**Saturday, September 18th**

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM District UMW Program/Hands on

Mission

3:00 PM Wedding

**Sunday, September 19th**

7:00 AM United Methodist Men's Fellowship

Breakfast

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

8:30 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 PM Acolyte Training

5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of Clay

5:00 PM New Comer Seminar

6:30 PM High School Fellowship of Clay

**Monday, September 20th**

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

10:30 AM York Convalescent

Worship Service

7:00 PM Nurture Ministry

**Tuesday, September 21st**

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed

**Wednesday, September 22nd**

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

5:15 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM High School & Middle School

Bible Group 9-12 grades

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 23rd**

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

6:30 PM Financial Peace University

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, September 24th**

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

**Saturday, September 25th**

ASP FOGG Mission Trip

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, September 26th**

8:30 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship of

Clay

6:30 PM High School Fellowship of Clay

**Monday, September 27th**

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

10:00 AM Warwick Gardens Convales-

cent Worship Service

**Tuesday, September 28th**

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

3:00 PM Dinner Prep for Wed

6:30 PM Campaign Steering Committee

**Wednesday, September 29th**

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

5:15 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

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 High School & Middle School

Bible Group 9-12 grades

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 30th**

9:30 AM Preschool Classes





6:30 PM Financial Peace University

## St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

# Smart cookies

September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

### What you need:

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers  (rectangular and clear)
- 1 lid
- 4 photos or drawings 
- Scissors
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional) 
- Cookies 

### What you do:

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.

### Prayers & Sympathy to

Nelson and Gail Stortz and family on the death of her father, Bernice Jones, August 7, 2010.  
 Dave and Cheryl Moulton and family on the death of his mother, Dorothy Moulton, August 7, 2010.  
 Paul and Cindy Roche and family on the death of her cousin, Jack Bierley, August 1, 2010.  
 Roger and Lois Fuhrman and family on the death of her niece, Shawn Crummel, July 11, 2010.  
 Jon and Carrie Dukes on the death of his father, Thomas Dukes.

### Congratulations to

Corey and Megan Goodwin on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Grace Goodwin, July 26, 2010. Jim and Marilyn Morrison are the proud grandparents.

### Memoriam

Donations were made to the Building Fund in memory of Bernice Jones by:  
 Chris Davis  
 Robert and Barbara Davis  
 York High School  
 Steven and Angela Meade  
 Jim and Sandy Weishaar

### Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Michele Jordan

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

Michele Jordan 770 Old Lucas Creek Road NN (02) Ph: 877-0736	Carol Clark 205 Arcadia Loop, Apt I YT (92) Ph: 877-5159
Judy Grosley 107 Tee Reach YT (93) Ph: 867-6004	Tom and Mary Bouffard 747 Mashie Ct NN (02) Ph: 234-4640

### Our Military Especially our Deployed

Calvin Anderson, David Cluxton, Scott Glass, Ben Liles, Paul Mowery, Mike Sherman, Traci Shoffner

- 1 Alexis Caldwell  
Tom Finley & Judy Ferris(A)  
Steve Hoppe  
Fritzi Johnson(missionary)  
Jan Pattison  
Deborah Wright
- 2 Nick Creasman  
Linda DeLauder  
Ron & Pam Frazier(A)  
Bryan Moon  
Bill Scudder, Jr.  
Bo & Judy Walkley(A)
- 3 Gary & Kathy Dunaway(A)  
David Enneking  
Buddy & Denise Hardwick(A)  
Andrew Morris  
Fred Richardson  
Gayle Stortz  
Lillian Way
- 4 Phil & Carol Comstock(A)  
Janet Kessler  
Karrie King  
Paul Lapointe  
Ernest Smith, Jr.  
Terry Wallace  
Ben Wilson  
Diane Zeimet
- 5 Jessica Bennett  
Larry & Betty Blanchfield(A)  
Jason & Megan Collins(A)  
Carrie Frecker  
Ann Person  
Chad Shelton  
Jenna VanDeusen  
Sabrina Vladu  
Richard Warnick
- 6 Tim Church  
Dwaine & Marie Harrell(A)  
Sue Hoppe
- 7 Kevin Beatley  
Van & Deborah Mitchell(A)  
Bill Scudder  
Steve Turner
- 8 Rob Elliott  
Dan & Rhonda Gianturco(A)  
Charles Maddox(missionary)  
Bobbie Piche'  
Zacharie Shaw
- 9 Jessica Campbell  
Mary Jo Cooper  
Donna Elliott  
Gaylord Lockett  
Becky Mitchell  
Sherry Smeland  
Ann Spivey  
Richard and Kim Shaw(A)  
Ernest White  
Joyce Wilson
- 10 Karley Haskiell  
Joe Holter
- Shawn & Kim Jewel(A)  
Bill & Cindy Smith(A)  
Scott Turner  
Mason Wagner
- 11 Mindy Artelli  
Dottie Ford  
Ben Gianturco  
Kevin Guin  
Kelly Jacobs  
Jessica Leinard  
Jeff McCoulskey  
Donald & Karen Rice(A)  
Debbie Robbins  
Joe Vallow  
David Way
- 12 Nicholas Anselmo  
Blair Ellis  
Michael & Faith Gregory(A)  
Jackson Houser  
Curt Spear  
Ernest & Bettie White(A)
- 13 Bradley Kelley  
Brad Sturk
- 14 Todd Barnes  
Rebecca Bass  
Courtney Carpenter  
Scott Dayton  
Rich Freet  
Joe & Paige Holter(A)  
Eamon Mahood  
Joe Weems  
Audrey Wilson
- 15 Samantha Beatley  
Jimmy & Lynn Carson(A)  
Joan Comeaux  
Cheryl Dynan  
Lindsey Harrell  
Tano & Patty Lentini(A)  
Linda Pike  
Lauren Voska
- 16 Chris Angel  
Alexandria Garrison
- 17 Doris Henderson  
Tabitha Kalbrener  
Steadman Knight  
Tom & Joanne Lane(A)  
Greg Mang  
Andrew Puffenbarger  
David & Danielle Way(A)
- 18 Brenton Nelms  
Michelle Smith
- 19 Brian Barnes  
Kelly Dayton  
Susan Rhew  
Tom Sayre  
Gene Shelton
- 20 Sara Angel  
Jim & Betty Fernald(A)  
Chris Harrell  
Dalton Mason
- Barbara Mitchell  
Nyk Sancho
- 21 Cathy Garrison  
Esther Huntsinger  
Robert & Robin Jordan(A)  
Nathan & Jessica Lienard(A)  
Susanne Striepe
- 22 Alvin & Betty Adams(A)
- 23 Jean Lockett  
Randy & Sandy Martin(A)  
Tom Verry
- 24 Carol Brandt  
Steve Mosier  
Jeremy & Beth Scicchitano(A)  
Laurie Stith  
David & Sheri Williams(A)  
Ronnie Wilson
- 25 Michael & Andrea Conley(A)  
Dalton Cowan  
Lynne Enneking  
Lesley Holbrook  
Cady Howard  
Stan Scott
- 26 Cathy Anderson  
Ellen Buck  
Gary Chesley  
Susie Chesley  
Laurie Gregg  
Keith Haggerty  
Jeff Henke  
Craig Hymes  
Robert Rice
- 27 James Arthur  
Ed Seymore  
Loretta Sutton
- 28 Brian Lawrence  
Bill Seufzer  
Vicki Woltman
- 29 Kevin & Tiffany Beatley(A)  
Gurdon Buck  
Mary Church  
Carol Kelly  
Charlotte Kelly  
Coleman Knabe  
Rick Olson  
Sandi Stephenson
- 30 Chris Cianelli  
Katy Jones  
Daniel Kern  
Ken Stover

## As I See It

It's here! September that is. I LOVE September for a couple of reason. One, of course, because the kids go back to school. Long summer days with nothing to do and too hot to go anywhere grind on the parents as much, if not more, than on the kids.

But I also love September because it is 'Open House Month' in the United Methodist Church. It is when we, as a denomination, throw open our doors and welcome new people to the church. As you know, this year, I want us to take it a step deeper. Instead of just opening the doors and waiting for people to come in, I want to walk people up to the door personally, so to speak.

Our "September Miracle" goal is to double our worship attendance. And we can do that very easily if each and every member invites just one person to come to worship with them. This is a miracle that does not require finances, age, or any other barrier. Followers from 4 to 94 can take part. Please take this challenge seriously. And NO, not so we can double our numbers, but so we can double our outreach. The great Commission in Matthew says for us to "go into all the world and make disciples." We can do that in September, beginning in our own corner of the world. Will you join me in "Each One Reach One?"

*Still in One Piece,*

Doug



### Doodles from the DDM:

Fall is here! School Buses are running, bands are practicing, football is starting, all the sights and sounds of fall are now in swing. So, that means new classes at St. Luke's. We will be offering several new adult studies this fall. Times and dates are still in the works, so watch our website, bulletin and Blurbs for more information on these. Just a few in the works include a short term disciple class by Pastor Clara, the Financial Peace University Class which is underway with Ron Dorenbusch, a Beth Moore study with Deborah Wright and Sue Hoppe facilitating, a couple of one or two sessions special studies, and one of the Companions in Christ studies. So, a lot of opportunities under way.

Also, for children, this fall we will return to the Way of the Child study on Wednesday nights, 6:15-7:15. This study is a weekly group class for children k-5<sup>th</sup> grade that will provide, on an age appropriate level, opportunities for spiritual disciplines that will nurture the child's relationship with God. We will be looking at various prayer forms, devotional methods, art, journaling, and reflection. We will begin with our first session on September 15<sup>th</sup> (the same night Wednesday night suppers begin!).

Confirmation is taking a new direction this fall with the new curriculum piece from Cokesbury being debuted this

## Clara's Quips

Just last month, I was talking with some visitors in the courtyard between the services one Sunday morning. I asked one of my typical opening questions, "So how long have you lived in this area?" This opened a great conversation. I followed up with another question, "So what brought you to St. Luke's?" When I ask these questions, I get various answers to the first one but the second one is almost always answered with some variation of "a friend/neighbor invited me to come".

On this particular Sunday, the couple answered the second question with, "Last September, a neighbor invited us to come to the Carnival. We liked what we saw. We have enrolled our child in your preschool and now we are looking to get settled in worship." The thing about church life is there are many doors that a new comer may walk through to discover that there is something or more accurately Someone inside that is desirable, however, in most cases, an invitation needs to be issued. The most effective invitation comes from a person we trust and are already in a relationship with. This month, I challenge you to be that trusted friend and invite someone to attend one of our many programs or services at St. Luke's with you.

*Blessings,*

Clara

year. Our lessons are being redesigned around three large units, 1. Know Your Story, 2. Confirm your faith, and 3. Live your commitment. The year will still include our retreat to Lake Junaluska, and we will be looking a few other field trips as well. Our kick off parent and confirmand meeting is September 19 at 4 pm.

Fall is also a great time to get back to Sunday School. Pastor Doug has challenged us with our attendance for the month of September and there is really no easier time to get back into the habit, or develop a new habit of Sunday School than in September. Our children and youth will be in their new classes beginning the first Sunday in September and our adults will be looking for ways to welcome new folks as well. If you need help in finding a class, check our website for class descriptions, or feel free to call or email myself. While most are at 9:45, we do have a younger couples class that meets at 8:30 and a younger adult class that meets at 11.

Looking forward to seeing you this month as we kick things off for a new year of disciple making at St. Luke's.

~ James



# Save the Date

## St. Luke's

# Community Carnival

## September 12th, 3:00-7:00 PM

We are inviting our community to come play! We will have a moon bounce, a train, and many games. Many volunteers will be needed. Please sign-up on the bulletin board at the "T" Intersection or contact Megan Collins, [c\\_c@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:c_c@stlukesyorktown.org). We look forward to a fun time of outreach and fellowship! Don't forget to invite your neighbors!



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

Time Sensitive Material

Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday 9-6  
Friday 9-3

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday  
Worship - 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM  
Young Adult Sunday School - 8:30 AM  
Sunday School, All ages - 9:45 AM  
Late 20s Sunday School - 11:00 AM  
Youth Fellowship - 5:00 & 6:00 PM  
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