



ST. LUKE'S OUTLOOK

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When you were a child, did you have that special someone at church that was always glad to see you there? Who perhaps when seeing you during the week, always asked how you were and reminded you about seeing you the next week at church? Well, we are looking for some of those special people to lead in our preschool, children and youth Sunday School classes. We are especially looking for individuals (both male and female) who would be willing to give of themselves making the most important investment they could make...into the lives of children. I know I am asking a lot of those of you who perhaps have been doing this ministry

Sunday School



it's for life!

for some time and just really would like a break. Please consider the children before you decide not to be a part. Perhaps you never have been a part of the ministry of teaching in Sunday School. Well, I personally cannot think of a better way to get involved in the life of our church than through the lives of our young people. Nor can I think of a better discipleship builder in your own live, than to teach others. And, I am here to help you with each step of the way. Beginning with the second Sunday in September, we are looking to having enlisted around 36 folks who will give of their time to be here on Sundays to share God's love with the wonderful children God has given to St. Luke's for nurturing. If you sense a call or just a gentle nudge to be a part, we have a place for you. I will do my best not to just hand you a leader's guide and a class of 12. I am looking to build the best team of teachers and faith enablers that we can possibly put together. Please consider this call to discipleship. Perhaps you are not sensing this particular call, but you know of someone who you feel would be just great; please call me to "nominate" them. You never know, it just might be a perfect fit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me, 898-3017 or Jennifer McMasters, 868-0150 a call. Grace always, James, DDM, St. Luke's

September 11 is Promotion Sunday.

On that day, students should go directly to the Sunday school class that corresponds to their new school grade.

Come Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!



**Come share
your musical
talents!**

St. Luke's music ministries are ready for an exciting year and we need you to be a part of it! The information below describes the opportunities you have to become involved. Come join us to "make a joyful noise"!

- The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:15 and is directed by Gordon Parr. The choir sings an anthem each Sunday morning.
- The St. Luke's Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesday nights at 6:30 and is directed by organist Mark Smeland. The choir performs regularly on Sunday mornings and other occasions..
- The Faithful Men's Chorus is for male singers and is directed by Ted Leonard. The chorus sings frequently and practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.
- The St. Luke's Children's Choirs rehearse each Sunday morning beginning September 18 from 9:00 to 9:40 and perform about once a month:

- The Master's Music Makers choir is for children in Kindergarten (or age 5 by September 30) through Second Grade. This choir meets in room 5 and is led by Cheryl Parr.

The Joyful Noise choir is directed by Beth Crispin and is for children in Third through sixth grades. These children rehearse in room 12.

Chancel Choir Seeks New Members!

The Chancel Choir's first fall rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7, at 7:15. Singers are currently needed for all voice parts. No formal music training is required, just an ability to stay on pitch and a desire to serve the Lord! Highlights for the coming year involve the performance of "Lord, We Praise You With

Glorious Music", a piece commissioned in honor of both the Chancel Choir for their contribution to the music ministry, and Gordon in recognition of his tenth anniversary at St. Luke's. This piece is being composed by Dr. Benjamin Harlan, a nationally recognized composer/arranger of sacred music and will feature organ, brass,

choir, and congregation. The Christmas cantata "One Small Child" will be performed in December. On Good Friday the choir will present the musical "Tenebrae". Please join us for these very special events and as we sing on Sunday mornings. There's a seat waiting just for you!

If There Were No Children's Choirs

If there were no Children's Choirs –

An open and effectual door for reaching boys and girls for Christ and His Church would be closed.

If there were no Children's Choirs-

The church that delights in the joyful sound of children proclaiming God's praise would wait in silence.

If there were no Children's Choirs-

the foundation for our Church music of the future would go unlaied.

If there were no Children's Choirs-

The right of our children to the unlimited development of their God given music talents would, in large measure, be surrendered.

If there were no Children's Choirs-

those signs and symbols that we translate into sounds of praise would have little meaning to our young proclaimers.

If there were no Children's Choirs-

the testimonies of great composers and hymn writers who motivate tomorrow's scribes would go untold.

If there were no Children's Choirs-

The great doctrines of the Church that have winged their way into the children's hearts through hymns of praise would, in large part, lose their voice.

- All Saints' Cathedral; Fort Worth, Texas

Children, you are invited to be part of our special choirs for kids music, fun and praise. Starting September 18th rehearsal will be every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:40 AM. Masters Music Makers (grades k-2) meets in room 5 with Cheryl Parr. Joyful Noise (grades 3-6) meets in room 12 with Beth Crispen.



**Come be a
part of all the
excitement!**

Join Us!

Attendance at a Newcomers Seminar is mandatory preparation for all adults who wish to become members at St. Luke's. Each seminar offers insights into St. Luke's life and ministry as well as the history, teaching, and mission of the United Methodist Church. Even though participation in the seminar does not obligate anyone to join St. Luke's, it does help attendees to make an

informed decision about membership. Of course, those who choose not to attend a Newcomers Seminar, or become members, are still invited to continue to worship and fellowship with us.

Newcomers Seminars are scheduled for the following dates:

- Sunday, September 18, 2005
- Sunday, November 20, 2005

- Sunday, January 22, 2006
- Sunday, March 19, 2006
- Sunday, May 21, 2006

Each seminar includes supper provided at no cost to participants. Childcare is also offered for infants and young children (per attendees' prior request). Intentions to attend can be registered by calling 898.3017.

See What's Happening in the Nursery

Thanks to Josie, Mimi, Sherri and Mary for their service to VBS. St. Luke's is blessed to have such a dedicated team of workers.

Our "newest" addition is Marjorie Croswell (Mimi). She left two years ago to pursue other opportunities and we are glad she is back.

Notice our new polo shirts? Nursery staff wear their new shirts when they are on duty. This enables you to be aware of who is watching your children. It also makes us feel like a team. Thanks to Pete Clements who embroidered our shirts.

As I complete my 9th year as Nursery Director, I want to thank everyone who has trusted us with their children. It is a pleasure greeting you and watching your children grow. I pray for many more years of service here at St. Luke's along with my fine staff.

To better aid you when dropping off your children, please note these nursery guidelines

and policies:

- * No sick child is to be left in the nursery. 24 hours without a fever is the rule.
- * Each child must have a diaper bag with diapers, cup, etc.
- * For sanitary reasons children must wear a disposable diaper while in the nursery.
- * Children must be dropped off by a parent or an adult guardian. A sibling or other child cannot leave or pick-up a child in the nursery.

If you need the nursery for an event.

- * A nursery request form must be completed. Forms are in the church office. Two weeks notice is required.

- * If you find that you do not need it, please contact me within 24 hours so I can notify the attendants.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time, 898-3823.

In Christ's Love,
Teresa Crocker
Nursery Director

Curamericas Makes a Difference!

This summer fifteen people, ages 17 to "over 65," went to Bolivia to help construct an Emergency Entrance to a Red Cross Hospital Maternity Ward.

St. Luke's UMC supported Elton, Suzi, and Adrian Smith with prayers and money for two weeks as the building changed from a dirt patch to a partial foundation for an addition. Two Spanish-speaking physicians saw patients from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. During supper each evening, they told us the stories of their day. There were patients who had illnesses that no longer exist in the U.S., such as a child with 25 different parasites. Sadly, while many patients can be treated with medication, they can't afford it.

Our team was comprised mostly of "missionary kids" whose parents served in Bolivia. We wanted to give back to the country which stole our hearts as we were growing up. We went with Curamericas, an International health support

organization, working on raising the mortality rates of the poor, indigenous population of this politically split country. The Curamericas program has a volunteer base of Community Workers. They go out to every home in the neighborhoods and small villages to create the link between the health centers and the people. They weigh and measure the children to keep track of growth. They also educate young mothers and fathers in healthy practices, such as putting screens on windows to protect against mosquitoes and malaria.

Our doctors told us of seeing a patient in the office and then being able to tell a Community Worker, to follow up with the patient at their home over the next day or two to report progress. This systematic, census-based approach is improving the health of some of the poorest people in our world. Curamericas is supported by the United Methodist Church. Go to www.curamericas.org for more information.

Saint Luke's Confirmation Requirements

We enhanced our Confirmation curriculum to better prepare our middle school youth for the ministry of the baptized, a role they accept at the Confirmation service.

We offer the confirmation rite in the Spring of each year to eighth-grade youth or older who have completed the prerequisite course of study called Wilderness Wanderings (WW.)

The five WW courses (WW-1 through WW-4) are short length courses offered over the three years of middle school.

These courses help to form a foundation for your child's Christian identity and, therefore, we will award course credit to student's with 75% or greater attendance for each course.

Please be aware that due to the short nature of the courses your child may only be able to miss one class in order to meet the above requirement.

Use the table below to learn when your child should enroll in each WW course.

Course dates are displayed for the coming school year on bulletin board outside

Youth Director's office and when you

'Register' via the 'Confirmation' link on www.stlukesyorktown.org

Confirmation classes are offered during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-11:00 a.m.

My Child started the sixth grade on or before Fall 2003	Using the following schedule, your child may be eligible for the Confirmation Rite in the Spring of 2006 Register
WW-1 Credit Already Awarded	
Take WW-2 * offered in Fall	of 2005
Take WW-3b offered in Fall	of 2005
Take WW-3a * offered in Winter	of 2006
Take WW-4 offered in Winter	of 2006
Winter means Jan-March; Fall means Sep-Dec	
* Take if you have not yet received credit for the course	
My Child starts the sixth grade in the Fall of 2004	Using the following schedule, your child may be eligible for the Confirmation Rite in the Spring of 2007 Register
Take WW-1	offered in see suggestion at "Register"
Take WW-2	offered in Fall of 2005
Take WW-3a	offered in Winter of 2006
Take WW-3b	offered in Fall of 2006
Take WW-4	offered in Winter of 2007
Winter means Jan-March; Fall means Sep-Dec	
My Child starts the sixth grade in the Fall of 2005	Using the following schedule, your child may be eligible for the Confirmation Rite in the Spring of 2008 Register
Take WW-1	offered in Winter of 2006
Take WW-2	offered in Fall of 2006
Take WW-3a	offered in Winter of 2007
Take WW-3b	offered in Fall of 2007
Take WW-4	offered in Winter of 2008
Winter means Jan-March; Fall means Sep-Dec	

Pastor Bill's Back Page

The other day, I donated a unit of type A+ blood at our August Red Cross bloodmobile down in the fellowship hall. Forty-one other members of St. Luke's and the larger community also donated blood. I want to thank all the blood donors as well as those who donated their energies in other ways. (One woman reportedly said that she'll donate here from now on because the items in our canteen are so delicious and plentiful!) A hearty "Amen" to that!

"Give the gift of life," the Red Cross encourages, and rightly so, since someone needs blood every two seconds. In other words, the bright scarlet stuff that flows through our veins is essential to the life and well-being of each and every one of us. To make a donation of blood is quite literally to save a life. I don't know about you, but just knowing that makes me feel pretty good!

I've also just had blood drawn for my annual physical exam. It'll go to the lab where technicians will subject it to this and that procedure. Soon, I'll receive a report about cholesterol and triglycerides and so on and so forth. Along with other readings, rates, and measurements, I'll receive a fairly comprehensive picture of my overall health. Again, though, that blood sample is an essential element of my exam. Without knowing its composition, the exam would be insufficient, incomplete, and probably even inaccurate.

A late friend of mine was

fond of saying, "Mission is the life-blood of the church." In his walk of faith, he had observed that those Christians and congregations that focused almost exclusively on themselves were far from healthy. Thus, he regularly emphasized the essential nature of Christians reaching out beyond themselves and people like them in the name of Christ.

I agreed with him then and I agree with him still. As we commence a "new year" this month, I am reminded that our stated mission within the United Methodist Church is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ." Our *Book of Discipline* shares the common-sense process by which we do this. "We make disciples as we (1) proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ; (2) lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ; (3) nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley's Christian conferencing; (4) send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the

gospel; and (5) continue the mission of seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ." (§ 122)

Underlying our mission, of course, is the grace of God. As we rely upon God and carry out our mission, our congregational and individual health not only maintains, but it improves!

God has already given us the gift of life in Christ. Please join us as we honor God and share this greatest gift of all with others near and far. In gratitude and love, we'll be fulfilling our congregational mission as "Christian disciples called to transform our community and world through God's love." We'll be expressing the life-blood of the church. It's the healthiest thing we can do.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill

Acolyte Training

A training session will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 12 noon for 3rd-6th grade students who would like to serve as acolytes. Meet in the church parlor. The session will last about one hour. Acolytes are needed for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Questions? Call Karen Berardini at 867-8987.



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A Musing Mark

Some people do not know that there is a reason I am letting my hair grow out. Therefore I thought I would re-run the article from January to remind people why. But don't skip over this article if you already know about my hair and locks for love; I have a few comments at the end. So from January, here goes the story:

Are you making any New Year's Resolutions? I usually try to avoid them however I was inspired a little while back. Unsure about my inspiration I went to the Bible and found confirmation of my plan. It can be found in the sixteenth chapter of Judges. Verse 19 reads, "She let him fall asleep on her lap and she called a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He began to weaken, and his strength left him." The person being talked about here is of course Sampson. We all know what happened next in the story. Sampson ended up blind and chained up at the mill. This is proof positive that haircuts are BAD. I do not want to end up blind and grinding corn. Therefore I have resolved not to get my haircut.

OK, that is not entirely true. That is what happened to Sampson. Sampson was a nazirite, that is one consecrated to God. One of the prohibitions was that he was not to cut his hair. His strength does come back as his hair grows at the end of his story. And that is the only haircut I could find in the Bible. So No, it does not actually prove haircuts to be bad. But still, I am not going

to the barber anytime soon. I will be growing out my hair for the Locks of Love program.

Locks of Love is a program which helps to provide hairpieces to children who have lost their hair due to illness, disease or the treatments for various diseases. Being a "different" kid can be very traumatic. Losing one's hair can be very difficult to deal with. (Even if you aren't a child it can be very difficult to lose your hair.) You can find out more information from their website at "locksoflove.org". Well that is great, Mark, but what does that have to do with us? Well, to donate my hair I need to grow it out to a minimum of ten inches. Therefore, your associate pastor is going to have long hair.

I know that for some people long hair on a man is a problem. I understand that. Just remember the cause. Many people may say, "Well I understand, but what about the people outside the church?" My answer is, I will take this as a wonderful opportunity to talk about looking to the needs of the world. This is a mission opportunity that I am taking on for myself and of course for what ever child is helped by my hair. I hope that you will support me in this. In fact, it takes six to ten donations to make one hairpiece so if anyone else wants to join me in this process let me know. We could track our growth together and go in and make our donation at one time. It would make for a wonderful opportunity for a different kind of outreach. People are always telling me that my hair

grows fast. Now we have a chance to see just how fast it grows.

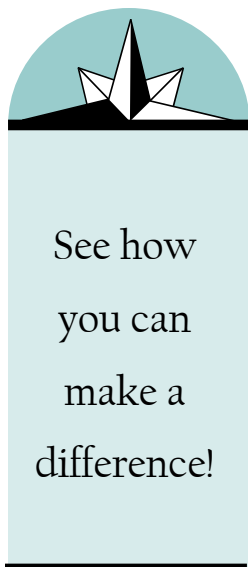
What are you resolved to do this year? Are you planning to make a difference in someone else's life? Are you planning to make a change in your life for the better? We have just celebrated the coming of the great gift from God to humanity. The Christ child is here to set us free from sin and give us new life. What therefore is our gift to God? Becoming a more faithful disciple, reaching out in love to those around us and those less fortunate are good gifts to give. They don't have to be fancy gifts; they just need to come from the heart. Well, I guess in one case they may come from our head. God Bless you in this year ahead.

So that is the story but before we go let me ask some questions. Did you make New Year's resolutions? Have you kept up with them? To be resolved to change our behavior for the better does not only have to happen at New Year's. Change can come at any time. Consider that for the church, every Sunday is a "little Easter". We are reminded that there is a new chance for us to be recreated in God's image every week. As we wrap up our summer, let us take the time to refocus ourselves on God's love and living every day in that love. Personally I am looking forward to the cooler weather. All of this hair is getting hot.

- Pastor Mark



Are you planning to make a difference in someone else's life?



See how
you can
make a
difference!

We Can Help Save Lives! –“A Medicine Box”

An UMCOR Medicine Box provides medication for a village of 1,000 for 90 days! Mary Omot, our refugee church member from Sudan, related a story about the early passing of her father in Africa. Her dad was very sick with a fever and

gastro-intestinal distress similar to stomach flu, but he didn't get better. He died in his 40s. When Mary was asked why, her answer was, “No medicine. No medicine.”

Please give a donation in your church envelope marked Medicine Box or drop your donation in the

boxes that are now in all the Sunday School classrooms. The project deadline is the end of September. At that time, the needed items will be purchased and money sent so that those like Mary's father can be saved. Your help is needed!

United Methodist Women: The Kinship of Women

After a summer hiatus, St. Luke's UMWomen will be more visible as circles meet and district meetings and events are held. Over the summer our women participated in the School of Christian Mission at the Assembly Center in Blackstone, VA we also ushered, and contributed cookies and lemonade to the Wesley Foundation to welcome students to William & Mary.

The emphasis of United Methodist Women is mission. This includes individual growth (spiritual enrichment, education for mission, social

issues awareness, leadership development); schools and workshops, and support for mission programs and projects throughout the U.S. and around the world through the General Board of Global Ministries. Through undesignated giving, UMW members provide a broad base of support for mission. Consistent and faithful giving through undesignated channels ensures continuity of ministry with women, children, and youth.

One of the channels of undesignated giving in which St. Luke's UMW participates is

Special Mission Recognition. Our unit honors a special person by giving a gift for mission in her/his honor and presenting them with a certificate and gold pin. We ask all St. Luke's members to nominate someone you think has made, or is continuing to make a difference in the life of the church. They may be quietly and consistently volunteering behind the scenes. They may be out in front taking the initiative in making St. Luke's mission real in our community and the world. Please write a note with their name and why they should be

considered and place it in the designated box in the church office. Nominations are accepted throughout September. The UMW Executive Board will determine recipients in October.

Due to re-locations or overwhelming commitments, our Executive Board has several vacancies. If you would like to volunteer to finish out the term of President, Membership Chair, or Education for Mission Chair, or if you would like to be on the UMW board for the new year please contact Betty Brummer, 898-8031 or me, De Ann Posey, 890-2869.

Grab a Hammer and Come Work with ASP!

ASP Info Meeting
 Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005
 2:01 pm (right after church picnic)

ASP Kickoff
 Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005
 4:01 pm

It's hard to believe, but it is time to begin preparing for next summer's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) high-school mission trip! If you are currently in the 9th grade or higher you are eligible to participate.

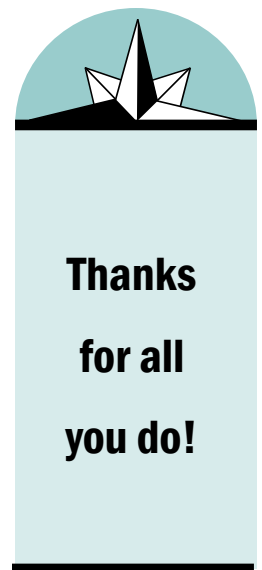
On Sunday, September 11 at 2:01 (right after the church round-up

picnic) we will have an information meeting to discuss what ASP is about and what you need to do to participate. If you are interested, or if you think you might be interested but aren't sure, come on out and learn more about this awesome mission trip.

THEN, on Sunday (September 18) we have our ASP Kickoff meeting. At this meeting we fill out individual registration forms and fill out the application that we send

to ASP Headquarters so that St. Luke's can participate in the Summer of 2006. We will answer three or four questions as a group, discussing why we want to participate. We will also begin to put together teams and prepare for service projects that we will begin in the Fall.

SO, if you want to find out more about ASP or if you already know that you want to sign up, come on out and join us.



Look What the Good Samaritan Fund Has Done Thanks to You!

As we pass through the mid-year point for the Good Samaritan Fund for the year 2005, it's appropriate to account for the activity in the Fund, and to emphasize how much good St. Luke's is doing for our York and Poquoson neighbors in need. You have been very generous this year, as usual, but the needs have been greater also. Thank you for caring by serving community families in crisis.

During the extremely hot weather this spring and summer, higher electric bills that threatened disconnection, and your contributions have kept the power on. You kept a roof over a family of 5 who owed two months' rent because the father was in prison and the mother couldn't leave an infant to work.

The figures below reflect your generosity and allow St. Luke's to

reach out a long arm of caring. At this rate, our giving could exceed \$15,000 by the end of the year for the first time ever. Thank you very much for your ministry to the poor.

Beginning Balance, Jan. 2005: = \$2,883.60

Rec'd year to date: = \$7,261.25

Dispersed year to date: = \$7,755.94

Ending Balance, June 2005: = \$3,531.64

Consecration Sunday Is Coming!

Incredible as it may seem it's about time for school to start back again! Our routines and plans will likely adjust as fall approaches. One of the important autumn events for our church family is Consecration Sunday, and planning is well under way for another successful Stewardship emphasis.

As the congregation of St. Luke's UMC, you have made a significant response to the three prior Consecration Sunday programs. Your commitment to St. Luke's and its programs has grown thrice as you have experienced Consecration Sunday and responded to the spiritual question, **"What is God calling me to give?"**

Sunday, September 18, marks the beginning of this important

emphasis in St. Luke's life. Some highlights of our program include:

- * **September 25th** – Pastor Mark preaches on Christian stewardship. Your first opportunity to make reservations for our Consecration Sunday Brunch/ Lunch.
- * **October 2nd** – Pastor Bill preaches on Christian stewardship. Your second opportunity to make reservation for our Consecration Sunday Brunch/ Lunch.
- * **October 9th** – Consecration Sunday as our Guest Leader preaches, followed by Brunch/ Lunch after each service.

We will celebrate Consecration Sunday on

October 9th this year.

As in past years, we will feature both a Guest Leader who will preach as well as the highly regarded Brunch/Lunch after each service - courtesy of William and Loretta Sutton once again.

Additional details will be coming in the newsletter next month, in your Sunday worship bulletins, and in your mail. We continue to be excited about how so many members have grown in their spiritual lives as a result of participating in this important time for our church. We'd like to say, "the sky is the limit" for what we can give. More importantly as Christians we can say "the sky *is* the goal!" Please look forward to attending the service and brunch.

- Your Consecration Sunday Team



**Keep you
eyes open to
see what's
coming next!**

St. Luke's Reading Ministry

Volunteers are needed to participate in St. Luke's Reading Ministry at Grafton Bethel Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year. Please prayerfully consider assisting children in their learning process. Applications are available in the church office. Questions? Contact Ronna McLane, 766-1619 or Laura McKinney, 867-1011.

Women's Breakfasts Resume

We covered lots of topics in Women's Breakfast over the past year - ASP mission, refunding and coupons, nurses' health guidance, school concerns that affect our children, functions of the food

closet, and healthy eating habits.

What will the coming year bring? We begin with a look at the Refugee Program and the recent changes in the way churches participate.

Jacki Prindle will bring this discussion on Sunday, September 25, at 8:30 a.m. Bring your tales of summer fun, and share with us this time of fellowship, food, devotions, and learning.

St. Luke's Travelers on the Go Again!

Come and join us. We still have space available for the October 19 - 22, 2005



trip down the Blue Ridge Parkway to Asheville and to visit the Biltmore Estates. This includes round trip motor coach transportation from the church parking lot, 3 nights

lodging, 3 breakfasts and dinners and 1 lunch and all tours and entry fees for \$494 per double

occupancy. Check the Travelers Bulletin board for detailed information, application and insurance form. *Full payment is due September 11, 2005.*

Due to circumstances beyond our control the

trip to Charlottesville in September has been cancelled.

It isn't too early to start planning for what trips we would like to take in 2006. We would love to hear from you about places and things to do and see.

Contact Betty Brummer, 898-8031 for further information.



So many things to do!

Looking Ahead in Worship

September 4, 2005 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; (OR Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40);
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 11, 2005 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; (OR Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13)
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 18, 2005 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; (OR Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8)
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 25, 2005 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; (OR Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9)
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

St. Luke's Sponsors Two New Refugee Families

Thanks to your overwhelming response, the Fezliyeva girls, Miya and Ansha, are set for school supplies. Thanks to all who have so generously provided every need for the Supiyanov and Fezliyev



families, including clothing, furniture, translators, and even fishing gear. Since they arrived on 7 July, St. Luke's has provided over 80 hours of service, driving over 700 miles and donating nearly \$500 to this effort.

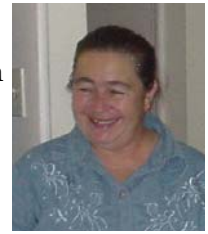


The adults have now received their Social Security numbers, so as they develop the necessary English language skills, they will seek employment. Suzie Smith of our congregation is the Coordinator of Volunteers at IRS, and will be happy to train you to teach the families English.

Flyura 20 is a seamstress and her sister Fatima 28, the mother of the two girls, is a retailer. Their father Tasin Supiyanov has been variously a builder, a barber, and an engineer, and their mother Gulba, is an excellent cook. Flyura's brother Asim, 27, is an auto mechanic, and Tasin Fezliyev, Fatima's husband has worked as a truck driver, farmer, and boiler house technician. The men, however, have expressed their willingness for any sort of gainful employment, including laborer.




If you know of any job leads for this industrious group, or if you'd like to help with their transportation and English Lessons, please contact Jacki & Pete Prindle at 874-0805.



Thank You to All Who Made Our Blood Drive a Success!

Nurture Ministry extends heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped to make the Red Cross Blood Drive on August 9th a huge success. Forty-two units of blood were collected, thanks to the generosity of so many St. Luke's donors and a number of other folks from the community. Many people contributed their time working in the kitchen and at the check-in desk, and others prepared delicious sandwiches and homemade cookies for the nourishment and fellowship offered at our soon-to-be-famous canteen. Thank you to all who participated in this worthwhile endeavor!



See how you can help!

St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

In Memoriam

Donations were received for St. Luke's Relay for Life Teams for the American Cancer Society in memory of Ginny Buck by:

- Mike and Caroline Mellen
- Dexter and Doris Haven
- Leonard and Lou Stack
- Jim and Doris Eagle
- Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc.
- Nick and Chris Cianelli
- Frances R. Perkins
- Dave and Barbara Davis
- Pat and Dana Lilienthal
- Bobby and Mindy Bockrath
- David and Pam Cianelli
- Desmond and Betty Donnelly
- Susan L. Buckley
- Jim and Charlotte Kelly

Donations were received for St. Luke's Relay for Life Teams for the American Cancer Society in memory of Nancy Masten by:

- Brad and Betti Ann Perry
- Dave and Kenna Rusk
- Mike and Caroline Mellen
- Gary and Sharon Hatcher

- Co-workers of John Masten at NASA Atmospheric Sciences
- Data Center -(Erica Alston, Bruce Barkstrom, David Cordner, Michelle Ferabee and Juliet Pao)

- A donation was received for Appalachia Service Project in memory of Nancy Masten by George and Ginger Boyles.

Donations were received for the St. Luke's Choir Fund in memory of Herman Barnes by:

- Gloria Williams
- Nancy Hurd

Donations were made to the Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Leneave Walters by:

- Real People Sunday School Class
- Inez D. Byars
- Dave and Kenna Rusk

- A donation was received for the Church Women United Food Closet by Tom and Ann Kelly in memory of Mrs. L. Clark.

Prayers & Sympathy

Gurdon Buck, Ellen Buck, and Deborah Eskstein on the death of his wife and their mother, Ginny Buck, July 22, 2005.

George Fotiades on the death of his wife, Laura Fotiades on August 5, 2005.

The family of Leneave Walters, on her death, August 12, 2005.

Congratulations to

Ashley Guin Mack and Derrick Mack who were wed at the altar July 16, 2005.

Emily Hurst and Mark Willis who were wed at the altar August 13, 2005.

Mike and Rachel Stevens on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lou Stevens, born August 16, 2005. Joe and Karen Vallow are the proud grandparents.



**Please keep
these and others
in your prayers.**

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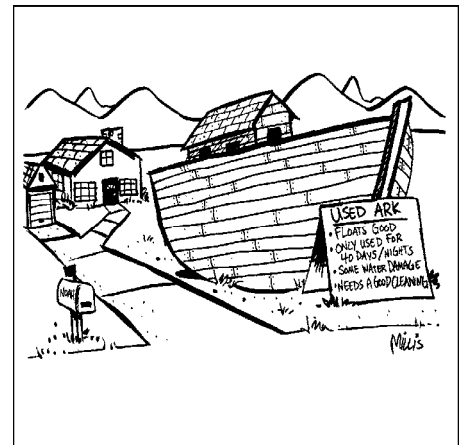
Jeff Beattie
Jonathan Bland
Ryan Dorenbush
Steve Hambrecht
Greg Kern
Mike Sherman
Shaun Slone



Please join us in welcoming James Pace as our new Director of Discipleship Ministries. James comes to us with a great background of Christian education and church administration, and we expect great things from him. He is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana University) and of Southwestern Theological Seminary of Fort Worth with a Masters of Religious Education degree. He has fifteen years of experience serving churches in Louisiana, Texas and Virginia, most recently the University Baptist Church of Fort Worth. He and his wife Rachel are celebrating twenty years of marriage this December and have one daughter, Emily, who will be a second grader at Coventry Elementary this fall.

Also, please join us in congratulating Megan Zahn on her new position as St. Luke's first Communications Coordinator. In her new role Megan will be combining her degree in communications with her administrative and technical skills to help facilitate communications within St. Luke's, in the local community, and potentially world-wide through the Internet. Congratulations James and Megan!

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| 1 | Steve Hoppe
Joe & Beverly Jewel(A)
Fritzi Johnson(missionary)
Jan Pattison
Deborah Wright | Kevin Guin
Kelly Jacobs
Jessica Leinard
Donald & Karen Rice(A)
Debbie Robbins | Ron & Stephanie Waynick(A) |
| 2 | Nick Creasman
Linda DeLauder
Ron & Pam Frazier(A)
Ernie Lane
Bill Scudder, Jr.
Bo & Judy Walkley(A) | Joe Vallow
David Way | 22 Alvin & Betty Adams(A)
Sean Dolan |
| 3 | Gary & Kathy Dunaway(A)
Gayle Stortz
Robert Wade
Lillian Way | 12 Michael & Faith Gregory(A)
Mitch Petersen
Curt Spear | 23 Sandy Burgess
Jean Lockett |
| 4 | Phil & Carol Comstock(A)
Nate & Betty Custer(A)
Willard Edwards
Janet Kessler
Paul Lapointe
Ernest Smith, Jr.
Terry Wallace | 13 Brad Sturk | 24 David & Pam Cianelli(A)
Louise Mitchell
Steve Mosier
Laurie Stith
Brandy Taylor
Ronnie Wilson |
| 5 | Jessica Bennett
Larry & Betty Blanchfield(A)
Ruth Dunn
Ann Person
Chad Shelton
Richard Warnick | 14 Rebecca Bass
Courtney Carpenter
Scott Dayton
Joe & Paige Holter(A)
Kellie Perkins
Audrey Wilson | 25 Dalton Cowan
Bob Lowe
Cindy Maston
Irene Rowe
Stan Scott
Cady Sturk |
| 6 | Tim Church
Deb Fuller
Dwaine & Marie Harrell(A)
Sue Hoppe
Mike Jewel | 15 Jimmy & Lynn Carson(A)
Joan Comeaux
Jennifer Edgerton
Tano & Patty Lentini(A)
Linda Pike
Lauren Voska
John Zink, II | 26 Cathy Anderson
Laurie Gregg
Keith Haggerty
Jeff Henke
Craig Hymes
Robert Rice |
| 7 | Van & Deborah Mitchell(A) | 16 Amy Battles
Alexandria Garrison
Kristie Skeens | 27 Carolyn DeLauder
Melissa Lunau
Claire Napier
Dori Richardson
Loretta Sutton |
| 8 | Lou Berrena
James Elliott
Dan & Rhonda Gianturco(A)
Charles Maddox(missionary)
Bobbie Piche'
Zacharie Shaw | 17 Rich Decker
Barbara Holland
Steadman Knight
Tabitha Lockard
Greg Mang
Adam Quinn
Carroll Setliff
David & Danielle Way(A) | 28 Bill Seufzer
29 Gurdon Buck
Mary Church
Carol Kelly
Charlotte Kelly
Coleman Knabe
Matthew Romeo
Sandi Stephenson
Edward & Vicki Stover(A)
Vicki Stover
Nina VanSandt |
| 9 | Jessica Campbell
Donna Elliott
Gaylord Lockett
Becky Mitchell
Ann Spivey
Richard and Kim Shaw(A)
Joyce Wilson | 18 Herman Barnes
Brenton Nelms
Michelle Smith | 30 Katy Jones
Daniel Kern |
| 10 | Dee Ansama
Joe Holter
Clyde Johnson
Bill & Cindy Smith(A)
Scott Turner | 19 Jessica Adcock
Brian Barnes
Kelly Dayton
Jim Griffith
Tom Sayre
Gene Harvey/Sally Stevens(A)
Caitlen Saunders
Gene Shelton | |
| 11 | Kevin Brown
Dottie Ford
Ben Gianturco | 20 Jim & Betty Fernald(A)
Chris Harrell
Dalton Maston
Barbara Mitchell
Nyk Sancho | |
| | | 21 John & Sheran Hodges(A)
Cathy Garrison
Brian Kilburn
Shannon Parker | |





September 2005



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>1 9:30 S.O.M.E. Circle</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00 God & Grits Breakfast for Men</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY Church will be closed for Holiday</p>	<p>6 11:00 Staff Mt. 7:00 Service Ministry 7:00 Youth Devos</p>	<p>7 5:30 Worship Ministry 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Men's Chorus 7:00 Youth Council 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8 9:30 L.I.F.T. Circle 10:00 Preschool Parent Orientation</p>	<p>9 10:00 Preschool Students meets their teachers 6:00 Youth welcome reception for 6th graders</p>	<p>10 7:00 God & Grits Breakfast for Men</p>
<p>11 12:00 St. Luke's Annual Fall Round-Up and Picnic 2:01 ASP Info Meeting</p>	<p>12 9:30 Preschool Begins (M-F)</p>	<p>13 10:00 Sarah Sudduth Circle 10:00 Gertrude Carmines Circle 11:00 Staff Mt. 7:00 Youth Devos</p>	<p>14 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Men's Chorus 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15 7:00 Finance Committee</p>	<p>16 <u>Sr. High</u></p>	<p>17 7:00 God & Grits <u>Lock In</u></p>
<p>18 8:15 UM Men's Breakfast 4:00 Newcomers Seminar 4:01 ASP Kickoff</p>	<p>19 10:30 York Convalescent Worship Service</p>	<p>20 11:00 Staff Mt. 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Youth Devos</p>	<p>21 4:00 Lay Leader Council 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Men's Chorus 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22 7:00 Education Ministry</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:00 God & Grits Wedding</p>
<p>25 8:30 Women's Breakfast 12:00 Acolyte Training</p>	<p>26 10:00 Riverside Regional Convalescent Worship Service</p>	<p>27 11:00 Staff Mt. 7:00 Youth Devos</p>	<p>28 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Men's Chorus 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 <u>Middle School</u></p>	<p><u>Lock In</u></p>

Attention Youth!!!

A Special Welcome!

Our Director of Youth Ministries, LP, wants to welcome all new sixth graders to the youth group, the fellowship of clay. Please join him for a sixth grade only Pizza Party Friday, September 9th at 6:00-8:00 PM

Youth: Mark Your Calendars!

The high school lock-in is scheduled for September 16...welcome new freshman! The middle school lock-in is September 30. Invite your friends and let's start the school year off well together.

Youth Council Openings

Interested in serving on the Youth Council?

Let LP, director@fellowshipofclay.org know. Positions are available and you can help plan the fun, exciting activities that you and your friends would enjoy. Nominate who you'd like to lead you. Middle schoolers need a voice...last year's council members are now in high school. Nomination forms are on the youth bulletin board. It's also good community service!

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

We're on the web!
stlukesyorktown.org

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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