



St. Luke's Outlook

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Come to St. Luke's Open House

The Virginia Conference, the Peninsula district, and our own Outreach Ministry Area are encouraging an attitude of welcoming here at St. Luke's. We are hosting a Fellowship Dinner, Ministry Fair, and Open House, September 13th to 17th. We start the event off with a Fellowship Dinner and Ministry Fair Wednesday night. The Ministry Fair continues through Sunday morning and afternoon. We need your help! Ministry Areas, groups, etc. need to have a table in the Ministry Fair, reservation forms are in the kiosk and online. We also need individuals, families, and groups to invite friends, neighbors, family, etc. to the Open House. People are also needed to take door hangers into their neighborhoods. The forms for individuals are also in the kiosk. The community around us is constantly growing this gives us an opportunity for growth here at St. Luke's. Let's show how welcoming we can be to our neighbors! Questions? Contact Megan Zahn, Communications Coordinator, 898-3017.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 4th ~ Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 7th ~ Preschool Parent Orientation
- Sept. 8th ~ Preschool visits to classroom
- Sept. 11th ~ Preschool Begins
- Sept. 13th ~ Fellowship Dinner
- Sept. 15th ~ Middle School Lock-In
- Sept. 17th ~ Open House Sunday
- Sept. 17th ~ ASP Kick-Off
- Sept. 30th ~ UMW Candle Burning

Bring Your Friends and Family to Our Fellowship Dinner

Join us Wednesday, September 13th for a Fellowship Dinner and our Ministry Fair Kick-Off. The menu is Chicken Parmesan with Angel Hair Pasta, Salad, and Dessert. Come out for food, fellowship, and fun!

Need a Brochure, Flyer, or Link on the Website?

Contact our Communications Coordinator, Megan Zahn, 898-3017. She'll be happy to work with you to create a publication just for your group!

St. Luke's Library Grand Opening and Book Fair

The St. Luke's Library will have its Grand Opening celebration in conjunction with the Fall Open House. Stop by the new library, room 17 (across from Pastor Clara's study):

Wednesday, September 13, 5:00-9:00 PM

Thursday, September 14, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Sunday, September 17, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM



Resources include children's books, adult books, DVDs, videos, and music CDs. Some subjects include, Christian living, discipleship, leadership, parenting, devotions, Bible study, and Christian fiction. During this grand opening we will have a Cokesbury Book Fair, 20% of all sales will go to purchase new materials for the St. Luke's Library. Use this opportunity to purchase gifts, books for your Sunday school class, a book for yourself, or give a book to the library. Questions? Contact Karen Berardini, Outreach Co-Chair, 867-8987.

Join St. Luke's Altar Guild

Are you looking for a "behind the scenes" way to serve St. Luke's? The Worship Ministry is in the process of establishing an Altar Guild. The Altar Guild members (men and women) prepare the altar and sanctuary for worship services. If this ministry area interests you or if you would like more information, please contact Kenna Rusk at 898-0231 or 286-4796.

The office is closed September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday.

Get Involved with United Methodist

❖ The MOM (Mission of Motherhood) Circle meets the first

Thursday morning of the month, 9:30-11:00 AM. Nursery is provided. Come, join the ladies trying to understand their role in God's plan as parents, teachers, and spiritual guides.

We begin the year, September 7th 9:00-11:00 AM with a Yahoo! Boohoo! potluck breakfast. Bring a snack to celebrate or lament the first day of school for your children.

Beginning in October we start "Parenting 101," a parenting guide on DVD with a study guide by James Williams. Together we will outline a plan

❖ The Book Club meets on September 6th, from 9:30 AM to 11 AM in the parlor. The book for discussion is *The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices*; there are a few copies available in the library. Please join us!

❖ Be sure to visit the UMW table at our September Open House, September 17th!. Start your Christmas shopping early. Buy a St. Luke's Christmas Ornament with a picture of St. Luke's etched in them.

❖ Support the Susanna Wesley Home near Porto Alegre, Brazil and help abused girls start again. Or, Epworth Village in York, Nebraska, and help children who are having trouble in schools and life. Or a New York mission project serving women in prison who have children who struggle without their mothers. Or the Lucie Harrison Girls High School in Lahore, Pakistan. These are examples of the work done for women, children, and youth by United Methodist Women units through the Women's Division of United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. Pray for the ministries or join us in our efforts. For more information visit the UMW link on St. Luke's website, www.stlukesyorktown.org.

UMW Mission Recognition

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.

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

St. Luke's Drive-Thru Nativity

Coming to our church...a drive-thru nativity! December 8th and 9th we will have a drive-thru nativity in our parking lot. Outreach Ministry Area is working with our youth and others to create a meaningful, family-friendly experience for our community. Keep your eyes out for more information in the bulletin, newsletter, and BLURBSS. And bring your family and friends out to enjoy!

Daytime St. Luke's Shawl Ministry

Knitters and crocheters are invited to come fellowship. Both beginners and advanced are welcome. Learn more about prayer shawls and pray for those who receive the shawls. Learn the techniques, share your desires and see if it is for you! Our next meeting is September 20th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Questions? Contact Debbie Frecker, 890-2698 or Gloria Nuckles, 898-8557.

Evening Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawl knitters continue to meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parlor.

Volunteer for St. Luke's Reading Ministry

Volunteers are needed for our Reading Ministry to successfully continue. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God in our community. Applications are available at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex. Questions? Call Ronna McLane, 766-1619, or Laura McKinney, 867-1011.

Welcome a New Neighbor with a New Neighbor Packet!



Have a new neighbor? Welcome them to the area with a "New Neighbor Packet" which includes a map of the peninsula, light bulbs, St. Luke's brochures, and a church magnet for their refrigerator in a bag to hang on the door. If you have a new neighbor stop by the hospitality center, sign one out, and take it past their house. (Check the list to make sure you aren't duplicating) It is a great opportunity to introduce yourself and your church to new neighbors! Is your neighbor at our church already? No need to give them a new neighbor packet, our shepherding ministry will visit them and give them a packet of information about St. Luke's!

It's That Time of Year Again...ASP Kick-Off!

Information Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 10th
4:01 PM

ASP Kick-Off

Sunday, Sept. 17th
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 10 at 4:01 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 the following Sunday (Sept. 17) we will have our ASP Kickoff meeting. At this meeting we will fill out individual registration forms to sign up for the project and we will fill out the application form that we need to send to ASP Headquarters in order for St. Luke's to participate in the Summer of 2007. This involves answering three or four questions as a group that discuss why we want to participate. We will also begin putting together teams and preparing for service projects that we will begin to do during the Fall months.

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.

Calling All Men

Do you want to participate in worship more, but fear getting up by yourself? Join the Men's Chorus and serve our musical ministry and enjoy the fellowship. No experience necessary and we need voices for all parts. We will perform during the Sunday services about every 6 - weeks. Rehearsals will resume on Wed, Sep 6 at 6:15pm in the choir room. If you have any questions, please contact Lou Rader, 876-9714.

We Want Your Picture in Our New Directory

If you have not yet had your picture taken for the new church directory and you would like to be included, please call Donna Dorenbusch (872-4666) or Mary Ellis (877-0358).

Advent Dinner Help Needed

Nurture Ministry is looking for two co-leaders to coordinate the Advent Dinner on December 3. Detailed resources are available to help in planning this year's event. Contacts: Donna Dorenbusch (872-4666) or Mary Ellis (877-0358).

Help Needed for Martha's Ministry

St. Luke's has a new ministry for reaching out to the grieving members of the church community. They will provide receptions in the church fellowship hall or in the home following funerals or memorial services. We need a chairperson and six teams of approximately 6 to 8 members per team. 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 Dorenbusch (872-4666), Nurture Ministry Co-Leader.

The Easter Egg Scholarship Awarded

The following young adults received the Easter Egg Scholarship.

- Jon Campbell, Jr.
Nicole Crocker
Michelle Gregory
Ryan Hoppe
Thomas J. Lane
Raymond Lapointe
Bevin Leshner
Brittany Morgan
Michael Murphy
Donald Rice, Jr.
Daniel Ripley
Stephen Ripley
Brooke Rowe
Jenna Rowe
Mallory Rusk
Kaitlyn Stortz
Jana Turner



Doodles from the DDM:

Wow, September is already here! Where did the summer go? We have had a great summer, and now is the time to "get back to normal" whatever that happens to mean. From the discipleship standpoint, it means regular Sunday School attendance, it means short and long term group studies beginning, it means our Open House is quickly approaching (Sept. 17). It means giving our second graders a Bible of their very own and teaching them how to use and care for it (also on Sept. 17). It means it will not be long till we are saying Hallelujah for the Harvest Fest (first Saturday in November). giving thanks and beginning a new season of Advent with a great dinner and children's workshop. We are also developing plans now for a Spiritual Disciplines Workshop for Adults this fall and or winter. I guess what I am trying to say, is there is a place of service or volunteering for all of us to be involved in the Disciple making process. We all have a place in God's plan to make disciples of others as well as tending to our own soul's nourishment. With summer fading, now is the time to renew your efforts to be closer drawn to the creator through regular participation in Sunday School, Discipleship Classes, Service projects and Worship. See you this Sunday!

A Sampling of our Long-Term and Short Term Faith Weaving Classes:

Christian Believer – led by Clara Gestwick

Youth Disciple – led by Doug Gestwick

Beth Moore ladies only study – facilitated by Deb Wright and Sue Hoppe

Disciple 1 led by Karen Budzick

See bulletin board outside DDM office for sign ups and more information.

Support I.M.A. Medicine Boxes

Service Ministry is collecting donations during October for the I.M.A. Medicine Box. In 2005, Interchurch Medical Assistance, a project of UMCOR, distributed 1351 Medicine Boxes valued at \$3,608,909 to 48 countries worldwide. A Medicine Box provides over-the-counter medical products and prescription drugs to treat approximately 1,000 adults and children for 2-3 months. Our goal is \$500. They purchase drugs from local markets, which also serves to support the economy of these developing countries. See the flyer on the Service Ministry bulletin board for more information.

Join Us for Upcoming Youth Events!

Youth Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month. All youth are welcome to attend to give ideas and plan youth activities. Next meeting is Sept 6 at 7:00-8:30 PM.

Welcome to Our 6th Graders!

New 6th Graders Welcome to Youth Group! Party September 8th at 6:00PM

Middle School Lock-in is being planned for September 15. Registration forms will be available soon on www.fellowshipofclay.org

High School Lock-in is being planned for October 13. Registration forms will be available soon on www.fellowshipofclay.org

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. To do that, we need your addresses and email addresses. Please update your (your child's) contact information via the website (www.stlukesyorktown.org and click on College/Young Adult Ministries.) The correct information will help us send devotions, college care packages, etc. Thank you.

SLUMC Supports Collegians

The United Methodist Church is present on many college and university campuses in the guise of the Wesley Foundation. St. Luke's provides support to William & Mary's Wesley Foundation (WF), which is led by the Rev. David Hindman. The WF ministry includes local mission activities and mission trips as well as regular Bible study groups.

Rev. Hindman says that he and/or WF students would be happy to provide informative programs for any church group. He can be reached at (757) 229-6832.

You are invited to attend the weekly Sunday Night Programs which are 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Wesley Foundation, 526 Jamestown Rd., Williamsburg Three programs of special interest are "Wesley 101/The Gospel According to Disney" on Sept. 3, "U2 Eucharist Celebration" (using the music of U2) on Sept. 10, and "Do Muslims and Christians Worship the Same God?" on Sept. 24. The last program will be joint with the Muslim Student Association and Dr. Tamara Sonn. For more information go to the WF website, www.wm.edu/so/wesley.



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.

A Big Thank You to St. Luke's!

Dear Rev. Gestwick:

On behalf of Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH), thank you for your church's gift of \$1,170.00 to the Samaritan Program. I am grateful you have chosen to support the benevolent work of VUMH by making a donation to our Samaritan Program. Your gift will assist residents who can no longer afford the cost of their care.

All communities of VUMH are committed to enriching the quality of life for older adults. In 2006, our Samaritan Program is projected to provide approximately \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 in benevolent care to residents who have outlived their financial resources. The continued support and generosity of congregations like yours make the VUMH mission become a reality.

Should you have questions or wish to promote the Samaritan Program in your church or community, please contact James A. McClung at (888) 673-1031 or (804) 474-8704.

Again, on behalf of our residents who depend on the benevolent care provided by the Samaritan Program, thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,
Christopher P. Henderson
President/CEO

St. Luke's Sign Thanks

Thank you to the trustees and others who helped make our new sign a reality. They inspected and ripped out the old foundation, disconnected the electrical, removed debris, unloaded the new sign, built the new foundation, picked-up, delivered, and mixed concrete, removed flowers and shrubbery, installed the new sign, inspection notification, spread new topsoil and mulch, planted and watered new flowers and shrubbery, and new electrical installation. Volunteers included:

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| Joel Church | Fred Sawin |
| Joe Vallow | Johnny Martin |
| Phil Comstock | Tricia Church |
| Sam Motley | Keith Church |
| Ron Dorenbush | Wally Church |
| Lynnda Petersen | Barb Ripley |
| Donnie Rice | Steve Ripley |
| Robbie Rice | Kathy Everhart |
| Tom Sayre | Joel Everhart |
| Doug Gestwick | Vince Berardini |
| Frank Colandrea | |

All Women Invited to Women's Breakfast

The September meeting will be Sept. 24 and Keith Bird will bring some of the girls who made ASP's trip to work on houses such a success this year. For anyone who might not think of girls working on foundations, walls or roofs for their summer vacation, this will be a new look into girls who just want to have fun. They also help people in the process.

Thank You for Your Support

Children in our community served by York-Poquoson Social Services will be going back to school with a little more excitement and pride thanks to the generosity of individuals, adult Sunday School Classes, and one quite amazing 5th Grade Sunday School Class who did a bake sale on Sunday and raised \$500. Their enthusiasm for the project (and their excellent baked goods) spilled over into the congregation at the T-junction and accounted for one-third of the Gift Cards that St. Luke's donated. 30 cards at \$50 each were purchased and presented to Social Services in time for their client families to shop for clothes and other needs before school starts Sept. 5. Thank you to all who participated so generously. -Services Ministry

Thanks for Making Another Blood Drive Great!

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked in the kitchen, registration and baked goodies for the August 8 Bloodmobile, and to the donors who provided the American Red Cross with 33 pints of blood. All your efforts were greatly needed and appreciated.

St. Luke's Traveler's On the Move

"CATS" ~ Riverside Theater,
Fredericksburg, VA
September 20, 2006

Limit of 12 people, transportation provided in the church van.

Cost: \$50 Payment due September 3, 2006
Make Check payable to St. Luke's UMC

"MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" ~ Lancaster, PA
November 28-30, 2006

Cost: \$369 per person (double occupancy)
Deposit: \$100 per person due now – made payable to Amber Tours. Balance due October 8, 2006.

On all trips check the Travelers Bulletin Board for: Reservation Forms (one must be filled out for each trip.)

Insurance Forms, when applicable Place forms, along with your payment, in the Travelers Box in the Church Office.



The Invitation

To the one who died to set ourselves free
The one who paid all of my sins for me.

To the one who walked up that lonely hill
Who reigns over the entire world even still.

To the Lord our God that healed the weak
And comforted those who were lowly and meek.

To the one who lived the ever-perfect sinless life
Who suffered more than any to pay every sacrifice.
To Jesus Christ who faithfully answers our prayers
Who lives with us always even if no one else is
there.

He loves for you to spend time in his word
To keep your ears always open so His voice can be
heard.

He will never forsake you, although you do wrong
To Him and His family you will always belong.
If you know the Lord, then you surely know the
King.

The one who makes the sun, sky and everything.
To Him we should give all our honor and our praise
To live for Him and be humble all of our days.

For He cares for you without any doubt
We should lift our voices with an audible shout.
The Savior is more than someone who once was a
Man

He was crucified and killed with nails in His hand.
But the truth remains that He lives ever more
Heaven could not be defeated that day for sure.
The King arose and now rules on the Heavenly
throne

Right beside His Father, He is never alone.

He is waiting now for you to come

To take His hand so He can lead you home.

If you make this one decision you will never regret
For from this point on, a seat in Heaven is set.

And the angels are rejoicing when you make the call
Because you overcome the enemy and cause the
devil to fall.

So do not put off what needs to be done
They are both waiting on you, the Father and the
Son. ~ Blair Fisher, 2006

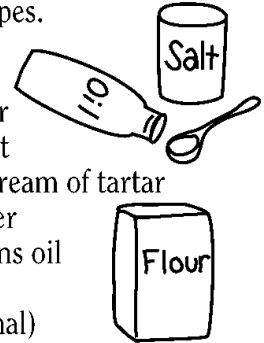
Submitted by Eleanor and Fred Waynick,
written by their granddaughter.

Make Your Own "Clay"

Make one or more of these different types of homemade play dough. (Ask an adult to help.) Think about God and how He loves us, shapes us and molds us. Squeeze, roll and shape the clay into many different and unique shapes.

Salt Dough

- 3 cups of flour
- 1-1/2 cups salt
- 6 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 3 cups of water
- 3-4 tablespoons oil
- food coloring
- glitter (optional)



Mix the dry ingredients together in a big pan. Add water, oil and food coloring. Whisk until the lumps and food coloring are well mixed. With an adult's help, cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly until the dough thickens and forms into a ball. When the dough cools, knead in the glitter. The dough will keep several weeks in plastic containers or bags.

Rubbery Play Dough

- 2 cups baking soda
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 cup cornstarch



In a pan, mix the ingredients with a fork until smooth. With an adult's help, boil the mixture over medium heat until thick. Spoon onto a plate or wax paper, and let cool.

Oatmeal Clay

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- food coloring



Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Add more flour if necessary for the dough to form a lump. Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is smooth. Add food coloring to the water before mixing the dough, or divide into balls and add coloring after mixed and kneaded.

**"EVANGELISM: FISHING AND FEEDING"
TRI-DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
TRAINING EVENT - 2006**

For Church Officers, Leaders, and Clergy
(and all other interested persons)

Centenary United Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Saturday, October 14, 2006

Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Registration / Light Refreshments
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote - Anna Gail Workman, Conference Staff
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Workshops (Session 1)
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (Visit Cokesbury)
- 1 :00 p.m. Workshops (Session 2)
- 2:45 p.m. Departure (Visit Cokesbury)

Registration is required.

Absolute deadline is October 1, 2006.

Cokesbury will have books and resources for sale. In addition, maroon wristbands will be on sale to support the Katrina Church Recovery Appeal.

Multiple leadership workshops are available. Full descriptions are available in the DDM's office. For more information see James Pace, DDM.

Tips for Church School Teachers

1. Get interested in the lesson yourself.
 2. Ask yourself just why you are interested in that particular subject.
 3. Find the angle of approach that will interest your pupils.
 4. Have something new to give to your pupils.
 5. Make your pupils feel a need for what you bring them.
 6. Teach as concretely as you can.
 7. Make your teaching direct and practical.
- St. Augustine

Who Are Laity?

Collectively all people who do not belong to the Clergy. So what does that make all of the congregations of the Churches of the Virginia Annual Conference? LAITY. Who are considered to be Laity? Everyone in your church who is not a pastor is Laity. One person is considered to be a lay person and when two or more are gathered they become laity. We could say then that laity is the plural of lay person. When we talk of people in the church as a group we call them laity. One definition would be those people who work for God without license to do so. They are blue collar workers so to speak. Laity are called to be in ministry because of their baptism.

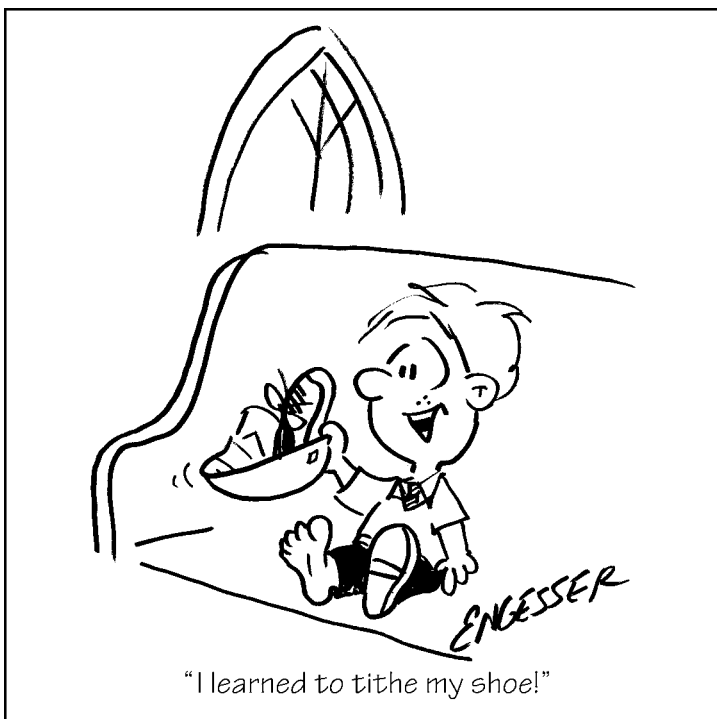
Thoughts About September 11th

The preacher, Dr. Thomas Lane Butts, took his grandson to New York City in 2003. Dr. Butts took the boy to see where the World Trade Center had been. They were both emotionally affected by what they saw and what they remembered. Later the grandfather wrote:

"As we stood on the edge of that huge hole, we were suddenly struck by the realization that we were standing on and near the unidentified remains of some 3,000 victims. It was a solemn moment. It all came back! I was struck by two powerful emotions: profound sadness and profound anger. As tears welled in my eyes, I mumbled things which I hope my grandson did not hear."

Dr. Butts went on to write about our inability to understand the actions of the cruel-hearted perpetrators of the unspeakable disaster. Yet he suggested that we must try to understand the source of such hatred for political, religious and practical reasons. Radical religious and national fundamentalism should not cause us to respond in kind.

He writes, "Two sure ways to lose the battle against terrorism: to cringe in paralyzing fear, or to let [terrorist] ways become our ways." —Excerpts from The Mobile Register



St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

In Memoriam

Donations were made to the Building Fund in memory of Doug Guin by:
 Vickie F. Cobb
 The Weisflog Family
 Pop's Drive-In
 Margaret H. Rowe

Donations to the new Church Sign were made in memory of:
 Ginny Buck by Jim and Doris Eagle.
 Pam Cianelli by David and Katelyn Cianelli.
 My loving grandmother, Elinor Seeler by Sharon Fallacara.
 Charles "Dick" Hopkins so that this sign will always be a "sign" of the (left) hand of Christian Fellowship! By Chuck and Rosie Walsh.
 Raymond Swain by Janice Swain.
 Laura Anspach Mutch with love from her parents, Ted and Sue Dernley.

Donations were made to the Library Fund in memory of Joseph Scherra by: The Doherty Family

Honoraria

Donations to the new Church Sign were made in honor of:
 The marriage of John and Suzanne Masten by Ted and Sue Dearnley.
 Doug and Clara Gestwick and family by the Real People Sunday School Class.
 Tom and Ann Spivey's 65th Wedding Anniversary by The Knabes.
 St. Luke's by the Families of Faith Sunday School Class.
 Ed and Betty Brummer by Blair and Mary Ellis.

Donations were made to the Food Closet in honor of:
 Susan Sallwasser and Cindy Roche by Tom and Nancy Sayre.
 The Food Closet by the Families of Faith Sunday School Class.

Congratulations to

Chris and Tiffany Stevenson on the birth of a daughter, Katelyn Louise Stevenson, Born July 29, 2006. Sarah Telstad is the proud great-grandmother.

Nathan and Jessica Lienard on the birth of a daughter, Annabelle Grace Lienard, born July 23, 2006. Ann Fink is the proud great-grandmother.

Gary and Ashley Chandlin on the birth of a son, Carter Lee Chandlin, born July 23, 2006. Fred and Linda Sawin are the proud great-grandparents.

Travis and Inger Frye on the birth of a daughter, Kasey Elaine Frye, born July 20, 2006. Sarah Telstad is the proud grandmother.

Prayers & Sympathy

Vince and Karen Berardini and family on the death of his father, Bernard Berardini on August 10, 2006.

Sarah Telstad on the death of her brother-in-law, Steve Green on August 10, 2006.

Bob and Diana Donnelly and family on the death of his mother, Eloisa Donnelly on August 4, 2006.

Dave and Michelle Haskiell and family on the death of her mother, Diane Guy on August 1, 2006.

Ben and Susan Trevillian and family on the death of his mother, Evelyn Trevillian, July 21, 2006.

Deployed

David Cluxton
 Brian Cosgriff
 Jason Johnson
 Tim Moon
 Shaun Slone

Dear Church Family,

You are the most dependable people! I unexpectedly land in the hospital and "poof" you are there with visits, cards, flowers, and most of all hugs. Things seem to keep happening to me and you just keep encouraging me to "keep on going," my deepest thank-you and love. ~ Gloria Nuckles

Examine Your Convictions

I'm tired of hearing about men with the "courage of their convictions." Nero, Caligula, Attila and Hitler all had the courage of their convictions — but not one had the courage to examine their convictions, or to change them, which is the true test of character.
 —Sydney J. Harris

Thank you to all who sent cards expressing sympathy, comfort, and prayer for our family regarding the death of my mother, Juanita Comer. Especially meaningful were the years of prayer for her well-being lifted up by our St. Luke's prayer ministry prior to her death. The loving letter of condolence from our new pastors, Doug and Clara, was most comforting not only for our family but for our congregation to have pastors who minister to those who are unknown to them. Thank you again for all of your kindness and caring at this time, it is indeed greatly appreciated. ~ Nancy Leshner

As I See It

Grace and Peace to you from the Lord Jesus Christ!

Writing this article is the last thing I have to do before I go on vacation.

Vacation? The pastor is going on vacation?? Didn't he just start work?

Maybe you are asking some of these type questions. The Virginia Conference urges ALL pastors who have moved in any given year to use some of their vacation time shortly after moving in. The reason for this of course, is to help with the stress from moving. Being a connectional church (as opposed to a congregational church), pastors earn vacation time through their continuous service to The Church, and not from their service to any one local church. In a nutshell, that is the "how and why" of this vacation. And I am ever looking forward to it!

I want all of you to know that it pleases this pastor's heart to see the uptick in worship attendance. Worship is at the core of who we are as Christians, and all that we do. Worship is the crucible where we are formed and molded as Disciples, and sent out into the world to change the world. Worship is a dynamic interaction between the sacred Divine mystery, and us human beings. We bring God our praise, and God feeds us and sustains us. My hope and prayer is that you will feel lifted and uplifted when leaving worship, and feel like you have been fed.

I want to say again that beginning with the first Sunday in September both pastors will not be at every worship service. When one is preaching, the other may be at a men's breakfast, or a prayer meeting, or visiting or teaching Sunday School. This will help us get more involved in the total life of the church in meaningful ways.

And lastly, before I leave, I ask that each and every one of you, at all times and in all places --- pray for Peace in the Holy Land.

Still in One Peace,

Doug

Clara's Quips

Last month, Doug and I took our annual family beach vacation. As we have in the past few years, we packed up the van and headed south. I love to get away with just Doug and the kids. Spending time with "just" the family is great. We never do anything that outstanding. We sleep in later than normal. We watch some t.v. together. A couple of years ago we found a game show that we faithfully watched each day. It was called "Dirty Rotten Cheater". It was so much fun to try to figure out which contestant was "cheating" because the computer that contestant was looking at fed him/her all the correct answers. We haven't seen the show aired since that summer. Our kids still talk about that show. We eat meals at odd times of the day, sometimes eating ice cream from the ice cream truck before we eat the healthy meal!! I love sitting on the sandy beach watching the people walk by. I wonder about them – the relationships they have, the mood they are in, how many people they are sharing a rented house with.

My favorite beach activity is building sand castles with the kids. We build traditional castles with towers, using shells for decorations. We sometimes get creative and build a mermaid or a shark in the sand. Then we sit in our sand chairs and watch people stop to admire our work. It's fun to listen to the comments.

In the evening, after the sun has set, I love listening to the waves crash on the shore. There is something peaceful about the constancy of the motion and sound. I am reminded of the summer before I went off to Duke for seminary. I lived and worked at the beach. Each evening after working with the children at the campground, I would sit on the beachside deck and listen, watch and contemplate. I wondered how my life was going to be changed by this decision I had made to enter seminary and possibly ordained ministry. The words from the great hymn "How Great Thou Art" kept coming into my mind, often unknowingly pouring forth from my mouth,

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made
When I look down at lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

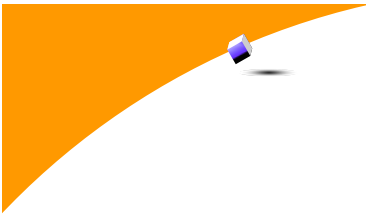
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!

There I sat looking up at the ocean and stars and wondering if I was headed down the path God really wanted me to go. I felt a peace in my heart, even with my head asking every question and trying to find any loop hole.

The beach has become a place of rest and rejuvenation for me. It's a place where I find clarity of mind and peace in my heart. I want to share that with Doug and the kids. I hope you have those places in your life that you go to find peace, to be rejuvenated. We all need those places where we really sense the presence of God at work in us.

Blessings,

Clara

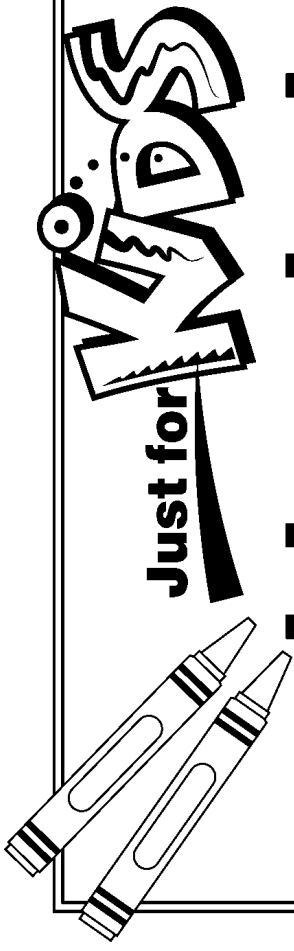


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- 1 Steve Hoppe
Joe & Beverly Jewel(A)
Fritzi Johnson(missionary)
Jan Pattison
Deborah Wright
- 2 Nick Creasman
Linda DeLauder
Ron & Pam Frazier(A)
Ernie Lane
Bill Scudder, Jr.
Bo & Judy Walkley(A)
- 3 Gary & Kathy Dunaway(A)
Gayle Stortz
Robert Wade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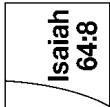
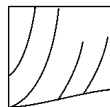
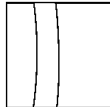
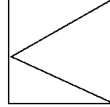
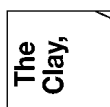
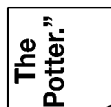
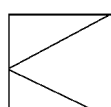
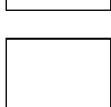

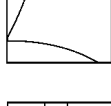
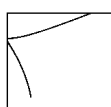
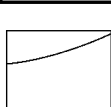
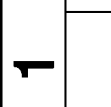


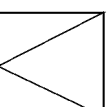
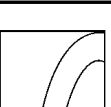
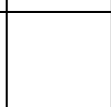
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<u>Every Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 11:00 Prayer M. 5:00 & 6:00 Youth Fellow-	<u>Every Monday</u> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<u>Every Tuesday</u> 11:00 Staff Mt	<u>Every Wed</u> 6:15 Men's Ch. 6:15 Discovery Club 6:30 Handbells 7:15 Chancel Choir		1	2 <u>Every Saturday</u> 7:00 God & Grits Breakfast for Men
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10 4:01 ASP Info Meeting	11 9:30 Preschool Begins (M-F) 7:00 Sisters in Christ Circle	12 10:00 Sarah Sudduth Circle 10:00 Gertrude Carmines Circle 6:45 Finance Committee 7:30 Church Council	13 Fellowship Dinner	14 9:30 L.I.F.T. Circle 6:30 Prayer Shawl meeting	15 9:00 Middle School Lock-N	16
17 OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 8:15 UMM Breakfast 4:01 ASP Kick-Off	18 10:30 York Convalescent Worship Service	19 1:30 Nurture Ministry 7:00 Trustee Mt	20 9:00 Day time Prayer Shawl making begins	21	22	23
24 8:30 Women's Breakfast	25 10:00 Riverside Regional Convalescent Worship Service	26 7:00 Communication Committee	27	28 6:30 Prayer Shawl meeting	29	30 9:30 UM Women Candle Burning General Mt



BACK TO SCHOOL

It is back to school time! You will continue to learn, grow and change. The Bible tells us that we are like clay and that God is forming us everyday.

Directions: Copy these squares onto the square grid below.

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 Sunday School - 9:45 AM
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