



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

St. Luke's Outlook

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Wednesday Suppers

Join us for Wednesday Suppers 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$5 for Adults, \$3.50 for Children under twelve, or \$15 for Families. RESERVATION cards are in the pew rack and on the kiosk and must be in by Monday noon. Place completed cards in the offering plate or in the Nurture Ministry mailbox in the office. If you are unable to attend please cancel your reservation by noon Monday to avoid having to pay for your dinner. **The October Menus:**

- October 1st - Stroganoff w/ green beans, rolls, & cake
- October 8th - Ham w/ rice pilaf, green beans, broccoli, rolls & peach cobbler
- October 15th - Chicken Pot Pie w/ fruit salad, pot pie, rolls, & brownie
- October 22nd - Baked Potato Bar w/ chili, salad, & pudding
- October 29th - Oven Baked Chicken w/ mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, & apple crisp

SL8 Fellowship Groups: A great opportunity for adult Christian fellowship! Registration forms are available in the narthex for fall/winter groups. Groups of eight will meet four times over a five month period for dining, recreation, devotions, service projects - whatever fellowship activities the group chooses to plan. Contacts: June and Patrick Pope (223-5331)

Back-to-School Update

The drive to provide Wal-Mart Gift Cards to needy children through York/Poquoson Social Services started out slowly, but caught on fire at the end of August. One Sunday we had 6 cards, and two weeks later had 30. YPSS had asked for 20 to 25 cards to help their clients. St. Luke's always comes through and exceeds expectations of those asking for our help. Kids returning to school did so with a "shot in the arm" from the generosity from our congregation. Thanks to all who saw the need and were there to contribute to our community.

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 with the church office. Please call 898-3017 or email a_c@stlukesyorktown.org. The correct information will help us send devotions, college care packages, etc. Thank you.

Look Who's New to St. Luke's

Jonathan T. Dukes	Carrie B. Hodges
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HPT (69) Ph: 7109254	NN (06) Ph: 230-4457

Michael and Malisa Artelli
109 Arrow Court
YT (93) Ph: 223-1910
Daughter: Mindy Artelli

You're Invited to an Exciting Journey

It's so easy to make snap judgments about others, isn't it? Though we may try our best to see others through eyes of grace, fully understanding that they're still works in progress, just as we are, it can happen so quickly that we barely recognize it. In the blink of an eye, we size someone up according to their gender, their clothing, their race, and maybe what we consider their level of attractiveness. And based on all that, we form expectations about who they are.

Sometimes, if we take the time to get to know those people, we discover that they are indeed like we thought. But other times, they offer us a surprise; we find ourselves completely amazed at their depth, or character, or even life experience. Can you relate?

The tragic thing is that we don't just do this with other folks here on earth. All too often, we do it with God, as well. We think we know God based on a picture someone else has shown us. We are quick to guess God must be aloof, disinterested in our lives, or worse yet, angry and vengeful. But if we take the time to know him, we may well be surprised here, too. We may just find that he truly is good, loves us more than we can imagine, and he longs for us to walk with him daily and partner with him in his works.

Starting this Sunday, Oct 12th, our church family will have the chance to encounter God in a variety of fresh ways. We're about to embark on a journey called *Irresistible Invitation*.

Our goal is to have 100 percent participation in this life-changing event. Each of us will be asked to accept the invitation to take part. All of it culminates with Commitment Sunday, when you'll have a chance to put your faith into action. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Please don't miss this church-wide opportunity to grow in your faith and to experience new levels of relationship with God. He is more than able to surprise you with his blessings and surround you with his love.

Tom Lyon
St Luke's UMC Stewardship Chairman

**Welcome a
New Neighbor
with a New Neighbor
Packet! Stop by the
Hospitality Center
for more information!**



Holiday Globe Cleaning & Church Clean-up Saturday, October 25th, 8:00 AM-Noon

We need willing workers with buckets, rags, etc to come deep clean chandelier globes and other parts of the building in need of attention. Things like mini-blinds, vents, etc that are not covered by our cleaning contract.

Chocolate Boutique: O Taste and See that the Lord is Good

Our women's retreat to Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA is just around the corner. We have 46 women going on this retreat. What a blessing! We will gather at the church on October 3 at 4:30 PM to load up our bus and vans. Women, you will need to pack comfortable clothing for a retreat setting. Blessings Lodge is located in the mountains. Layers might be best for the cool evenings. If you would like to tour the camp or hike up the mountain in our allotted free time on Saturday afternoon, make sure you bring comfortable walking shoes. We have scheduled time for shopping for those of you who would like to go into town. Since Blessings Lodge offers hotel-like accommodations, all you need to pack are your personal belongings. Please bring your Bible and a pen. You'll be given a journal for the weekend. If you want to bring some snack food to share, please feel free. We will have five delicious meals and a "Chocolaty Reception" (that will serve more than chocolate!) If you have any questions, please call Clara at 898-3017.

St. Luke's Reading Ministry

If you are someone who enjoys children, please prayerfully consider assisting in their learning process. Volunteers are needed for the 2008-2009 school year at Grafton Bethel Elementary School. Applications are available at the Hospitality Center in the narthex. Questions? Please contact Ronna McLane, 766-1619.

Calling All Men to a Time of Discussion, Reflection, Fellowship, & Encouragement.

Paul made such an impact on the early church and can help to light a path for us today. **All men are invited** to come and be a part of a **Discussion for Men** about, "The Letter of Paul to the Romans" led by William Sutton and the men of God & Grits. There is always lively questions and answers and in-depth discussion on topics that can be related to living today in this world.

We meet at St. Luke's each Saturday morning at 7:00 am with coffee and a continental breakfast as well as fellowship and then proceed with that day's study and are done by 8:30 am. There is no reservation required. You may come when you can, but we will miss you if you are not there. If you have any questions, please call William Sutton, 865-0704 anytime.

Learning About the Building Vision

The Building Committee is presenting the vision and plan for St. Luke's Expansion of Buildings and Ministry. Sunday School classes are invited to presentation meetings on the following dates. If you cannot attend at your class' time, individuals are welcome to attend other presentations. If you or someone you know is not involved with Sunday School, remember all meetings are open to all interested people.

- October 9th - 6:30 PM—Families of Faith
- October 12th - 12:15 PM—Carmines & Sunday School Teachers
- October 16th - 6:30 PM—Real People
- October 23rd - 6:30 PM—Simply Christians & College Class
- October 26th - 12:15 PM—Pathfinders

PUBLISH GLAD TIDINGS

St. Luke's United Methodist Women have many activities planned for the coming months. All women of all ages are encouraged to participate in this important ministry in our church. There is a Book Club that meets monthly as well as four Circles. There you will find Fellowship, Study, Worship and Mission Outreach. Look for information pamphlets on the Hospitality Desk or check out the UMW bulletin board for flyers about upcoming events.



- Sat. Oct. 4, Peninsula District UMW Annual Meeting from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at Noland United Methodist Church. Car pools will leave church at 8:15 a.m.
- Tues. Oct. 7, UMW Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Oct. 9, L.I.F.T. Circle meets at 10:00 a.m.
- Fri. Oct. 10, Make Buckeyes in the church kitchen at 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 11, Make Buckeyes in the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Oct. 12, Sell Buckeyes between Worship Services.
- Tues. Oct. 14, Sarah Sudduth and Gertrude Carmines Circles meet at 10 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 25 - 26, 36th Annual Meeting of the UMW Conference in Blackstone.
- Save the date on your calendar for the Fourth Quarterly Meeting of all St. Luke's Church United Methodist Women. The date is Sunday, November 9th, beginning with Breakfast, hosted by the UMW Executive Board, at 8:15 a.m. Elaine Hudgens, Peninsula District UMW Vice President, will present a program on World Thank Offering. All women of the church and friends are invited to share this special program on missions and goals.

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

Women's Book Club List for 2008

Book Club meets the First Monday of the Month in the St. Luke's Library. The books chosen can be found in the church library, many are in the public library. If you read the four books listed from the UMW Reading list and also read Response magazine you can receive a Reading Certificate from the District UMW. Come join us even for just one or two, we'd love to see you anytime!

- ~ Oct. 6 **The Dance of Life**, by Henri Nouwen
- ~ Nov. 3 **Sacred Legacy**, by Myrna Grant
- ~ Dec. No Book Club

Scheduling An Event?

When you are scheduling an event please let Joyce know if you need a TV, DVD/VCR player, a projector, a screen, the bus, or the van so that they can be reserved for you and so that the staff can make sure everything is in place for you. Thanks for your cooperation.



St. Luke's Preschool is off and running for another great year! Our school year began Monday, September 8. We have over 60 sweet children with bright shining faces coming into our building every week. Our entire staff has been hard at work making St. Luke's a place where these children love to come to learn. I feel very blessed to have such a dedicated staff at our Preschool. I know we'll have a wonderful year.

If you have decided it is time to give your child an opportunity to develop socially and academically while learning Christian values, St. Luke's has the program for you. We'd love to share our love of God with your child as we prepare him for kindergarten. We have a couple of spaces left in our Four-year-olds' classes and a few more in our 2-day 2 21/2's class. Help us share this program with others by spreading the word to your friends and neighbors. Please stop by our office Mondays through Fridays between 9:00 and 1:00 or call the church at 898-3017 if you need more information. You should also check out the Preschool's link on the St. Luke's website. Brochures are available in the kiosk in the Narthex and outside the church office.

Thank you for your continued support of this valuable St. Luke's ministry.

Diana Donnelly

Take a Break with a Good Book from Our Library

Wesleyan Perspectives On The New Creation - Edited by M. Douglas Meeks. The Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies met to discern the implications of affirming the New Creation for Christian life and mission as we begin the third Christian millennium. In this book contributors explore Christian hope as it relates to God's purpose in creation, salvation, and redemption of the universe from biblical, historical, theological, ethical, political, psychological, liturgical, and devotional angles.

Letters To A Young Doubter - by William Sloane Coffin. Coffin, former university chaplain at Yale, writes in the form of letters exchanged with an imagined young college student, answering questions and giving advice about problems of faith, the difficulties of personal life, and the ever-more confusing and complex problems of today's world. In this short and easy to read book the author demonstrates "that religious faith despite doubts is far stronger than one without doubts."

Living Your Heart's Desire - by Gregory S. Clapper. Using ancient Christian wisdom and contemporary popular culture to help us discern God's call, Clapper shows us how to listen for the voice of God in our lives. He sees vocation as a Spirit-filled calling in Christ, grounded in faith, hope, and love.

Holy Discontent - by Bill Hybels. The author defines "holy discontent" as the moment when something happens that awakens our awareness to something bigger than ourselves and we hear God say "Now you know how I feel". In this book we are called to consider the enormous force for good our lives can become when we turn our holy discontent into purposeful and effective action.

Growing Slowly Wise, Building A Faith That Works - by David Roper. This author takes the reader beneath the surface of the book of James illustrating its timely advice, practical reminders, and inspiring exhortations. Instead of sanctimonious Christians we can become "beautiful" and enjoy the extraordinary quality of life of which James speaks.

"If you really believe the Christian gospel — God behind us, his cause committed to us, his power available for us — then proclaim it, live it, implement it, for humanity's hope depends upon it. It is, indeed, a faith for tough times." —Harry Emerson Fosdick

Youth News

The Youth Will Be Meeting Weekly at These Times:

Sundays

- 5:00 – 6:00pm Middle School Youth
- 6:00 -6:30pm Dinner for Middle and High School
- 6:30 – 8:00pm High School Youth

Wednesdays (Starting Sep. 24th)

- 6:15 – 7:00 High and Middle School Bible Study

Special Up-Coming Events Include:

Saturday, October 11th –Corn Maze in Charles City, VA
Sunday, October 12th – Modified Schedule: In an effort to encourage everyone to attend the Global Warming presentation, we will have 30 minute gatherings before and after:

- 5:00 – 5:30pm Middle School
- 7:30 – 8:00pm High School

Friday, October 24th – Saturday, 25th – Middle School Lock-In

UMMen's Spiritual Retreat – Nov. 7-9, 2008

There is still time to register for this great event. You do not want to miss this great opportunity of spiritual renewal, fellowship, good food, and fun in this time away from the everyday grind. This year's guest speaker is Reverend Maxie Dunnam and the last time he was at Blackstone, VA. was 10 years ago and he had a sellout crowd. There is still time to get the registration forms and send in your \$139.00, which covers everything. We are planning on carpooling to save on gas and to enjoy the fellowship along the way.

Youth Scholarships are available for any high school or college young man who desires to attend this Spiritual Retreat.

The cost is \$ 139.00 but that fee will be paid by the UMMen of St. Luke's to encourage young men to attend this great event. This is also a great opportunity for a father and son to attend together at half the price. Registration forms must be sent in now to assure lodging in Blackstone. Do not hesitate. Contact William Sutton, 865-0704 or email katerer1@verizon.net for further details and forms.

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Table with 3 columns: Birthdays (1-9), Birthdays (10-21), Birthdays (22-31). Includes names like Josie Anderson, Caroline Austin, Eric Cook, etc.

St. Luke's Celebrations and Concerns

Memoriam

A donation was made to the Building Fund in memory Randy Castellow by Virginia Castellow. A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet by Peggy Hadden in memory of Randy Castellow, Wanda Wroten, and Robert Knight.

Honorarium

Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in honor of Betty Brummer's birthday by: Peggy Hadden, Martha Brewer, Joan Comeaux, Sallie Pappas, Joyce Wilson, Esther Petty, Cindy Roche, Mary Church, and Joel and Tricia Church. A donation was made to the Building Fund by Joe and Karen Vallow in honor of Betty Brummer's birthday.

Congratulations to

Jason and Keri Houser on the birth of a son, Jackson Oliver Houser, September 13, 2008. Kevin and Tiffany Beatley on the birth of a daughter, Samantha Lynn Beatley, September 15, 2008. Steve and Vicky Allen are the proud grandparents. Vicki and Aan Puddy on the birth of a son, Chase Curtis Puddy, August 6, 2008. Terre and Randy Eberly are the proud grandparents.

Prayers & Sympathy to

George and Ginger Boyles on the death of her father, Clearon Wroten, September 13, 2008. Nelson and Gail Stortz and family on the death of her mother, Kathryn Jones, September 7, 2008. Carlton and Betty Purgold and Shawn and Jean Purgold on the death of Carlton's mother and Shawn's grandmother, Mable H. Purgold, August 23, 2008. Richard and Terri Knight and family on the death of their son, Robert Knight, August 16, 2008.

Our Military Especially our Deployed

David Cluxton, Greg Coykendall, Frank Houpt, Robin Moon, Steve Robinson, Traci Shoffner, Ancel Yarbrough

As I See It

Long before I became Senior Pastor here at Saint Luke's, this church undertook a self study. A "Dream team" was formed that looked at every aspect of our shared life and ministry. Those dreams began to take shape with the formation of a Building Committee. That Committee, over the course of several years, has gotten things to the point where we are ready to come back to the congregation as a whole. To that end, we have scheduled a series of meetings (six in all) to present the vision of ministry for the future. We have invited each adult Sunday School class to come to one of the meetings, but I want to stress that ALL meetings are open to anyone. It is not necessary to attend all meetings, all will be the same. We wrestled long and hard with what was the best way to present to the congregation, and choose this idea among several competing suggestions. While not perfect, it does enable a broad range of people to be able to come together in a small setting, where they might feel more comfortable asking questions. You will see a list of meetings posted in the newsletter, in the narthex, in the bulletin, and on our web site.

As long as I have been pastor here, I have been repeating the same mantra over and over to the Building Committee, and to the leadership of the church – "What will Saint Luke's look like in ten years if God has God's way?" That is to say, not what do I want, not what do you want, what does an individual ministry area want, but what does God want us to do? All ministry requires a place to do ministry, and the Building Committee feels they have arrived at the best use of our existing and future space by the design that will be presented. We value all input from all members. I sincerely hope that everyone will take the time to come to one of the presentations.

Following the series of presentation, the Building Committee will then go back and revise the drawings, if necessary. Once that is accomplished, we will present our preliminary plans (financial and architectural) to the District Board of Church location. If they approve, I will then call a Church Conference (where all members have voice and vote), to vote on the proposed project. Following an affirmative vote from the congregation, the Building Committee will then prepare a detailed financial and architectural plan, which will go to a Charge Conference for approval.

This is an exciting time to be a part of Saint Luke's! Our vision for ministry in the future is broad and wide. As we look to the future, I remind you once again – "Without God, we can't. Without us, God won't."

Still in one piece,

Doug



Doodles from the DDM:

So if someone were to ask you why are you a Methodist – would you be able to answer? Think about the following questions – Do you know the answers? Who were John and Charles Wesley? What do we mean when we say John's heart was "strangely warmed?"; What was the Aldersgate experience? What is the difference between prevenient Grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace? What did President Lincoln say about Methodists? What is the Wesleyan Quadrilateral? What are the means of Grace? Why is this important? Is Christianity a private affair? What is needed in order to grow faith?

These questions and many more will be looked at in "What it means to be a United Methodist" class meeting beginning on October 5 at 10 am and 6:30 pm. We need to have around 7 folks for each of these classes to meet – so if you are thinking about it, let me know. The class will last for 5 weeks. We will have a great time discussing Methodism.

Other Bible studies have formed, I hope you have take advantage of these offerings and are allowing yourself to be stretched

Clara's Quips

Routine is always a calming force for me. September, with the beginning of school, brings that routine in my life. Now that October is here, I've settled into the routine. I am ready to be creative and add some fun to my life!! I hope you will join me on Wednesday evenings as our church offers Wednesday Night Suppers from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. This time is a

continual serve time so you don't have to be here right at 5:00 PM. There is a small fee of \$5.00/adult, \$3.50/child, or \$15.00 family household max but this includes someone else cooking and cleaning, not to mention a great meal. WOW. I can't wait. Please make your reservation by noon on the Monday prior to joining us so we will have just the right amount of food for all.

This dinner will enhance our church's program. Our choir members and hand bell choir can eat before their practice. Our children and youth can stay after dinner for age appropriate discipleship studies or groups. Our adults can join one of the classes offered at this time. Or if you don't have the time to devote to a class, just come for dinner. Wednesday can be a great evening where our church family gathers. See you in the fellowship hall!

Blessings,

Clara



outside your comfort zone. When we surveyed the congregation, these are the studies that you wanted to see happen. It is probably not too late to enter any of them, even if you have missed a couple of sessions – just contact the leader to find out what you have missed.

James



Come hear Dr. Douglas L. Dwoyer
discuss

"The Effects of Global Warming on Hampton Roads"

Sunday, October 12th, 2008 @ 6:30PM

Congregation is invited to a potluck supper at 5:30 PM. Please bring a place setting for each family member & two dishes to share.

What will he discuss?

Dr. Dwoyer will review the scientific evidence for global warming and its causes. He will then examine the impact of expected climate and sea level changes on Hampton Roads and suggest appropriate personal and community responses.

Who is Dr. Dwoyer?

Dr. Dwoyer was Associate Director of NASA Langley Research Center when he retired in 2007. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and twice was awarded the Meritorious Presidential Executive Award. Dr. Dwoyer now serves as a Project Director for the Hampton Roads Research Partnership, a consortium of research universities in Hampton Roads.

We're on the web!
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
Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Youth Fellowship - 5:00 & 6:00 PM
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