

*“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”*

*Matthew 10:42*

## “Help Wanted!”

IMAGINE:

Being 75 years old, using a walker, being sweet and cheerful . . . and homeless!  
 Imagine being 30, very polite, the mother of 5 . . . and no way to contact your children but with a cell phone . . . and homeless!  
 Imagine being 43, determined to get out of poverty, impressive, driven, working two jobs . . . and homeless!

These descriptors are just a sampling of humankind who did not sleep on Richmond City streets because St. Luke's opened her doors to the CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter) program for one week in August. Women, 30 in number, who wanted help! Our help was wanted . . . and it was found right here!

There is no bigger hands-on mission project than CARITAS that we undertake as a Christian community. To do so big a project, we really are a small church, but so able . . . So, we put out our own plea for help: “Help Wanted” to do the day-to-day day work of providing shelter. “Help wanted” in willing hands and caring hearts to do the work of CARITAS.

For four years, Dave and Laurie Hay, naturals at this kind of work, have led our whole-church team. The Kingdom hung out a “Help Wanted” sign and they responded! So did Chris Halloran and Karla Lacy, who move the mountain of organizing breakfast and dinner meals, and a thousand other little incidentals, during the week. These were our fearless and talented leaders, but who else responded on Team St. Luke?

Our towel washers, our over-night-ers, our clean-up crews, our early evening coordinators, our worship leaders, our laundry leaders, and our shower chauffeurs. WOW! Help WANTED, and help FOUND! Almost the entire congregation responded, not to answer an ad in the paper, but rather to offer an invitation to these women, into the Community of the Faithful and the Kingdom of God.



Youth preparing to serve CARITAS quests

What will it be in the lives of these women, for them to look back on this time of struggle in their lives, and know the experience of us, responding in the Name of Jesus Christ, to their need? While we were answering these women's requests for “Help Wanted,” for another cup of coffee or a “new” interview outfit provided by the Powhatan Charity, Agape's Closet, the real and first “Help Wanted” request was advertised by our Savior, seeking disciples who would understand his teaching and follow his example, and welcome in the stranger.

I am so grateful as a pastor to have a church with a spirit that would safeguard and shelter persons such as these we came to know this week. We have a great team, and have a standing commitment already for next year, to do the same again. With our CARITAS captains, Dave and Laurie, retiring from this position after four exceptional years of service (THANK YOU!!!), it is time for St. Luke's to hang out the “HELP WANTED” sign again.

## Help Wanted – contd. from page 1

While we already have a fine and expert team, we need a new leader(s), to be faithful once again in fulfilling our Lord's command to give a cup of cold water in his Name, to feed the hungry, to care for the least, and the last and the lost . . . "HELP WANTED!" A leader is needed to spearhead CARITAS, WANTED! The team is ready and waiting and talented and trained. If you are the person who can help lead this congregation to open its doors again next year, please speak to me because your "HELP (is) WANTED!"

Blessings and well done, St Luke's!  
Pastor Lisa

## Schedule for Music Ministry of St. Luke's UMC

**Sunday - September 2, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Warm-up at 10:00 a.m.

**Thursday - September 6, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - September 9, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Warm-up at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday - September 9, 2018** - Handbell choir resumes rehearsals in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday - September 13, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - September 16, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Warm-up at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday - September 16, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday - September 20, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - September 23, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Warm-up at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday - September 23, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday - September 27, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - September 30, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Warm-up at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday - September 30, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Parents & adults:** Please note the mallet-percussion-childbell classes/rehearsals are on Sunday morning at 9:15 prior to Sunday School and all ages are welcome. We have young ones that need adult guidance from which you will gain much experience and expertise.

All please note this change: The newly revised handbell choir will meet on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the sanctuary. Interested ringers please contact Donna Miller or Bob Ford.

## EDUCATION SUNDAYS - SEPTEMBER 9 AND 16, 2018

A new Sunday School year starts on Promotion Sunday, September 9. New classes will begin and new teachers will be introduced. On Presentation Sunday, September 16, a Bible will be presented to one of our rising third graders and yearly attendance awards will be presented to those who have not missed more than four Sundays over the past year. Please consider joining a class this year if you're not already involved in our Sunday School. Children from approximately the first through fifth grades are combined in one children's class. Sixth through twelfth graders make up our Youth class. We have two, continuous adult classes – the Lois Callis and the Prospectors classes. The Callis class is a Bible study. The Prospectors choose from a variety of Christian sources for class material. And Pastor Lisa will start a class to study the information coming from The Way Forward commission. See you in Sunday School!

## REMINDER, FALL FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 20TH!

Need to clean out that attic? St. Luke's needs your treasures for our annual yard sale. Love to bake? Our bake sale is always a popular sell-out. Want to volunteer? This is St. Luke's largest fundraiser of the year and we need many hands, so please consider how you can help make it a success. You may see Marcia Grubbs, fill out a connection card or call the church office (276-7000).



## BE INFORMED

Keep up with all that's going on within the Virginia United Methodist Conference by visiting –

<http://www.vaumc.org>

## Upheld in our Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Jane Barto	Tom Brown	Holly Strum
Betty Wellman	Dean Smith	Kevin Leigh
Wilmer Downs	Richard Jenkins	Rose Kessler
Margaret Tucker	Wayne Kinney	Joan Crawford
Opal Holshouser	Ruth Wickstrom	Sharon Hoyle
Rena Hedrick	Raymond Fayle	Judy Beeckler
Lori Jones & Family	Peggy Utterback	Kerry Myers
Marie Goodwyn	Andrew Schaeffer	Katie Haley
Mark Jones	Phyllis Downs	
<b>Our Military</b>		
Robbie Bowen	Aaron Frankey	Holden Russell

## “Sorrow and Love flow mingled down”

Please keep the family of Joe Woodfin in your prayers. Joe claimed the promise of the resurrection on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

We extend our sympathy and love to Tom Proffitt and family. Tom's father, George Fox III, recently claimed the promise of the resurrection.

We extend our sympathy and love to Karen Courtney and family. Karen's brother-in-law, Henry Baumgardner, a WWII veteran, claimed the promise of the resurrection on Saturday, August 26, 2018.



**FALL**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**OCT. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

## Birthdays

September 1	Christi Soto Christopher Herbert
September 2	Sam Collier Brooks Warnick
September 3	Tom Fussell
September 4	Frederick Toney Adam Bowman Courtney Gold
September 5	Jeremy Pritchard
September 6	Shirley Weade
September 7	Cindy Driskill
September 8	Jared Calfee Brittany Pearse
September 9	Nancy Pearse Brady Hart
September 10	Lori Webb Richard McElfish
September 12	Troy Gary
September 13	Linda Engel Ashley Pearse Carol Shifflette
September 14	Beatrice Bradner
September 15	Curtis Fry
September 16	Sarah Salisbury James Papczynski
September 19	William Fussell Jennifer Kay Ronald Nunnally
September 20	Ashley Akers Wes Self
September 21	Amanda Jones
September 22	Pat Wolking Eddie Tharrington
September 23	Amanda McElfish
September 24	Todd Gary Michael Jones
September 26	Sue Fussell Wayne Allen Jesse Bowman Joe Murdock
September 27	Ben Hicks
September 29	Heather Burnett Latham Bob Brinkley Tad McGonigle
September 30	Robert Williams Gail Warnick Jennifer Pavlansky

## Anniversaries

September 1	Ronnie and Dixie Bowman
September 12	Chris & Kathy Bowen
September 26	Clinton and Shirley Gary

## Kroger Sends The Following Update

Dear St. Luke's United Methodist Church (QL887),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number: (QL887). Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either the new number or the name of your organization.

If you have any questions, please email [HYPERLINK "mailto:midatlanticcommunityrewards@kroger.com"](mailto:midatlanticcommunityrewards@kroger.com) midatlanticcommunityrewards@kroger.com.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

**\*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER, THE OLD NUMBER WILL BE RECOGNIZED. NEW MEMBERS TO THE PROGRAM MUST USE THE NEW NUMBER.**

## To Laurie Hay – Our Sincere Thanks

Dear Laurie,

This comes to express our heartfelt gratitude. We so appreciate your faithful contribution of homemade bread for our monthly Communion service over these past several years.

Now that the bread machine is tucked away for your impending move, please know that your presence and continuing contributions to St. Luke's have been a special blessing.

Gratefully,

Your St. Luke's Family

## St. Luke's Face Book Page

Make sure you like the St. Luke's Facebook page to keep up with everything going on at church. Also, please like and share the posts and events. The more we share and like, the more others will see what a wonderful place St. Luke's is -- and all the things that we are doing! Here's a link to our page: <https://m.facebook.com/St-Lukes-United-Methodist-Church-486188658201339/>

## Our Next Mission Emphasis Sunday Is September 30th. Be Sure To Attend

In June, Pastor Lisa attended a gathering of 7th District clergy at the invitation of Congressman Brat.

One of the presenters, Mercy House, which helps individuals recover from heroin addiction, will be our guest for the next Mission Emphasis Sunday on Sept. 30th. Be sure to be present for this time of celebrating recovery and sharing testimony!



# September, 2018 CALENDAR

## Sunday, Sept. 2

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Trustees (P)  
1:00-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall-  
Heather Lewis  
1:30-2:30 pm Handbells (S)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth (F.H.)

## Monday, Sept. 3

(Labor Day-Office Closed)  
4:45 pm Safe Haven

## Tuesday, Sept. 4

Preschool Teachers' First Day  
1:30 pm Making Veterans' Mats (F.H.)

## Wednesday, Sept. 5

10:00 am Fall Festival Meeting, Parlor  
10:30 am Susannah Wesley Circle (F.H.)  
7:00 pm Preschool Back-to-School Night

## Thursday, Sept. 6

10:00-1:00 pm Pre-school Open House  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm NAMI (P)  
7:30 pm-9:00 pm Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

## Saturday, Sept. 8

2:00 pm-6:00 pm Cub Scouts (F.H. & backyard)

## Sunday, Sept. 9

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Finance (P)  
1:30-2:30 pm Handbells (S)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth (F.H.)

## Monday, Sept. 10

First Day of Preschool  
6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts (Basement)  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Boy Scouts (F.H. & all rooms upstairs)

## Tuesday, Sept. 11

1:30 pm Making Veterans' Mats (F.H.)  
6:30 pm-8:30 pm BPSA (P)

## Wednesday, Sept. 12

10:00 am Young at Heart (F.H.)

## Thursday, Sept. 13

10:30 Clergy Meeting - Ramsey UMC  
7:00-9:00 pm NAMI (P)  
7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

## Friday, Sept. 14

9:00 am-12 noon Quilting Group (F.H.)

## Sunday, Sept. 16

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Pastor/Parish (P)  
1:30-2:30 pm Handbells (S)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth (F.H.)

## Monday, Sept. 17

4:45 pm Safe Haven  
6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts (Basement)  
7:00-8:30 pm Boy Scouts (F.H. & all rooms upstairs)

## Tuesday, Sept. 18

1:30 pm Making Veterans' Mats (F.H.)

## Wednesday, Sept. 19

6:30 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 337 (F.H.)

## Thursday, Sept. 20

7:00 pm NAMI (P)  
7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

## Sunday, Sept. 23

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 Administrative Council (F.H.)  
1:30-2:30 pm Handbells (S)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth (F.H.)

## Monday, Sept. 24

6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts (Basement)  
6:30 pm UMM (F.H.)  
7:00-8:30 pm Boy Scouts (F.H. & all rooms upstairs)

## Tuesday, Sept. 25

Clergy Women's Retreat  
1:30 pm Making Veterans' Mats (F.H.)  
6:30 pm-8:30 pm BPSA (P)

## Wednesday, Sept. 26

Clergy Women's Retreat

## Thursday, Sept. 27

7:00 pm NAMI (P)  
7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

## Friday, Sept. 28

9:00 am-12 noon Quilting Group (F.H.)

## Sunday, Sept. 30

10:30 am Sunday School  
Worship  
1:30-2:30 pm Handbells (S)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth (F.H.)



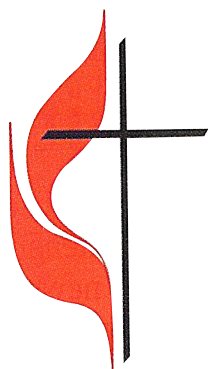
## DATES TO REMEMBER

**SEPTEMBER 3 - LABOR DAY** (office closed)

**SEPTEMBER 30 - MISSION EMPHASIS SUNDAY**

**LOOKING FORWARD  
OCTOBER 20 - FALL FESTIVAL**

**Location Codes:** F.H. – Fellowship Hall, P – Parlor, B – Basement, M.R. – Music Room, S – Sanctuary



*St. Luke's seeks to be a spiritual community where all God's children experience Christ's love and redemption and where we share this through worship, fellowship, education and mission for the community and the world.*

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