

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness"

2 Corinthians 9: 6-9

"Every Blessing In Abundance"

Sure signs of fall: yellow, orange and red leaves, sweaters, pumpkins, brilliant blue skies (maybe?), and children wearing lots of adorable costumes. But there is one more sign of autumn if you are a United Methodist: Stewardship. What does stewardship look like?

Well on Oct. 20th, it will look like a fall festival with the whole church turning out to assist with the yard sale, the bake sale, the crafters, the children's games . . . Complete strangers coming and going, being welcomed and received. A hand of friendship extended to them by all of us. Stewardship looks like this.

Stewardship also looks like worship. On the Sundays in October, lay members of our congregation will speak on the gift of giving. The minister can preach on Stewardship, but I often think the message of being a good steward is one best preached by all, one to another. Let us remind ourselves of how precious the common life we share is. Few places . . . and even few churches . . . possess the noticeable warm welcome and love that abides in the gentle spirit of St. Luke's.

Stewardship also looks like "Fall" Bible School, which will take place October 3, 10, and 17 from 5:30-7:30. Thanks to those who are interested in children, and their future, and the future of St. Luke's Church, this program, which gives children a one-day-a-week Bible School experience, may give our congregation a vision of the future. At the end of each night of Bible School, the children, their sisters and brothers, parents, and sometimes, even grandparents, worship with Pastor Lisa, Bob Ford and our wonderful staff. Many of these families have no other worship experience. Could we be charting the path to a new service especially designed for young families? Just imagine the possibilities!

Stewardship also looks like joy! Time spent outdoors, being thankful for God's creation and the coming holy season of Advent. Make family a priority, take that day trip you've been thinking about, let your loved ones know all over again how much they mean to you!

Finally, Stewardship looks like YOU! Why do I say that? Stewardship, after all, isn't blonde or brunet, neither short nor tall . . . but, it is personal. Sometimes stewardship is such a personal issue we wish to avoid it. But to live faithfully, we must acknowledge God as the Author of all we are given, the Creator of all we enjoy, the One worthy of our praise and gifts! Gifts of prayers, presence, service, gifts (tangible and intangible) and witness! These currencies of stewardship all come from you. Without you, mission and ministry cannot happen.

And the most wonderful thing of all: Stewardship is a good look for us! Stewardship looks like United Methodist Christians helping in flooded North and South Carolina. It looks like us helping in fire-ravaged California. It looks like us helping in Brazil, to provide clean water, and in Nairobi, to provide education. It looks fabulous, and we look eye-catching when we are good stewards, because we are able to bring hope and healing to those in need.

Look in the mirror, and you will see a wonderful sign of Stewardship this fall!

May blessings abound!
Pastor Lisa

Schedule for Music Ministry of St. Luke's UMC

Wednesday - October 03, 2018 - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday - October 07, 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 - October 07, 2018 - Handbell choir rehearses in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 10, 2018 - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Christmas choir rehearsals begin. Extra voices welcome!

Sunday - October 14, 2018 - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in sanctuary - 9:15 - 9:45 in order to play for the worship service. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Warm-up at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday - October 14, 2018 - Handbell choir rehearses in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 17, 2018 - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday - October 21, 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 - October 21, 2018 - Handbell choir rehearses in the sanctuary - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 24, 2018 - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the choir room - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday - October 28, 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 - October 28, 2018 - Handbell choir dismissed until November 18, 2018.

Parents please note! The mallet-percussion choir will play in church on October 14, 2018 due to the fact that it is Children's Sunday.

The brass ensemble will practice as needed for special occasions. I will set times with individual players.



CHARGE CONFERENCE

OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE date has been scheduled for November 11, 6:00-8:00 pm, at Asbury UMC in Church Hill, 324 N. 29th Street, Richmond, VA 23223. As of last year, the format changed to cluster Charge Conference meetings. Because the Charge Conference is an evening event, we need to establish car pools so folks who do not drive at night may attend. If you can help provide transportation please call the church office (276-7000).

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS to new great-grandparents Bob and Jan Hall! Their great-grandson, Camden Michael Dance, was born September 24, 2018, weighing in at 7 lbs., 10 ozs. Amanda and Justin are the proud parents.

WRITING CHECKS FOR SPECIAL CAUSES:

When donating to a designated cause, please write a separate check. Combining the additional amount with your regular giving check creates difficulty for the money counters.

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	Kevin Leigh
Betty Wellman	Dean Smith	Joan Crawford
Wilmer Downs	Rena Johnson	Kelly Rice
Margaret Tucker	Wayne Kinney	Kerry Myers
Opal Holshouser	Richard Jenkins	Jan Hall
Andrew Schaeffer	Renae Hedrick	Sharon Hoyle
Raymond Fayle	Lori Jones & Family	Andrea Brown
Marie Goodwyn		

Our Military

Robbie Bowen Aaron Frankey Holden Russell

Continuing prayers for babies on the way to: CW and Kelly Rice, and Joyce Johnson's son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Rena.

Birthdays

October 2	Ronnie Weade Clay Morris
October 3	Leanne Rohlk
October 5	Barbara Nunnally Jacob Proffitt
October 7	Rose Hudson
October 10	Bob Ford
October 11	Rhea Calfee Terri Edwards
October 13	Adam Sykes Richard Collins
October 14	Thomas Talbott
October 15	Meghan Gary
October 18	Dan Heath
October 19	Noah Sharp Claire Sharp
October 22	Roger Frankey
October 23	Colton Morris
October 26	Rosemarie Adkins
October 29	Andrew Russell
October 30	Samantha Jones
October 31	Jean Richardson

Anniversaries

October 5	C.W. & Kelly Rice
October 11	Keith and Kay Callis
October 13	Gary & Ofelia Dunlap
October 16	Steve & Nancy Taylor
October 21	Robert & Diane Williams
October 23	Ray & Becky Jenkins
October 27	Lee & Tammy Morris
October 29	Heather & Ronnie Jones
October 29	Bob & Barbara Armstrong
October 30	Wayne & Dianne Johnson

"Sorrow and Love flow mingled down"

Our sympathy and love to Jane and Robert Barto. Jane's mother, Janice Brantley, claimed the promise of the resurrection on September 26th.

F  **LL**
FESTIVAL
OCT. 20TH

DONATE! VOLUNTEER! SUPPORT!

We need YOU to help with our biggest fall fundraiser and outreach event.

Start bringing your priced yard sale items to the fellowship hall now!

Yard sale set-up crew at 6:30 am

Yard sale starts 8:00 am

Vendor set-up at 8:00am

Bake Sale 8:00 am

Children's Games 10:00

Brunswick Stew

Clean up crew 1:30

FALL FESTIVAL OCT. 20TH

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FALL FESTIVAL YARD SALE

We are accepting items for the Fall Festival Yard Sale now. You may place your items on the tables in the fellowship hall. Signs over sections of the tables will help you organize them. Please place your PRICED yard-sale items in the appropriate section. Thanks!

FALL FESTIVAL BAKE SHOP

Let's tie on our aprons and bake a goodie or two for our "Festival Bake Shop" on October 20th. We will need a selection of your favorites: cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, rolls and candies for our shop. Let your talents abound with delectable treats. Also, we will need volunteers for the shop as it is a popular place.

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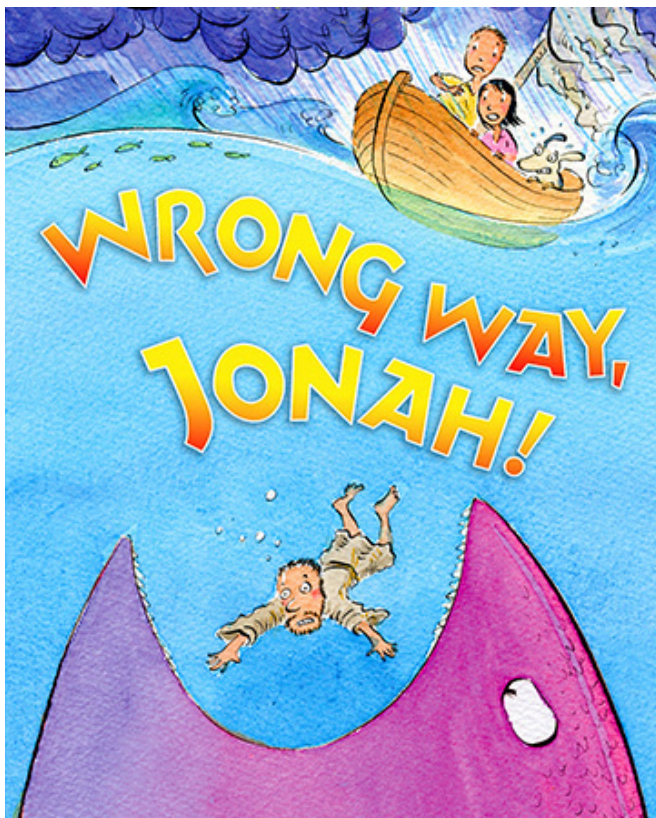
Let us know what you will bring . . . Yum!

We look forward to a great day. See you there!

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/>





FALL BIBLE SCHOOL

FALL BIBLE SCHOOL is a wonderful adventure with "Wrong Way Jonah!" All preschoolers and early-elementary-aged children are welcome! Registration forms are available in the Sanctuary on the side table near the lectern.

**Dates are Oct. 3rd, 10th and 17th
from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

Mats Matter

The UMW continues to work on its 2018 project of making mats for homeless veterans in the Richmond area. We experienced some difficulties earlier this year in securing reliable sources for the distribution of these mats. Those concerns, however, are history, thanks to Joan Bowker.

While watching her grandson play baseball this summer in an American Legion Baseball League, Joan initiated a contact through some of their chapter's fans in the stands at

Rockwood Park. The resulting association with Commander Harvey Johnson and our UMW has been beneficial to all concerned. We have found an eager local source for the distribution of our mats, and have enabled American Legion Chapter #137 to declare to their Virginia and National Headquarters the Chapter's newest personal outreach assistance for homeless veterans in this area of the State.

As reported in an earlier article, we delivered 10 mats to Commander Johnson and Erma Harris of their Auxiliary on August 7th, and have now delivered an additional 7 mats on Sept. 25th.

Our UMW has delivered a total of 37 mats for 2018. We cannot thank you folks enough for the many ways you continue to support us. We could not have had such satisfying results without God's blessings and your help.



Pastor Lisa and the children bless the most recent set of Mats crocheted by the UMW women for homeless Veterans

FLUTTER MY WAY

By Audrey Vogen

My explanation of a butterfly is that it's God's colorful bursts of art that flutter in frenzy. Every single motion of flight is a practical design. From caterpillar to the transformational loveliness of a butterfly, they follow a strict regimen created by God.

Butterflies have light muscles timed to work best in 82* weather. Their constant movements increase their temperatures, and the flapping of their wings creates wind. This cools their muscles. Have you ever seen a butterfly on your car hood? They do this to bask until their muscles have cooled to 82* again.

Did you know a butterfly is more colorful in warm weather? They can fly in the face of hungry birds without fear because color toxins, which ooze from each wing tip, alert predators that they taste bad.

In evening temperatures, a butterfly's wings cannot move at all; therefore, the toxic defense doesn't work. That's why God added an illusion to the armor. The "eyes" on the wings of some butterflies scare very small rodents who may be looking for a snack. These built-in designs protect them when they are totally defenseless.

Like the butterfly, we, too, are protected by a design as intricate, as complicated, and as delicate as theirs. God never leaves us defenseless. In times of trouble, we are equipped with His strength. With family or friends, or with what we have learned from hard knocks along the way.

Do you feel a sense of defenselessness today? Do you need time to bask and warm up in God's light? Maybe a walk in the sunlight, a few minutes on the warm sand, or even a nap to replenish our overworked minds, can be helpful in giving us time to comprehend the amazing things God does for us.

To some, it may seem like a waste of time, but it might be God's way to warm up your wings, so you can fly again.

May you all soar high!



PASTOR LISA, AND RAY JENKINS, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, PRESENT A BIBLE TO MARSHALL TEAGUE ENSIGN



OUR YOUTH KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER WITH THE TRADITIONAL 8 FT. LONG GUTTER SUNDAE!



ON SEPTEMBER 25-26, PASTOR LISA ATTENDED THE FIRST EVER VIRGINIA CONFERENCE CLERGY WOMEN'S RETREAT

Providence United Methodist Church

proudly presents

**The Virginians Barbershop Chorus
and Quartets in Concert!**

RESCHEDULED!!!!

Sunday, October 28

3:00 p.m.

Providence United Methodist Church

901 S. Providence Rd

Richmond, VA 23236

Free and open to the public

An appreciation offering will be taken

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www.virginians.org or call: 866 VA SINGS (866) 827-4647**

October, 2018 CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 1

10:00-10:30 am
Chapel (S)
4:45 pm Safe Haven
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Boy Scouts (F.H. & all
rooms upstairs)
Cub Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, Oct. 2

10:05 am-10:15 am
Chapel (S)
1:30-2:30 pm
Making Veterans' Mats
(F.H.)

Wednesday, Oct. 3

10:00 am
Susannah Wesley Circle
(F.H.)
5:30 pm-7:30 pm VBS
6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 337 (B)
7:00-8:30 pm
Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

Thursday, Oct. 4

7:00 pm-9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Friday, Oct. 5

6:00 pm-9:00 pm
(Christmas Cantata
Practice)
Bob Ford (F.H.) Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 6

9:00 am-3:00 pm
(Christmas Cantata
Practice)
Bob Ford (F.H.) Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 7

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

Monday, Oct. 8

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

Tuesday, Oct. 9

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

Wednesday, Oct. 10

10:00 am Young at Heart
(F.H.)
5:30 pm-7:30 pm VBS
7:00-8:30 pm
Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

Thursday, Oct. 11

7:00-9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Sunday, Oct. 14

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, Oct. 15

10:00-10:30 am Chapel (S)
4:45 pm Safe Haven
7:00-8:30 pm Boy Scouts
(F.H. & all rooms upstairs)
Cub Scouts (Basement)

Tuesday, Oct. 16

10:05-10:15 am Chapel (S)
1:30 pm Making Veterans'
Mats (F.H.)

Wednesday, Oct. 17

5:30 pm-7:30 pm Fall
Bible School
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Girl
Scout
Troop 337 (Basement)
7:00-8:30 pm Chancel
Choir (S & M.R.)

Thursday, Oct. 18

7:00 pm NAMI (P)

Saturday, Oct. 20

9:00 am-2:00 pm
FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Oct. 21

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, Oct. 22

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

Tuesday, Oct. 23

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

Wednesday, Oct. 24

7:00-8:30 pm
Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)

Thursday, Oct. 25

7:00 pm NAMI (P)

Friday, Oct. 26

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

Saturday, Oct. 27

Cheryl Nester
Memorial Service (S)
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall
reserved for Memorial
Luncheon

Sunday, Oct. 28

(Dedication of Tithes)
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, Oct. 29

10:00 am-10:30 am Chapel (S)
7:00-8:30 pm Boy Scouts
(F.H. & all rooms upstairs)
Cub Scouts (S)

Tuesday, Oct. 23

10:05 am-10:15 am Chapel (S)
1:30 pm Making Veterans'
Mats (F.H.)

Wednesday, Oct. 31

7:00-8:30 pm
Chancel Choir (S & M.R.)
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 8 - COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 20 - FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 27 - CHERYL NESTER
MEMORIAL SERVICE, LUNCHEON
TO FOLLOW

LOOKING AHEAD
NOVEMBER 11 -CHARGE CONFERENCE
ASBURY UMC CHURCH HILL, ADDITIONAL CAR-
POOLING, INFORMATION FORTH COMING.

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B – Basement, M.R. – Music Room, S – Sanctuary

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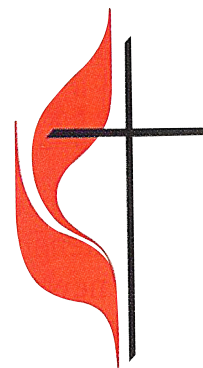
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