

*Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

*Romans 6:4*

## “What’s New St. Luke’s?”

Lent is that most solemn of seasons, when we reflect on the depth of our sins and deny ourselves some of our favorite indulgences. Sackcloth and ashes is the imagery of repentance. But the pitcher and towel, reminiscent of service and Jesus washing the disciples feet as he approaches the Cross, is part of our Lenten journey also.

And it is this image of service that abides with me right now. This expected and solemn season of Lent has just been so full of unexpected blessings this year. We have received new members: the Boykin and the Rice families; we have baptized C.W. and Addison with great celebration and praise; we have shared in a marvelous youth Sunday with the call to get “on board” the heavenly express (Did you see Chris deKrafft dressed up as a 90-year-old woman?!); we have hired and dedicated Carolyn Beeckler to her new position as Director of Children and Young Family Outreach; we are welcoming the new children’s percussion choir to leadership in worship; we are amazed by the impressive offerings of our Choir and Bell Choir; and we have nearly raised 56,000 dollars for a new and much needed parking lot!

Lent remains a holy season, and a solemn season, but also a season of the Spirit. And this year during Lent, the Spirit has been moving, and we see the spiritual counterpart of spring. New life budding and beginning everywhere we look. The signs seem to be far and wide, from Easter Bible School to Sunday morning worship, to the faithful work of our committees, leaders and staff.

Lent is a time of preparation—preparing for new life. And I sense that new life will arrive beautifully and in its fullness as Easter comes. It is not only an ancient story of new life, but a contemporary one for this congregation too. As we prepare for a new and young(er) adult Sunday School, as we anticipate growing our Wednesday Nite Bible School, as we see a future becoming just as promising as our past, isn’t the Grace of God abundant?

Come to St. Luke’s to be a part, to share in the anticipation, to wait for the surprise of what God can do to multiply our efforts and bring strength and energy to our lovely congregation.

Thanks be to God, for surprises, for new life, and for a season of anticipating both!

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Lisa

## Schedule for Music Ministry of St. Luke's UMC April 2019

- April 03, 2019** Wednesday evening 07:00 p.m. - 09:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary choir in sanctuary
- April 07, 2019** Sunday morning 09:15 - 09:45 a.m.  
Mallet-percussion choir in music office:  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary choir  
warm-up & worship
- April 12, 2019** Friday evening 07:00 - 09:00 p.m. Dress  
rehearsal for Palm Sunday cantata
- April 14, 2019** Sunday morning 09:15 - 09:45 a.m.  
Mallet-percussion choir in music office  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday and cantata
- April 17, 2019** Wednesday evening 07:00 p.m. - 08:45 pm.  
Sanctuary choir in sanctuary
- April 18, 2019** Thursday evening 06:30 - 08:30 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday service
- April 21, 2019** Sunday morning 09:15 - 09:45 a.m.  
Mallet-percussion choir in sanctuary 10:00 -  
11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday morning worship
- April 24, 2019** Wednesday evening 07:00 - 08:45 p.m.  
Sanctuary choir in sanctuary
- April 28, 2019** Sunday morning 09:15 - 09:45 a.m.  
Mallet-percussion choir in music office  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary choir  
warm-up and worship

## Continuing Prayers for the Butler Family

With continuing prayers for Elizabeth Butler and family at the loss of her mother, a reminder that the Celebration of Carolyn Johnson's Life will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019, 1:00-4:00 pm, at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge, 7167 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

## 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/>

**HUGE TECHNO-THANKS**, to Brian Kaeser and Keith Miller!

We didn't realize, until emails began going missing, that our servers and IT set-up had been so patched over the years, in an effort to conserve money and keep things going, that we had come to a point where more patches wouldn't do. To solve the frustrations of on-again off-again technology, Brian and Keith began a systems- wide overhaul.

They used their expertise to do an IT audit, and teach Pastor Lisa that an architectural plan did not refer just to the building! It could also refer to the IT system/set-up. The church office is now making strides, thanks to Brian and Keith, with a whole new system that will be perpetually backed up, and function efficiently!

THANKS, to our IT Superheroes, Brian and Keith! Someone get them capes!

## ST. LUKE'S UMFS REPRESENTATIVE

Our thanks to Elizabeth Butler for graciously agreeing to be St. Luke's representative to the United Methodist Family Services Auxiliary. As part of this group, Elizabeth will be undertaking acts of kindness and care to support the residents of UMFS, such as at their birthday parties, as well as publicizing the great mission and work of this organization, founded years ago as the "orphanage". Today UMFS transforms lives through adoption, intervention and education. Thanks, Elizabeth, for representing us so well!

## EASTER EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Be sure to "hop" on back to the fellowship hall for our Palm Sunday Covered Dish Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 14th after worship. Ham will be provided. All you have to do is bring a side dish and/or a dessert. The Easter Egg Hunt is after lunch on the grounds. Donations of peanut-free candy for the Easter Egg Hunt should be at the church by April 7th. Come enjoy good food and fellowship!

## BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

## Birthdays

April 1 Emmett Jones  
April 2 Roland Fussell  
April 4 Wayne Jenkins  
Melissa Moore  
April 6 Winnie Brown  
Ruth Wickstrom  
April 7 Stella Jones  
April 8 Nancy Taylor  
April 10 Rebecca Morris  
Susan Reed  
Andrew Gold  
April 12 Roger Ball  
David Wellman  
April 13 Rebecca Rohlk  
April 14 Holly Phillips  
April 15 Ray Jenkins  
Richard Jenkins  
April 17 Shirley Gary  
April 18 Heather Jones  
April 19 Steven Edwards  
April 24 Chris Bowen  
April 26 Jane Barto  
April 28 Keith Miller

## Anniversaries

April 1 Reg & Karen Whitton  
April 18 Wilmer & Phyllis Downs  
April 20 Wayne & Doris Jenkins  
April 22 Woody & Debbie Smart  
April 27 Mike & Jennifer Pavlensky

## Upheld in our Prayers

After General Conference, we pray for the unity of our denomination and the strength of its congregations and missions around the world.

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Thelma Edwards	Betty Wellman	Tom Brown
David Sherwood	Peggy Uglov	Jan Hall
Wilmer Downs	Kevin Leigh	Debi Clements
Margaret Tucker	Wayne Kinney	Kerry Myers
Opal Holshouser	Renae Hedrick	Karen Whitton
Andrew Schaeffer	Marie Goodman	Sharon Hoyle
George Munford	Lori Jones & Samantha	Sarah Schiltz
Debbie Williams	Betty Carr	Bishop Lewis
Mason Immekus	Dean Smith	
Katherine & Raymond Fayle		

### Our Military

Robbie Bowen      Aaron Frankey      Holden Russell

## "Sorrow and Love flow mingled down"

Our sympathy and love are extended to Barbara and Bobby Armstrong. Barbara's 57-year old nephew, Timothy Bourne, recently claimed the promise of the resurrection.

Our sympathy and love are extended to Doris Teeter and family at the unexpected passing of her son-in-law, John Edwards. Mr. Edwards, husband of Doris's daughter Sharon, claimed the promise of the resurrection on Saturday, March 31st. Mr. Edwards served as Director of Westview on the James for 35 years.

## Easter Flowers

This year for Easter Sunday you will be given the opportunity to order an Easter Lily, Hydrangea, Azalea or Mum. All orders must be in the church office no later than March 31st. Make checks payable to St. Luke's UMC and be sure to designate on the check in the lower left corner "Easter Flowers". Please complete the following form and drop it in the collection plate with your check. The following flowers will be available: Easter Lily \$12.25; Hydrangea, assorted colors - \$18.25; Azalea, assorted colors - \$18.25; Mums, assorted colors - \$12.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Desired:

Easter Lily \_\_\_ Hydrangea \_\_\_ Azalea \_\_\_ Mum \_\_\_



## Pave it Forward

THANKS BE TO GOD for the ministry and generosity of this congregation! The "Pave It Forward" Campaign has been a huge success and every gift, from a dollar to over ten thousand dollars, has contributed to a little church that could! Thank you, for all you have done, so readily and generously, that this church might continue to be invitational, not only to its congregation, but also the community we serve! As this project is completed, there still may be unforeseen expenses, so contributions are still welcome and will be gratefully received!

### On behalf of the Finance Committee:

I would just like to say the Pave It Forward campaign was a huge success and a surprise to some.

I, for one, was not surprised. I have faith in our God and St. Luke's people. The faith and generosity of the St. Luke's congregation is renowned: they see a need and respond enthusiastically. In just a little over one month we raised more than enough to pave a \$56,000 parking lot. To you all I say, "Well done, good and faithful servants." A. Ray Kyle, Finance Chair

## The UMW Sends Health Kit Information

The United Methodist Women are making Health Kits again to send to Conference in May. Last year, because of you, we were able to send 37 kits instead of the 16 we have been getting together. We would love to have your help again. The kits cost about \$12.00 each, plus we send \$1.00 for toothpaste for each because apparently they have a "use by" date.

Last year we had combs, towels and washcloths left and will be using them again this year. If you would rather make a whole kit for us that would be great, and we will get you the list of things and will put them together for you—OR—if you would prefer, we will get the money from you and will buy them all in bulk amounts and put them together. We would like to thank you for helping us with this project in the past. If you would like to help us put them together we will let you know the date (usually late in May) and would like to have you at one of our meetings.

A list of needed Health Kit items will be available in forthcoming Sunday bulletins.

## A Mission Moment...Good Stewards

Seeing or hearing of an action that produces a positive impact can lift our spirits. MEET THE GREEN and CLEAN TEAM, a group of young people committed to protecting and preserving the environment. The team began by picking up trash during school recess and is now expanding its vision and message to others!

During the February United Methodist Women's meeting, Doris Teeter shared a request from her great-granddaughter Lyric Bloomquest, a member of that team. Lyric asked if the UMW would help them purchase supplies (trash bags and gloves). Upon hearing the request, members of the UMW made a generous donation.

May we all remember this group's dedicated efforts and help Lyric and her Team by also being good stewards!



Lyric Bloomquest



## St. Luke's UMC Endowment Committee 3/19/2019

### Committee members:

Jerry Anderson, Zeb Saunders, Ray Kyle, Scottie Kyle, Rachel Kaeser, Nancy Taylor, Lisa Sykes

**Current committee undertaking:** Review present endowment investments as to performance and conformity to church principles as stated in the Book of Discipline, the church Social Principles and the Endowment Charter

The committee met for the second time on 3/19/19 with Mr. Tommy Herndon, vice president, Legacy Giving & Stewardship Development for the Virginia United Methodist Foundation to discuss the services and investments offered by the Virginia United Methodist Foundation.

There are actually two branches of the organization. The Foundation primarily serves the church and the Virginia United Methodist Development Co. serves individual congregations members, by offering competitive investment certificates rates for individuals.

All investments offered to the church or congregation members meet the Social Principles and Book of Discipline requirements.

The funds available to the church are equivalent in their structure to most funds available through other investment firms.

The funds are stock funds, bond funds and balanced funds; the balanced funds have been returning an average of seven percent.

The funds are actively managed by Merrill Lynch at a reasonable management fee.

The organization offers an abundance of investment and management advice and service through their representatives.

The committee now needs to discuss and compare the data presented by both Ameriprise and the Virginia United Methodist Foundation in order to make any decisions on the investments of the Endowment Fund. The committee will meet again on April 30th to review and discuss the way forward.



Pastor Lisa and Lay Leader Bobbie Strum led the liturgy to welcome new members: Sabrina, Daniel and baby Luke on March 10th. A reception followed the service to welcome this lovely family into our church family!



CW and Kelly with daughter Addison. Father and daughter were baptized together, and the whole family was warmly received by their overjoyed church family at a reception after service.

below, CW is baptized in worship on March 24, joining the Church universal and the congregation of St. Luke's, by profession of his faith.



## St. Luke's United Methodist Women Stamps for Mission

We are calling all upon all of you to help us collect used stamps. If you will, please save all stamps that come in your mail to benefit missions. All stamps are useful. We will even take stamps that have not been used, as well as those that have not been cancelled, and both foreign and old ones. Below are requirements for the stamps.

1. Trim paper around the stamps at least a quarter of an inch around the stamps, or you can turn in the whole envelope.
2. If you have postcards, turn in the whole card.
3. Leave rows of stamps intact.
4. Give them to a member of the United Methodist Women and we will see that they are sent to our UMW coordinator.



Carolyn Beeckler is installed as the new Director of Children and Young Family Outreach, a part-time position funded by the 5 Talent Grant in recognition of our Wednesday Nite Bible Study. Carolyn, a member of both church and preschool staff is working faithfully to build new bridges of welcome between the two communities.

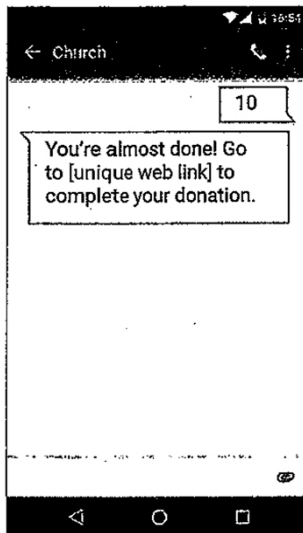
# Text Giving

Text Giving has come to St. Luke's!! Electronic giving, in the form of texting on your cell phone, is now available to St. Luke's congregation and visitors (especially participants in our seasonal Bible School Programs). St. Luke's phone number for Text Giving is 804-476-2723. This phone number will be shown on your weekly bulletin as well as posted on the bulletin board just outside the Sanctuary. Attached is a diagram showing how to accomplish this option for your contributions. The first time you text your funds, you will be asked a few questions to set up your account. After that, you only need to enter the dollar value of your gift. Giving must be done using your credit card. You will receive a receipt showing your transaction.

Transactions will be posted to your individual account and shown on your quarterly statement as always. If you have questions or need assistance, please call me at 804-334-0821.-Scottie Kyle, Treasurer

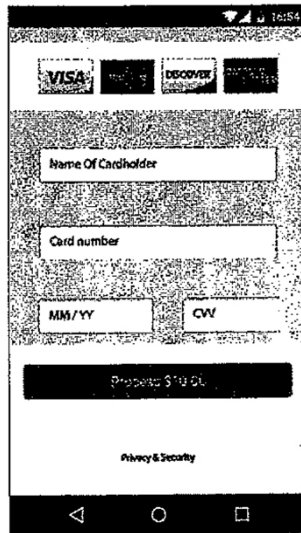


## 1) Get Started



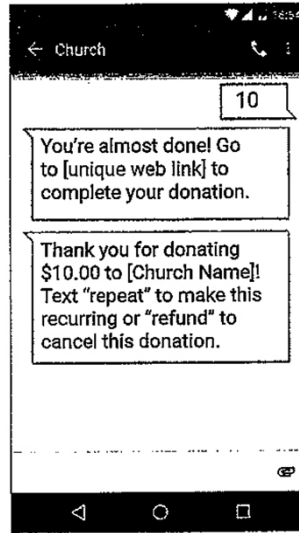
Enter your 10-digit Give+ Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.

## 2) Register



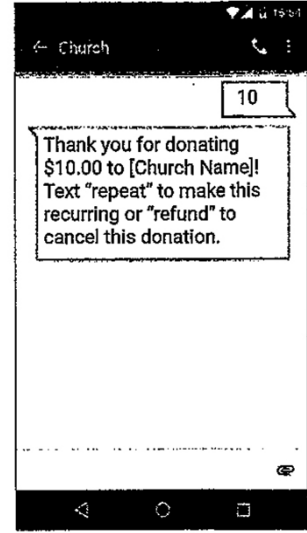
You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

## 3) Give



After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

## 4) Repeat



For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

**GIVE+**  
Electronic Giving Options



## The Preschool is a Hopping Place This Spring!

Our annual Grandparent's Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser...we had a record number of guests...180 people over 2 days! Thank you to Miss Kathy (3's teacher) for teaching the Easter VBS . . . it was great to see several students from her class attend.

We are soooo excited and grateful to see the parking lot paving begin! It will make for a great first impression of the preschool!

Michele Hart  
St. Luke's Preschool  
Preschool Director  
<http://www.stlukespreschoolva.com>



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## Youth Sunday



Amazing was the blending of our youths' voices as they sang "Only Jesus" and "Give You Glory." Director Nancy Taylor was full of praise for their awesome performance!

## Monday, April 1

4:45 pm  
Safe Haven  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
NO Scouts & Cub  
Scouts

## Wednesday, April 3

10:00 am-12:00 noon  
Susannah Wesley Circle  
(Meet at Hazel Saunders)  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
NO Girl Scout Troop 337  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal (S)

## Sunday, April 7

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am-12:30 pm  
Trustees (P)  
1:30 pm-2:30 pm  
Handbells (S)  
4:00-5:30 pm  
Youth (F.H.)  
7:00 pm NAMI

## Monday, April 8

10:00 am-10:30 am  
Chapel (F.H.)  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Scouts & Cub Scouts  
(F.H. & all rooms upstairs)  
Cub Scouts (Basement -  
4th Tues. of month)

## Tuesday, April 9

10:05 am- 10:15 am  
Chapel (F.H.)  
6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
BPSA (P)

## Wednesday, April 10

10:00 am-12 noon  
Young at Heart (F.H.)  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

## Thursday, April 11

6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Girl Scouts -Troop 5228 (B)

## Friday, April 12

9:00 am-12 noon  
Quilting Group & Setting up  
for lunch on 4-14-19 (F.H.)  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Cantata Rehearsal

## Saturday, April 13

1:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Celebration of  
Carolyn Johnson  
Mechanicsville Moose Lodge

## Sunday, April 14

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30amCantata/Pot-Luck  
Luncheon/Easter Egg Hunt  
11:30 am-12:30 pm  
Finance Committee (P)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Youth (F.H.)  
7:00pm NAMI

## Monday, April 15

7:00-8:30 pm  
Scouts & Cub Scouts  
(entire building)

## Tuesday, April 16

12:30-2:00 pm  
Preschool Staff Lunch

## Wednesday, April 17

6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Girl Scout Troop 337 (FH)  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)  
Thursday, April 18, 2019  
10:00 am-11:00 am  
Preschool Program (FH)  
7:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday  
Service (St. Luke's)  
7:00 pm

## Friday, April 19

7:00 pm  
Good Friday Service (LCOS)

## Sunday, April 21

**(Easter Sunday)**  
7:00 am Sunrise Service  
7:30 am Breakfast  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Traditional  
Easter Worship  
11:30 am Staff Parish (P)

## Monday, April 22

10:00 am - 10:30 am  
Chapel (F.H.)  
6:30 pm  
UMM (F.H.)  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Scouts & Cub Scouts  
(Basement & Sanctuary)

## Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am-10:30 am  
Chapel (S)  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
BPSA (P)

## Wednesday, April 24

5:30pm-7:00 pm  
Easter Bible School  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Chancel Choir (S)

## Thursday, April 25

6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Girl Scouts -Troop 5228 (B)

## Friday, April 26

9:00 am-12 noon  
Quilting Group

## Sunday, April 27

**Stewardship Sunday**  
7:00 pm NAMI 9:15 am  
unday School  
10:30 am Worship  
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Handbells  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Youth (F.H.)  
7:00 pm NAMI



## Monday April, 28

7:00-8:30 pm  
Scouts & Cub Scouts (F.H.  
& all rooms upstairs)  
Cub Scouts (Basement -  
4th Tues. of month)

## Tuesday, April 29

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
BPSA (P)

## Wednesday, April 30

7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**MARCH 30 -** APRIL 7 (PASTOR LISA-VACATION)  
**APRIL 14 -** PALM SUNDAY (CANTATA/LUN-  
CHEON/  
EASTER EGG HUNT)  
**APRIL 18 -** MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE (ST.  
LUKE'S)  
**APRIL 19 -** GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (LCOS)  
**APRIL 21 -** EASTER DAY  
SUNRISE SERVICE - 7:00 AM  
BREAKFAST FOLLOWS SUNRISE  
SERVICE, 7:30 AM  
TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE -  
10:30 AM

**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 chil-  
dren 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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