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*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for  
the morning,  
more than those who watch for  
the morning.*

*Psalm 130:5-6 New Revised Standard Version*



*Anna Grace*

## “Waiting with Impatience...”

My grandmother was an early riser. Nan always said if you missed the dawn, you missed the best part of the day. She would wake early, put on the coffee pot, and sip her cup as she anticipated a new day.

Psalm 130 speaks of how eagerly we wait for the new day. The quiet and relative isolation of the night gives way to daylight, greetings and new starts. Waiting for a spectacular dawn is a worthy endeavor.

Well, at St Luke's, I had been awaiting a new day for some time. You all know how much I love kids and children's ministries. I'd been awaiting a new day that would see a renewed ministry with children and the chance to be in ministry with young families. And the Spirit brought such a time. Before the pandemic, St. Luke's was excitedly awaiting a new day: four babies to be born into our church. Now that count is five, with one new announcement.

And I am like my grandmother before dawn. I just can't wait to get back and be here with all of you, in a new post-shut-down day, when we can greet each other in person, share in the reading and hearing of the word and rejoice in the new lives we have to celebrate: both the babies and the spiritual renewal that will come with our fellowship. I can't wait!

Ah, but the Psalmist (and the Bishop) tell me I must. One thing is sure: the time of our sharing worship in person is getting closer, and just to add to our impatience for it, I thought a token of the joy before us, and God's promise to us, is in the faces of the babies we wait to greet! Better even than a new dawn, is a new face we wait to see with our own eyes! Until we do, here is a glimpse of the joy God will give when we all gather again, after having waited for it with patience. How I look forward to seeing these children and all God's children, of every age, when next we worship together, my friends!



*Lia Faith*



*Natalie Grace*

In Christ, Pastor Lisa

## Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace and justice across the nation

Rev. Tom Brown	Frances Driscoll	David Higgins
George Staehle	Charles Fayle	Shirley Weade
Bernice Peatross	Debi Clements	Bettie Jones
Wayne Kinney	Jan Hall	Opal Holshouser
Marie Goodwyn	Dean Smith	The Radgowski's
Bonnie Urbanski	JoAnn & Tony	Leslie Howser
Nancy Ladd	Jean Cox	Della Phillips
Joan Bowker	Hisako Barker	
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs		
Bob and Jan hall		
The Sorensen family, and their baby due soon		

Our Military

Robbie Bowen	Aaron Frankey	Holden Russell
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## Music Notes – July/August 2020

I have enjoyed utilizing the musical instrument digital interface feature built into our 2-manual digital Allen church organ. I will offer several duets during these summer months. The MIDI is able to reproduce wind and percussion instruments but as you know nothing takes the place of live musicians. If you would like to play your instrument for a virtual worship experience we can position you in the sanctuary socially apart from Brian, Lisa, and myself. Guitars, trumpets, trombones, ukuleles, mandolins and drums are all invited. Let's make a joyful sound and let the music roll. Call the church office to schedule a Sunday morning. It will make your summer brighter and happier. Just think! You're speaking a universal language. Bob

## Faithful Stewardship

Dear St. Luke's Family: As we continue through these uncharted times, the Finance Committee extends its sincere thanks for your faithful stewardship. Through the payroll protection program grant and your giving, payroll and monthly expenses have continued to be met. Thank you Scottie and Margaret for keeping us current.

Until we are able to meet together in person, here's how you may make a contribution:

- Mail checks to the church at 4101 Fordham Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23236
- Leave your checks and cash (in your church envelope) in the yellow box on the left side of the carport entrance during hours when someone is in the office to collect them (Monday through Thursday 9-1). Please call the church office and let someone know to collect them.
- Pay online through your bank's "Bill Pay" program.

## 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/>

## TLC for the Church Lawn

Even the pandemic can't stop our devoted lawn crew. Hats off to Keith Miller, Ronnie Weade, Clinton Gary and Steve and Nancy Taylor for keeping it looking so nice. Special thanks to Zeb Saunders for trimming the shrubs! Your help is so appreciated!

## Live Stream Setup

The trustees met to discuss providing a live stream setup for at-home service now and in the future. Both the Trustees and Council approved this action. The equipment will be installed and all church audio people will be trained in the next week. We are all looking forward to having a professional setup that will serve St. Luke's well. We know Keith will miss patching together the equipment, which may be older than he is. We extend our sincere thanks to Brian and family for keeping the sound and video for Sunday services going under difficult conditions.



## BE INFORMED

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<http://www.vaumc.org>

## “Sorrow and Love flow mingled down”

Our love and prayers are extended to Keith Miller and family. Keith's great aunt, Inez Fuitz, claimed the promise of the resurrection on June 2nd, 2020.

Our love and prayers are extended to Margaret Anderson at the loss of her friend, Frances Miller. Frances claimed the promise of the resurrection on June 6th, 2020.

Our love and prayers are extended to Scottie Kyle and family at the loss of her cousin, Linda Adams. Linda claimed the promise of the resurrection June 8, 2020.

Our love and prayers are extended to Shirley and Clinton Gary. Their brother-in-law Wayne Kinney claimed the promise of the resurrection on June 17, 2020 after a long illness. Please remember his wife Lois and all their family in your prayers.

## Birthdays

July 2	Rick Beeckler	August 1	Brian Kaeser
July 4	Reinah Morris		Zach Morris
July 6	Woody Smart	August 2	Nancy Ladd
July 8	Jim Grubbs		Jack Harrison Moyer
	Autumn Papczynski	August 3	Pastor Lisa Sykes
July 9	Chris Halloran	August 6	Chris deKrafft
July 10	Kay Callis	August 9	Tammy Morris
	Brian Smart	August 14	John Russell
July 12	Mandy Wellman	August 15	Zeb Saunders
	Jeremy Reed	August 18	Cindy Burnett
July 13	Matthew Wertz	August 21	Rhea Strum
July 14	Jordan Calfee		Riley Beeckler
	Sara Wertz	August 22	Campbell Eden Moore
July 16	Kevin Johnson	August 23	Cameron Callis
July 18	John Richardson		Shirley Jones
	Amanda Nolen	August 26	Wilmer Downs
July 20	Jim Brown	August 28	Bobby Reynolds
July 24	Shane Halloran	August 29	Carlton Hudson
July 26	Margaret Anderson	August 30	Jo McDowell
July 28	Karen Miller		Bob Armstrong
July 29	Robbie Bowen		
July 30	Joel Calfee		
	LeAnn Nunnally		

## Anniversaries

July 7	Kent and Rhea Calfee	August 5	Ken & Pat Knust
	Bruce & Robin Anderson	August 14	John and Betsye Russell
	Elton & Kathy Gardner	August 16	Carla & Richard Collins
July 18	Ronnie and Shirley Weade		George & Melissa Moore
July 20	Jason & Michele Hart		Bill & Pam Coleman
		August 23	Tad & Gayle McGonigle
		August 31	Carlton & Rose Hudson

