

## “A New Way To Worship”

*“God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change...”*

*--Psalm 46:1-2a*

Dear Friends,

It's been eight months of waiting, persevering and anticipating. Weeks of planning, revising, and approving.

Finally, on November 8th at 11 am, St. Luke's will return to in-person worship! It won't be the same as before, but it will be a milestone on our way to a “new normal,” so we all need to prepare ourselves.

Most churches are seeing 1/3 of their normal attendance returning to in-person worship, with many members opting to stay on line because of health concerns. Whichever way you choose to worship, in-person or online, we welcome you and are thankful for your real or virtual presence in this Body of Christ!

If you want to join us in-person, before leaving home, each in-person worshipper must:

- Take his/her temperature. It must be less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit in order to attend worship.
- If you are feeling ill, stay home.
- Bring with you: a face covering (mandatory in Stage 2), hand sanitizer and gloves (if you feel you need them).
- Attendees must socially distance from the time they get out of their cars to the time they return to them.
- Put your face covering on before you leave your vehicle and keep it on until you are back in your vehicle.

For those who gather in-person, there will be no singing in the sanctuary. Those online will serve as a remote chorus for our hymns. In-person worshippers may hum or speak the words to hymns from behind their masks, which must be worn at all times. I'm sorry to say there will be no hugging or hand-shaking. Elbow bumps and waving will have to suffice.

Seating will be socially distanced, and bathrooms will be available but only for 1 occupant at a time.

Worshippers will enter through the carport in the upper parking lot and exit through the sanctuary doors nearest Fordham Road. Paper bulletins will be available, and worshippers will be asked to deposit them in a trashcan provided at the exit!

We do all this to safeguard and care for you, our church members, and our staff. If you have questions about these new requirements, feel free to call me in the church office.

On November 8th, I look forward to greeting you all, both in person and via live stream, that in everything, and through these new ways of gathering and worshipping, God may be glorified in all that we do!

Blessings, Pastor Lisa

**PLEASE NOTE:** For in-person worship Pastor Lisa still needs more people to usher and greet. Requirements to keep everyone safe are simple, and the responsibilities of these volunteer positions are easy to fulfill but very important!

Please volunteer to help by calling the church office!



Brian Kaeser trains Ray Jenkins and Ray Kyle the first of the new audio visual Techies so they can run our new system.

## Meet Your Flight Crew...

Brian Kaeser, our IT miracle worker, has kept worship possible for our congregation, locating us online and running our live stream technology each and every Sunday. Brian is just as essential as Pastor Lisa in enabling us to worship in this time of Covid. But everyone deserves a day off, Brian included!

So, Brian is now passing on his knowledge and skill, spending multiple Sundays, training a new crop of audio-visual techies, to run our new system. Kudos to Ray Jenkins and Ray Kyle, the first two recruits to be trained! Pastor Lisa refers to them as “pilots” and the sound booth as the “Space Shuttle” these days.

Thanks to all of these who keep bringing us in for a smooth landing after a great flight! New recruits wanted and welcome! Volunteer through the church office!

## Music Notes for November 2020

I will present the second piano concert in the fall series on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 2:30 p. m. Featured composers are Domenico Scarlatti, Charles and Samuel Wesley, Johann Walther, William Kauffmann, Noel Goemanne, George Gershwin and some familiar and traditional fall tunes. The congregation will receive the Zoom link from the church office so look for it to appear in your inbox.

I wish to thank all of the adult choir members who have assisted in leading the Sunday morning 11:00 worship service as well as the instrumentalists who assisted in leading the Vesper services. You succeeded in making a difference as you conveyed the message of hope and endurance to St. Luke's UMC. —Bob Ford

## A Gift For YOU!

What is one to do on another day spent mostly at home in a time when socializing and movie-going and shopping have all been limited by our need to distance and stay safe?

May we recommend a wonderful piano concert, given just for you? Play it as you enjoy a cup of tea or a dinner meal. As you relax in your easy chair or sit at your kitchen table. Concert going has never been so easy!

And enjoy the amazing musical talent and dedication of Bob Ford, our musical director, recorded just for you on Oct 17, 2020! May this lovely musical offering brighten your spirit on an otherwise drab day!

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/tkx\\_UGDnxS-IQR6lZjcAY3G74DPGejDS2ZkTenyPEN3tL-sNTFkWn3w8dRY5EC-6l8.L1k2pQsxLjlyMR5S?startTime=1602958861000](https://zoom.us/rec/share/tkx_UGDnxS-IQR6lZjcAY3G74DPGejDS2ZkTenyPEN3tL-sNTFkWn3w8dRY5EC-6l8.L1k2pQsxLjlyMR5S?startTime=1602958861000)

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## From The Finance Committee

It's hard to believe that the year 2020 is coming to a close! The Finance Committee is pleased to report that through your faithfulness in giving the church's day to day expenses continue to be met. However, our apportionment payments have fallen behind. The District has afforded some relief to churches for this year as apportionments have been reduced by 25%. Through the end of the year we will focus on catching up those payments. More news on how you can help will be forthcoming.

Giving statements will be mailed out in November to assist in your end-of-year planning.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Dates to remember

**Sunday, Nov. 1 - Daylight Saving Time ends**

**Tuesday, Nov. 3 - Election Day**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day**

**Thursday, Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving**

## BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

## 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/>

## November and December Communion Outreach Items

We will collect Thanksgiving turkeys through the end of November. In December, items for the Christmas Mother will be received. These gifts must be new and unwrapped, a toy for any age child or clothing, or something for seniors.

During these holiday months, if you prefer, just make a donation. It will be sent to either the Belmont Food Pantry or the Christmas Mother.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

## Online Thanksgiving Service

Please join us for our virtual Thanksgiving Service on November 24, 2020, at 7:00 pm. The link to be used for joining us is below:

Lisa Sykes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Thanksgiving Service  
Time: Nov 24, 2020 07:00 PM  
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting by Computer  
<https://zoom.us/j/96316808325>  
Passcode: 067063

Dial by phone  
+1 301 715 8592 US  
Meeting ID: 963 1680 8325  
Passcode: 067063

## “Sorrow and Love flow mingled down”

Our love, prayers and sympathy are extended to Audrey Vogen. Audrey's sister, Marie Goodwin, claimed the promise of the resurrection on October 23rd, 2020.

## Birthdays

November 7	Doris Teeter
November 9	Jennifer Miller
November 10	Joan Crawford
November 13	Olivia Gary Rachel Edwards
November 16	William Brown
November 17	Cameron Jones
November 19	Opal Holshouser
November 21	Richard Moyer
November 22	Addison Gary
November 24	Katelyn Heath Hazel Saunders
November 25	Eloise Durrett
November 26	Phyllis Downs
November 27	Nancy Ladd Sadie Jones
November 28	Mark Taylor

## Anniversaries

November 10	Zeb & Hazel Saunders
November 28	David & Bonnie Urbanski

## Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace and justice across the nation

Andrea Brown	Sennie Case
Wayne Johnson	Florence Smith
Barbara Armstrong	Joan Varner
Carlton Hudson	Leslie Howser
Dianne Rust	Wilmer & Phyllis Downs
Doris Teeter	Joyce Arrington
David Higgins	Bettie Jones
Taylorann Bradon	Debi Clements
Chuck Fayle	Deannie Reynolds
Bob & Jan Hall	Opal Holshouser
Dean Smith	Gayle McGonigle
Bob Gary	Chris' sister, Donita

### Our Military

Robbie Bowen      Aaron Frankey      Holden Russell



# Exciting Preschool Happenings!

Good news! The preschool will be receiving a substantial grant from the Chesterfield Economic Development Agency through the CARES act. Stay tuned for the amount!! We are so fortunate and blessed for the financial support!



The children were excited to wear their Halloween Costumes for an outside parade!

## Poinsettias for Christmas

Red Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 20th and Christmas Eve, December 24th. The cost will be \$13.00 per plant. You may take your plant after the 11:00 am service on Dec. 20th or the 7:00 pm service on December 24th. Make your check payable to St. Luke's UMC. **The deadline for ordering is December 6, 2020**

[stlukesumc@verizon.net](mailto:stlukesumc@verizon.net)

Name of individual purchasing Poinsettia:

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Number of Poinsettias purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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