

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Cor 12: 27-31

Time has a way...

Time has a way of playing tricks on us. When I first began seriously to consider a sabbatical, or “renewal leave,” as we Methodists call it, it seemed months away. Now it's only weeks, and I thank all of you who have affirmed my decision to focus on my family at a critical time. It is a time of transition for my family, and in light of Easter, a time of transformation for the family of God. At the empty tomb, we are no longer uncomprehending followers, but fully committed witnesses, having intersected our Risen Lord.

As your pastor, I invite you to focus on your family of faith, your brothers and sisters in Christ, just as you do your own family, while I am away. Each one of you has been given many gifts by God through His Spirit. While I'm away, your gifts will be needed and appreciated in your witness to the Risen Christ. If you see a chance to be in ministry, by your actions, by your ideas, by your inspirations, please do not fail to reach out in love and faithfulness. Make the love of the risen Lord visible in all you do.

And have no doubt, the pulpit has been supplied and emergency pastoral care is available for serious hospitalizations and illnesses while I'm gone. All this is a matter of faithfulness, and all you do during the months ahead in the service of Christ is a matter of faithfulness, too. I go back to the rhyme I learned in Sunday school: “Here is the church; here is the steeple--open the doors and see all God's people.” The church is you, God's redeemed people.

I look forward to greeting you, brothers and sisters, in His Name, and in our shared ministry, again this fall.

He is Risen! Thanks be to God!
Pastor Lisa



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Music Notes — Sacred Selections

- April 02, 2022** Dress rehearsal by the Chancel Choir 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- April 03, 2022** "Because He Lives" cantata presented at the 11:00 worship service - Marcia Grubbs - soloist - Barbara Nunnally - dramatist - keyboard accompaniment.
- April 10, 2022** Palm Sunday celebration - Chancel Choir singing - start of Holy Week.
- April 14, 2022** Maundy Thursday service with Chancel Choir singing.
- April 17, 2022** Mallet-percussion choir to ring Introit Choir leading in worship. End of mallet-percussion choir rehearsals until further notice. Chancel Choir to continue rehearsals till the end of May, 2022.

Roof Repair Work

As with all buildings, there is occasional repair and maintenance work to be done. Recently one of the church heat pump compressors failed and was replaced at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00.

Also, numerous roof leaks have developed in the office area. The repair work for the roof leaks will require replacing a portion of the existing roof with the appropriate roof covering, at a cost of approximately \$17,000.00.

The funds for both repairs have been approved by the Endowment Committee and Administrative Council, to be paid from the Endowment Fund.



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-Methodis Church-486188658201339/>

Easter Floral Tree

St. Luke's Congregation, our Easter floral tree, a grand reminder of spring and Christ's resurrection when it's filled with fresh flowers, will be outside the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you have blossoms to share, would you make a note to bring them to church Easter Sunday so that we might continue this special tradition?

UMW Annual Project (Health Kits)

We are collecting donations for health kits. We are asking for a cash donation of \$14.00 which covers all items in the health kits and shipping.

Please make a separate check to St. Luke's UMC with a notation that its for health kits and put it into the offering plate. The deadline is Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Graduation Sunday 2022

Graduation Sunday is June 5, 2022. If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please let the church office know no later than May 1, 2022.

Pastor Lisa's Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will continue through Easter. Please keep the confirmands in your prayers, Mabel Rose Cassada, Jean-Kathryn Cassada, Cameron Jones and Sadie Jones. Also keep their mentors, Haley & Chris deKrafft, in your prayers. Confirmands will decide at end of Course whether to join the church.

Second Covid Booster

With the emergence and very high transmission rate of the Covid sub-variant BA.2. The CDC and FDA have approved a **second Covid Booster shot** and strongly recommend that people 50 and older get this booster **especially those 65 or older**. They will be available immediately or very shortly.

BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

Note from Andrew

Good Morning Shirley,

I just wanted to let you know that Larry made it to Iraq safely on March 7th.

I have attached some photos of the 12 hour C-130 flight from Kuwait into Iraq (talk about economy class) and of his new home, they are called CHUs (Containerized Housing Units).

Below is his address, if anyone wants to send a care package, he has said that he cannot take electronics into his work environment so he would appreciate magazines and books (with a police and military theme if possible, or anything for that matter) Also puzzle books.

Also he likes candy and healthy snacks (non-perishable). He would also appreciate cards and letters.

His Mailing address is:

1LT Russell, Larry,
C Battery 1-111th FA,
Al Asad Air Base
APO AE 09333



Larry's 12 hour C-130 flight from Kuwait into Iraq (talk about economy class)



Larry's new home, called CHUs (Containerized Housing Units).

Mark Your Calendars for Special Events

- April 3rd** - The choir will present special Easter music.
- April 10th** - Palm Sunday (Following the 11:00 am service, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 12:15. (Bring your basket to collect eggs!)
- April 14th** - A Maundy Thursday service of communion will be held at 7:00 pm
- April 17th** - Easter Sunday! We will celebrate the confirmation of Mabel Rose Cassada, Jean-Kathryn Cassada, Cameron Jones, and Sadie Jones. A reception honoring the confirmands will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following worship.
- MAY 22** - Celebrate the 59th Anniversary of St. Luke's UMC! The Reverend Dr. John Peters, former pastor at St. Luke's, will be leading worship. Stay for a cookout lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the United Methodist Men.



St. Luke's hard-working Brunswick Stew Crew is back in business.

Safely assisting Ukraine



The Methodist Connection

Safely Assisting Ukraine

We have been urgently alerted that there are many fraudulent efforts coming out online, by email and by text, to raise funds for 'Ukrainian Relief.' Similar scams have been reported in the past for other major humanitarian events, and we wanted to let you know to be extremely cautious in responding to these appeals.

Second, a Good Solution:

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in wake of the Ukrainian crisis can contribute through UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance...>

By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174

By check made out to [Global Ministries/UMCOR](#) with 'Advance #982450-Ukraine' written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to [Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, PO Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068](#), or given at or through any United Methodist church

Important Note: 100% of all advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

Here is a link to the UMCOR site about this effort: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/h...>

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief

2022-03-02

Gifts to support humanitarian needs for those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries can be made through UMCOR international disaster response, Advance #982450.

READ ON FOR HOW TO GIVE: <https://umcmmission.org/u.../how-to-assist-the-ukrainian-people>

A Craftsman Among Us!



Have you ever sat in our sanctuary and studied the beautiful cross that adorns our altar? Studied its dark finish? How it projects out from the wall? Wondered how it got there? Well, this cross was conceived, designed, and built by one of our members, Vernon King. In 1976, the men of our church decided to remodel the front of the church, rearrange the choir area to allow the choir to face the congregation, put the organ into a pit in the floor, and move the altar out front of the choir. With these changes came the need for a larger more visible cross for the altar area. Vernon graciously volunteered to build the cross.



This cross is just one of the many projects Vernon has undertaken to enhance the beauty

and functionality of St. Luke's, and several other churches as well. He built the cabinets and bookshelves in our library, the mailbox, and more recently, the tables for the bells.

Our congregation is indebted to you, Vernon. We sincerely appreciate you, your amazing talent, and your generous gifts to St. Luke's. **And we wish you a wonderful 89th birthday on April 23rd. May God bless!**

Blessings

BLESSINGS upon the Buncy and Urbanski families! Riley Grace, adored daughter and granddaughter, respectively, was baptized on Sunday, March 13, 2022, in our Sanctuary. Her lovely third-generation baptismal attire was first worn by her grandfather, David Urbanski.



Soccer Shots Program



Our soccer shots program kicked off March 16th with 17 children aged 2-6. These groups will meet for the next week and learn soccer fundamentals and life lessons on respect, teamwork and collaboration.

Easter Flowers

This year for Easter Sunday you will be given the opportunity to order an Easter Lily, Hydrangea, Mums, Tulips, and Hyacinths. All orders must be in the church office no later than **April 3rd**. **Make checks payable to St. Luke's UMC and be sure to designate on the check in the lower left corner "Easter Flowers". NO SPECIFIC COLOR MAY BE GUARANTEED.** Please complete the following form and mail to church or drop it in the yellow box on the left side of the carport door. The following flowers will be available:

Easter Lily 6.5" pot, 4-6 blooms \$14.00

Hydrangea 8" pink, white(are very limited this year) or blue, 5-6 blooms \$20.00

Tulips 6.5" pot, asst. colors based on availability \$13.00

Hyacinths 6.5" pot, asst. colors based on availability \$13.00

Mums 6.5" pot, sold as asst. Easter colors \$13.00

Name _____

Phone Number _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of Plants Desired: Easter Lily _____ Hydrangea _____

Tulips _____ Hyacinths _____

Mums _____

Total Amount: _____

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"Sorrow and Love flow mingled down"

We send our sympathy, love and prayers to Margaret & Jerry Anderson and family at the loss of Margaret's sister-in-law, Joan Munford. Joan claimed the promise of the resurrection on March 2nd, 2022.

We send our sympathy, love and prayers to the Beeckler, Hawkins and Steinhorst families at the loss of Danielle Beeckler Hawkins. Danielle claimed the promise of the resurrection on March 3rd, 2022.

Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace, unity and justice across the nation

Wilmer & Phyllis Downs	Lois Kinney
Gayle McGonigle	Annie (Rosemarie's sister)
Bob & Jan Hall	Katherine Peterson
Dianne Rust	Ronnie & Shirley Weade
Sennie Case	Ibbie Smith
Jim Raines	Bettie Jones
Terry & Louise Kyle	Jim Brantley
Chuck Fayle	Deannie Reynolds
Curtis Perry	Katherine Peterson
Opal Holshouser	Katie Kephart
Joan & John & Roger Crawford	
Florence & Marion (Margaret's sisters)	

Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey, Larry Russell

Ibbie Smith asks that you remember Dean's cousin, Charles Bell, and his family. They ask for prayers for themselves and for all of the Ukraine. Ibbie believes Charles, his wife and two sons (ages 13 and 16), most recently, were in Slovenia. Charles' mother is in Poland. Please ask God's every blessing upon them and pray for their continued safety.

See our weekly Tuesday email for a complete listing of all prayer requests.

April Birthdays

April 1	Emmett Jones
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 23	Vernon King
April 24	Chris Bowen
April 26	Jane Barto

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



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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