



## Mother's Day

Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday in May. Celebrating motherhood, it is a time when we show appreciation to our mothers and mother figures. Most people send cards, flowers and candy, or take their mothers, or mother figures, out for a nice meal in a restaurant. Mother's Day is not a federal holiday, but is legally a state holiday in Arizona. Most organizations, businesses, and stores are open or closed, just as they are on any other Sunday during the year. Public transit systems run their normal Sunday schedules. However, most restaurants are busier than usual since many people take their mothers out for a treat.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed mainly to Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis. Other sources claim that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan in the late 1800's. Her sons paid tribute to her annually and urged others to honor their mothers as well. Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated annually to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. The celebration was held in Boston for about 10 years with her sponsorship, but died out after that.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna's mother was remembered for organizing "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve both health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. In 1908, Anna was instrumental in arranging a Mother's Day Service at the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. It was attended by 407 children and their mothers. That church has become the International Mother's Day Shrine, and as a tribute to all mothers, has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

We at St. Luke's will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8, 2022. As part of our service, we will recognize all mothers within our congregation and, especially, the oldest mother, the mother with the most grandchildren, the mother with the youngest grandchild, etc. We hope all mothers within our congregation will choose to attend so that we may express our appreciation.

*(Our sincere thanks to Bobbie Strum for this interesting and informative article!)*



## A Warm Welcome to the Reverend Mrs. Jessie Colwell

Pastor Colwell will preach from our pulpit on Sunday, May 1st, 2022. Beginning her 13th year in ministry, Pastor Colwell is an Ordained Elder in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Having served small, mid-sized and large churches, she is currently Director of Clergy Excellence for the Virginia Conference UMC. Her first book, "Blessed Wrestling - Biblical Reflections upon Discerning God's Call", previewed in December 2021 and is a helpful tool to all who are discerning next steps. Pastor Colwell has been married to her husband, Nelson, for eight years, and Dean is their 6-year-old son.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our Confirmands who were confirmed on April 17, 2022: Jean-Kathryn Elizabeth Cassada, Mabel Rose Cassada, George Cameron Jones and Sadie Margaret Jones. We welcome them into the membership of St. Luke's U.M.C. Sincere thanks to their sponsors, Chris and Haley deKrafft.



## Welcome to the Sorensons

We welcome our new members to St. Luke's U.M.C. – Eric and Andi Sorenson joined the membership of St. Luke's on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Their son, Elliott James Sorenson, was baptized on April 17, 2022.



## 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/>

## Reboot 2022

### Chesterfield Triad Senior Day Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Celebrate Older Americans Month with Chesterfield Triad.

Senior Day will host 35 vendors geared towards older adult services. Food, entertainment, door prizes and more. Entertainment provided by Joyful Voices Chorus. For more information, contact the Aging & Disability Services at (804)768-7878 or

[Agingservices@chesterfield.gov](mailto:Agingservices@chesterfield.gov)

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** View Facility

Chesterfield County Fairgrounds

**Address:** 10300 Courthouse Road  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

**Contact:** 804-768-7878

Email: Aging & Disability Services

**Cost:** Free

## Graduation Sunday 2022

Graduating students, it won't be long! June 5th is the date, and the Reverend Mr. Hugh Harris will be in the pulpit.

## Second Covid Booster

With the emergence and extremely high transmission rates of three new Covid sub-variants The CDC and FDA strongly recommend that people 50 and older get a second booster **especially those 65 or older. They are available now.**



## BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>



## Here They Are

Space constraints in the April newsletter didn't allow for inclusion of the two items below. We're delighted to share them in this May issue, knowing you will enjoy them just as much! Our thanks to Barbara Nunnally for the interesting Jelly Beans query, and to Rhea Strum for the photo of Peggy and Shirley's smiling faces! They're happy as can be, living right next door to each other in their new location!



## JELLY BEANS

Did you know . . . ?

**RED** is for the blood He gave,  
**GREEN** is for the grass He made;  
**YELLOW** is for the sun so bright.  
**ORANGE** is for the edge of night;  
**BLACK** is for the sins we made,  
**WHITE** is for the grace He gave;  
**PURPLE** is for his hour of sorrow,  
**PINK** is for our new tomorrow?

May every day be Easter in your heart.  
May the Joy you feel on Easter Morning  
Be the Joy of each day of your life.

## St. Luke's Current Belmont Food Pantry Mission

You are invited to bring Mac & Cheese to church for the Belmont Food Pantry during May and June. We welcome your donations and thank you for your generosity. Please note that the photo in this article shows the soup donations made during the month of March.



## From the Finance Committee:

If you've been worshipping in person the last couple weeks, you may have noticed something new. What is it? The ushers are once again passing the collection plates! You may continue to send your offering by mail 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, or use your bank's "Bill Pay" program.

Unexpected expenses for repairs and maintenance, as well as increased prices for goods and services, have strained the budget in the first quarter of 2022. St. Luke's has been blessed by your generous giving and faithful stewardship which will see us through and enable us to carry out our ministries. Thank you. To further keep you informed about the church's finances, statistics regarding funds received and funds needed to meet budget will be printed in the bulletin periodically.

## 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

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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>

# Mother's Day Candle Burning

Remember your mother or a special woman this Mother's Day by dedicating the burning of a special Mother's Day Candle.

Names will be listed in the bulletin to honor/remember a special woman in your life. **(\$10.00 per name).**

**The deadline is Sunday -May 1, 2022.**

Name of Woman/Women to be listed:

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Please Check One:

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

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



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## Saint Luke's 59th Anniversary Celebration May 22, 2022 Casual Lunch

Anniversary Celebration If you plan to attend the 59th anniversary of St. Luke's on May 22, 2022 after worship, please fill out the insert and place in the offering plate. The Reverend Dr. John Peters St. Luke's fourth Pastor will be the visiting minister.

**The deadline is next Sunday, May 8, 2022.**

Name of family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to eat: Inside \_\_\_\_\_ Outside \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear St. Luke's Church family,  
We are so appreciative of the  
cards, prayers, food and support  
you've showered our family with  
during this most difficult  
time. We have found comfort in  
your expressions of love and  
are grateful to be part of  
such a wonderful church family.

Please continue to remember  
us in prayer in the  
upcoming days, weeks, months  
and years as we grieve our  
precious Danielle.

Love,  
The Beckler family



## Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace, unity and justice across the nation

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

### 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-in-law 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.

## May Birthdays

MAY 1	ROBERT BARTO
MAY 2	KEITH CALLIS
MAY 4	JASON HART
	SAM KAESER
MAY 5	DANIEL BOYKIN
MAY 8	JUDY PARRISH
MAY 9	KELLY RICE
MAY 10	AARON FRANKEY
MAY 11	CONNOR GARY
MAY 15	BRIAN WERTZ
MAY 20	JOYCE JOHNSON
	AVERY GARY
MAY 21	ROBIN ANDERSON
MAY 24	MARK JONES
MAY 25	THOMAS JONES
MAY 26	DAVID HIGGINS
MAY 27	CLINTON GARY
	AUDREY GARY
MAY 28	POLLY MCELFIN
MAY 30	ANDREW MCGOWAN
MAY 31	DIXIE BOWMAN
	KRYSTLE WERBLOW

## Anniversaries

MAY 1	DANIEL & SABRINA BOYKIN
MAY 26	ERIC & MARYJO JONES



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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