

*"Behold, I am making
all things new."*

--Revelation 21:5



Pastors Cindy and Geo Estrada-Juarez and their three children (from Church of the Nazarene).

A New Adventure in Faith for St. Luke's

Usually, my Sunday mornings are very routine, I have several things to prepare before worship begins. When I arrive at the church at 9:30, I don't expect one of those tasks to be giving a tour of the building.

But on the 5th Sunday of Lent this year, a clergy couple, Cindy and Geo Estrada-Juarez, arrived at my office door, introduced to me by Jerry Anderson. They had come early on Sunday hoping for a tour and to meet the pastor.

Now Sunday is a good time to be certain the pastor will be on the premises. It is less certain that there will be time for a tour, but these pastors made such a good impression upon me, that I changed my schedule, and showed them around our wonderful facility.

They were very impressed, and they let me know they were looking for a location for their congregation of 60 persons to rent space on a regular basis. Renting space in a United Methodist Church is no easy matter. It requires the approval of the district Superintendent, the board of Church Location, our own administrative council, and our own trustees.

When I came to understand how quickly they wanted to rent, beginning on April the 1st -- just after Easter by the way-- I sensed two things: a time crunch and also the movement of the Spirit! Discussions were undertaken to include our preschool, our council, our trustees, and all the relevant district leadership.

What perhaps was most miraculous is that this congregation is Nazarene. I can best describe them as our kissing cousins in the United Methodist tradition. The only slight change in our theologies is that while we United Methodists believe we go on to perfection at the moment of death or on our arrival in heaven; the Nazarenes seek to reach that high mark in this life. They broke away from the official Methodist Church between 1895 and 1900. Their work and their mission are laudatory.

And so here is the miraculous news, my friends: new life has come at Easter. A vibrant but small Hispanic congregation of Nazarenes will begin renting parts of our building, primarily after the hour of 3:00 on specific days, to include a 3:00 P.M. Sunday worship service that I understand goes on for some hours. At Easter, they have become our new friends, our theological cousins on site, and our new renters. May God bless them, and may we be a blessing to each other!

The help this may give us is not only financial. I see it as much more spiritual, and I invite all of you to pray for the success of our ministries, our relationship, and the gospel lived out through 2 congregations worshipping in one church building.

Behold God makes all things new!
Have a blessed Easter full of wonder!
Pastor Lisa

Easter Cantata

The Easter Cantata was presented by the Chancel Choir on March 31st at 10:30 am. Thanks to Laurel and the choir for a beautiful presentation.

Special Thank You!

Special Thanks to Marcia Grubbs, our worship chair and the altar guild, our Home Schoolers who organized our egg hunt, Becky Jenkins and Ibbie Smith for organizing our children's Lenten lessons. Also thanks to all who donated candy for the goody bags for the Easter Egg Hunt!!



Presenting Mr. and Mrs. Glover Congratulations to Jo McDowell and Mitch Glover who celebrated their marriage here at St. Luke's on Saturday, March 16, 2024

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Vernon King who received the Quilt of Valor from the Quilt of Valor Foundation!!

THANK YOU!

A big thank-you from the Office of the Treasurer to St. Luke's faithful congregation for your continuing financial support. Bills are being paid in a timely manner. I pray that this continues through the summer months. God has richly blessed our church. Scottie Kyle, Church Treasurer

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/>



Helpers are needed! If you would like to help with the repairing of the shed on any Wednesday, Wilmer, Clinton & Bobbie will be here every Wednesday from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. All extra hands will be appreciated.

Our New Sunday School curriculum begins on April 7th. The book will be Mark by N. T. Wright. Classes take place at 9:30 am. in the fellowship hall.

2024 Graduates – If you have anyone graduating this year from high school or college, please inform the church office. All graduates will be listed and members will be given a gift.

United Women in Faith will meet April 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor Program: Food To Feast On by Ruth Wickstrom

Zoomba; Zoom Meeting Wednesday April 17th Time: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m
Pastor Lisa, moderator; sponsored by UWF

St. Luke's Little Kicks Soccer Program will be back in action starting April 9th for 6 weeks. These little soccer players will be learning soccer fundamentals and teamwork. There will be two age groups 2-3 year olds and 4-6.
Kelly Rice, Evangelism/Communications

BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

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 David Wellman
April 13 Rebecca Rohlk
April 14 Holly Phillips
April 15 Roger Ball
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



The Werblow and Smart families gathered on March 10 for the Baptism of Lucille Virginia Werblow.

Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine

Prayers for our Military

The Kyle Family	The Beeckler Family
Gayle Rouse	Opal Holshouser
John & Joan Crawford	David & Bonnie Urbanski
Vernon King	James & Charlotte deKrafft
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs	Annie Davis
Deannie Reynolds	Peggy Uglow
The Jones Family	Mitch Glover & Family
Sennie Case	Margaret Anderson
Ronnie & Shirley Weade	Dan & Carol McSpadden
Scottie & Ray Kyle	

Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey, Larry Russell

Joys:

**The baptism of Lucille Virginia Werblow on
Sunday ,March 10, 2024**

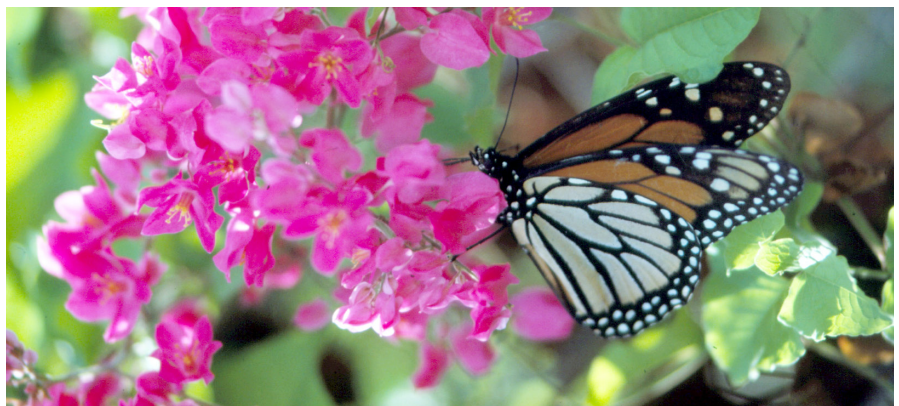
See our weekly Tuesday email for a complete listing of all prayer requests.

“Sorrow and Love flow mingled down”

Our sympathy is extended to Woody & Debbie Smart and family. Woody’s aunt, Mary Creasy, claimed the promise of the resurrection on March 4, 2024.

Our sympathy is extended to Jerry & Margaret Anderson and family. Margaret’s sister, Florence Smith, claimed the promise of the resurrection on March 5, 2024.

Our sympathy is extended to Renae & Tom Hedrick. Renae’s father claimed the promise of the resurrection on March 7, 2024. He was 101 years old!! . The Hedricks address is 6701 Southwalk Hts., Moseley, VA. 23120.



The Ovation Chorus This Spring Is

BROADWAY BOUND

Thursday, April 25 • 3:00 PM
Friday, April 26 • 7:30 PM

Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W. Huguenot Rd. • N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

Mark your calendar for the spring concert of the Ovation Chorus.

Jane Barto and Marcia Grubbs are members of this senior community chorus. Don't miss this concert of Broadway tunes from The Music Man, Annie, Gypsy, Phantom of the Opera, and more. Performances are Thursday, April 25 at 3:00 pm and Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm at Huguenot Road Baptist Church. — Marcia Grubbs, Worship



Thank You!

We wish to thank the Hall family for the donation of the lovely new banners which will enhance our worship experience throughout the year.



DONATE A
**CAKE
KIT**

TO THE BELMONT FOOD PANTRY

St. Luke's is collecting donations for the Belmont Food Pantry to create delicious cakes without eggs, oil, or water! You can donate individual items, or even put together a complete Cake Kit with the items below:

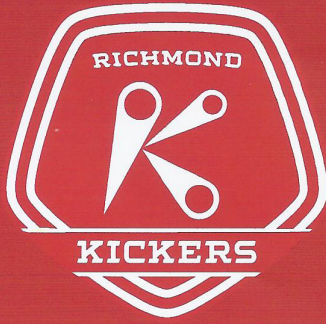
WHAT TO DONATE:

Cake mix of any flavor
Frosting
Candles
Sprinkles
12 oz cans of Sprite

EXTRAS:

Birthday paper plates
Streamers
Any birthday items that fit in a 9x13 aluminum foil pan with lid

LET'S MAKE SOMEONE'S BIRTHDAY DELICIOUS!



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St. Luke's Community

6 Week Spring Season

Cost: \$80

Classes meet on Tuesdays starting April 9TH

2y6m-3s 5:15-5:45 PM & 4-6yrs 5:50-6:20 PM

Please join the Facebook group for more info
www.facebook.com/groups/561666258494059



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AMY MACKENZIE (DIRECTOR)

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The Easter Bunny Hid Lots and Lots of Eggs,



we must be very special!



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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