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(Eph. 2:10)*

## Fall is Here: Christ is Here\*

The Fall season is upon us and the presence of Christ is all around. I have only been here 2 months and received so much love that I know "surely the presence of the Lord is in this place." My oldest son from Atlanta had an opportunity to visit and talked about how he felt welcomed. What wonderful examples of God's love and kindness.

The greatest example of God's love has been shown in the ministry of giving. During a meeting with the Young At Heart Ministry, Barbara Nunnally expressed wanting a place to give her deceased husband's clothes away. She was sincere about blessing others with his clothes. I remembered that Virginia State University needed clothes for their new clothes closet, which was developed by the students. The students needed business attire for interviews and formal events, so a closet was created. I told Barbara about this non-profit store for the students, and her response was quick. She met me with several suits, shoes, and formal wear to donate to the student's clothes closet. The place has the name, "Dream it Real Closets." She has made the dreams of many students come to life.

The Bible says, "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10) Yes, Christ is all around us because he is in every one of us. So, during this Fall season, be a do-gooder like Christ and others will know that we are Christians by our love.

Rev. Tracey B. Lyons

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## Fall Festival— October 5, 2024

We will have a busy day on October 5, 2024. There will be "Christmas in October" Please donate any Christmas items that you no longer use or no longer want. Also, we will have the Brunswick Stew Sale and a Bake sale . If you wish to donate a baked item or would prefer to donate money, please let Barbara or Leann Nunnally know. Brunswick Stew may be pre-ordered and cost of stew will be forthcoming. Mark the date on your calendar and join us for a fun day:



## Finance Committee Report

Saint Luke's Family, as your finance committee chair part of my responsibilities are to keep you informed about our church's financial standing.

As is always the case, the summer is our slowest season of the year for financial giving. Right now we need your help to meet our ongoing monthly expenses including utilities, staff salaries, and other routine expenses.

If you've fallen behind on meeting your estimated giving now would be a great time to catch up. Besides a check you can always make a contribution using the Give button at <https://www.stlukesrva.org/index.html>.

Thank you in advance for all you do for St. Luke's and those we serve.

Yours in Christ.  
Bill Brown

## Young at Heart

Young At Heart met on 8/14/24 with 12 in attendance. We watched The Ark DVD, we will contribute the remaining \$13. for the new computers. We had a salad lunch and dessert.

### The upcoming agenda is:

- 9/11** lunch,
- 10/24** no meeting,
- 11/13** Williamsburg-lunch at Chickahominy House
- 12/11** assemble treat bags for shuts-ins.

We gave Becky \$25. for the foods she provided. . We also discussed dry goods and canned goods for Belmont as well as Coats. Along with the Christmas Decorations Sale and Bake Sale we will be holding a raffle for a tub of Legos.

## United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Sept. 4, 2024 from 10:30-12:00 in the church parlor.

Program following this years UWF's theme Food ,Faith and Fellowship is entitled Food Deserts and Living Water

## 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/>

## JOYS:

**Congratulations** to Thomas & Maria Jones on the birth of their daughter, Cora Lee Jones. Heather & Ronnie are the proud grandparents.

**Congratulations** to Kevin Parrish and Danielle Sanders Parrish on their marriage. Kevin is the son of Judy Parrish.

**Congratulations** to Becky Heath on the birth of her twin granddaughters.

**A Ray and Scottie Kyle** wish to extend their appreciation to the St. Luke's family for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy during Ray's recent heart surgery and recovery and for the death of Scottie's mother, Sennie Case.

**Good News:** We have engaged the services of a new florist for our altar flowers. The cost for an arrangement on Sunday is now \$35.00. The sign-up calendar is on the bulletin board leading into the sanctuary. Please take a moment to see if the Sunday you would like is available and sign up on the Flower Calendar or call the church office (804-276-7000).

**Helpers are needed!** If you would like to help with the repairing of the shed , please let Wilmer, Clinton or Bobbie know. Hours - 9:00 am to mid- afternoon. All extra hands will be appreciated.



## BE INFORMED

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<http://www.vaumc.org>



## Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine

Prayers for our Military

Scottie & Ray Kyle

Opal Holshouser

Vernon King

Annie Davis

Peggy Uglow

Kip Barefoot

Roger Ball

Isabella Jones

Leanne Rohlk's daughter

David Plummer

Carolyn Beeckler and Family

David & Bonnie Urbanski

James & Charlotte deKrafft

Dan & Carol McSpadden

Brenda Burch (Clinton's sister)

Tara Biggs (Peggy Uglow's daughter)

Gayle Rouse

John & Joan Crawford

Wilmer & Phyllis Downs

Deannie Reynolds

The Jones Family

David Pummer

Ronnie & Shirley Weade

Kate Sykes

Doris Jenkins

### Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey, Larry Russell

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



## September Birthdays

September 4	Adam Bowman
September 6	Shirley Weade
September 7	Mary Wise
September 8	Jared Calfee
September 9	Brady Hart
September 12	Troy Gary
September 13	Linda Engel
September 14	Reg Whitton
September 15	Sydney Kaeser
September 16	James Papczynski
September 20	Dianne Johnson
	Douglas Lucas
September 21	Amanda Jones
September 24	Todd Gary
September 26	Sue Fussell
	Jesse Bowman
September 29	Heather Burnett Latham
	Tad McGonigle

## Anniversaries

September 2	Chris & Kathy Bowen
September 5	Steve & Terri Edwards
September 13	John & Joan Crawford
September 19	Chris & Haley deKrafft
September 26	Clinton & Shirley Gary
September 29	Pete & Mary Meador

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Fall Festival – October 5, 2024**



## “With Our Deepest Sympathy”

Our sympathy is extended to Scottie Kyle and family. Her mother, Sennie Case, claimed the promise of the resurrection on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Our sympathy is also extended to Steve Lohmann's family. Steve claimed the promise of the resurrection on Friday, August 16, 2024. The Lohmann's are friends of Ibbie Smith.

Our sympathy is extended to John Peters and family. His wife, Kay, claimed the promise of the resurrection on August 14, 2024.

# Preschool

Preschool begins Tuesday, September 3rd!



We celebrate Shirley Gary's 40th year with the preschool and Robin Payne's 25th year teaching!

We still have 2 openings in our Junior Kindergarten class. We are offering free September tuition for anyone who enrolls in that class! This class is for older 4's/young 5's and meets M-Th, 9:30-2:00. Share our preschool post regarding the opening to spread the word!

Virginia State University's

## "DREAM IT REAL CLOSETS"



Students needed business attire for interviews and formal events, so a non-profit closet was created.



*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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## Important Dates — Mark Your Calendar:

**September 1** - 1:30-6:00 p.m. Church of the Nazarene

**September 2** – Labor Day (Church Office will be closed)

**September 3** – First day of Preschool

**September 4** – 10:30 am. Women in Faith Meeting

**September 6** – 7:30-9:30 am – Nazarene Church meets in sanctuary

**September 7** – 8:30-11:30 am – Morning Prayer Service in sanctuary

**September 8** - 1:30-6:00 p.m. Church of the Nazarene

**September 10** -7 pm – Finance Committee Meeting by zoom

**September 11** – 10:30 am – Young at Heart meeting – Fellowship Hall

**September 14** – 4:00-6:00 pm – Nazarene Church Band Practice

**September 15** - 1:30-6:00 p.m. Church of the Nazarene

September 17 – 7 pm – Administrative Council Meeting by zoom

September 18 - 11:00 am. – Women in Faith Zoomba Meeting

September 21-30 – Pastor Tracey on Educational Tour with Va. Conference

**September 21** – 4:00-6:00 pm – Nazarene Church Band Practice

**September 22** - 1:30-6:00 p.m. Church of the Nazarene

**September 28** – 4:00-6:00 pm – Nazarene Church Band Practice

**September 29** - 1:30-6:00 p.m. Church of the Nazarene



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