



## *The Spirit of Love in February*

This season I have enjoyed my family and my church family. It is nice to be around people who uplift you with a kind smile and baked cookies. It all ties in with the series I am preaching on, the Fruit of the Spirit, and LOVE is the greatest one.

February seems to be the month of love. With couples expressing their love on Valentine's Day and our loving a favorite football team with Souper Bowl Sunday, love is the conversation. Paul reminds us in 1 John 3:18, "My children, let us not love with words or in talk only. Let us love by what we do and in truth." NLT Yes, love is not just mere talk; it is also what we do. In what better way can we love than by showing it?

And Saint Luke's has been a church that shows tremendous love, from the gift bags to the homebound through the Young At Heart ministry, to the collection of food for the Belmont Food Pantry, from supporting the Evening Bible School for kids. With the many prayers said for those needing God's assistance, St Luke's has poured out love on its members and its surrounding community. Pat yourselves on the back! These kudos are not so that we can rest on our laurels, but it is a push to increase our love for our church through continued support of the ministries here at St. Luke's UMC.

There is always room for more LOVE.

*This month, on February 28th, my son, Joseph Louis Lyons, III and Shafia Tarig will be expressing their love for each other here at St. Luke's. I'm excited about this new beginning for them. Keep this union in your prayers.*

Pastor Tracey B Lyons

### **From the Treasurer's Office**

Much thanks to every one of you for your financial support this past year. Our goal for the "End of the Year Campaign" was \$30,000. We actually received \$38,000. Our church has been so blessed with these gifts from our members and friends. Please continue this year to remember St. Luke's with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. When you think about your gifts, please be aware that the church's expenses increase all the time just as they do at your house. Your church is hoping and praying that each of you has a healthy and prosperous 2025.



## “With Our Deepest Sympathy”

Please remember Gene Seamster and Family in your prayers. Susan Seamster claimed the promise of the resurrection on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Please remember the family of Annie Davis in your prayers. Annie claimed the promise of the resurrection on Monday, January 20, 2025.

## 2025 Programs at Westview!

Westview on the James is pleased to offer summer camp, retreat opportunities, and school-year programs again in 2025! This year, summer camp sessions are available for rising Kindergarten through rising 12th graders. New programs are available for high school-aged youth! Folks at least 15 years old are eligible to join the summer staff team and make a difference in the lives of children this summer. Groups as small as 12 and as large as 250 can find space to retreat and connect with God, creation, and their communities. Families and friends can enjoy camp together at Camptoberfest, and we finish the year with our annual Winter Camp. There is something for everyone at Westview on the James where Camp Times are the Best of Times!

Please click on the button below to access the 2025 WOTF catalog. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please email [gomez@westviewonthejames.org](mailto:gomez@westviewonthejames.org) or call 804-650-2294.

### Thank you –

**The St. Luke’s office staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous remembrance of the staff at Christmas.**

**Thanks to everyone who donated turkeys and coats for Belmont Food Pantry. We donated 23 turkeys and 2 coats. What a blessing to be able to help those in need!**

### 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/>

**United Women in Faith** will meet Feb 5th at 10:30 a.m. Important business meeting Program: Heart’s Desire ( be ready to share a heartfelt story, experience or valentine)

UWF will also be joining Young At Heart Feb. 12th at 10:00a.m. for an activity with some of the Preschool Children

**Young At Heart** had no meeting in January. We will meet on 2/12/25 and invite the older class of pre-school to join us for making Valentines or coloring and talking with an older adult not related to them. Currently unclear what we will do in March. Thank you

**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).

**Estimate of Giving Cards –** If you have not turned in your estimate of giving cards, you still have an opportunity to do so. You may call Margaret Anderson (804-276-7000) in the church office and she will be glad to fill it out for you.

**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

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

# Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine  
Prayers for our Military

<b>John &amp; Joan Crawford</b>	<b>Bonnie Urbanski</b>
<b>James &amp; Charlotte deKrafft</b>	<b>Leanne Rohlk's daughter</b>
<b>Deannie Reynolds</b>	<b>Doris Jenkins</b>
<b>Bob Hall</b>	<b>Ronnie &amp; Shirley Weade</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Andrea Brown</b>	<b>Isabella Jones</b>
<b>Ray Jenkins</b>	
<b>Brenda Burch (Clinton Gary's sister)</b>	
<b>Wilmer &amp; Phyllis Downs</b>	
<b>Our Military</b>	
<b>Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey, Larry Russell</b>	

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

## Important Dates — February 2025

February 1, 2025	8:30-11:30 am – Church of the Nazarene – Morning Prayer
February 2, 2025	9:30 am. – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am. – Worship Service 1:30-6:00 pm – Church of the Nazarene
February 4, 2025	4:45-5:15 – Little Dancing Stars
February 5, 2025	10:30 am. – Women In Faith
February 7, 2025	10:00-2:00pm. – Home Schooling 7:30-9:30- Nazarene Church
February 8, 2025	4:00-6:00 pm – Nazarene Church – Band Practice
February 9, 2025	9:30 am. – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service 1:30-6:00pm – Church of the Nazarene
February 11, 2025	4:45-5:15 – Little Dancing Stars 7:00 pm – Finance Committee – Zoom
February 12, 2025	10:30 am. Young at Heart
February 14, 2025	10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling 7:30-9:30 – Nazarene Church
February 15, 2025	4:00-6:00 pm – Band Practice – Church of the Nazarene
February 16, 2025	9:30 am. – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service 1:30-6:00 pm – Church of the Nazarene
February 18, 2025	4:45-5:15 pm – Little Dancing Stars 7:00 pm – Administrative Council Meeting, Zoom
February 21, 2025	10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling 10:00 am – Quilting 7:30-9:30 pm – Nazarene Church
February 23, 2025	9:30am. – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am. – Worship Service 1:30-6:00 pm. – Church of the Nazarene
February 25, 2025	4:45-5:15 pm- Little Dancing Stars
February 28, 2025	10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling 7:30-9:30 pm – Nazarene Church

**March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service** – 1:00 pm (Mark your calendar)

# February Birthdays

February 1	Becky Jenkins C. W. Rice Jason Williams
February 2	Randi Hayes
February 5	Kevin Russell Stephanie Burnett
February 6	Gayle Rouse Ashley Driskill Nikki Driskill
February 8	Sean Wythe
February 10	Katie Haley Katherine Stefi Harris Cole Rice
February 12	Carolyn Beeckler
February 15	Tom Proffitt
February 17	Robert Hall Rebecca Heath Tee Leigh
February 19	Andrea Brown Betty Hubble Justin Burnett
February 20	Maria Proffitt Wayne Johnson
February 22	Scottie Kyle
February 24	Mary Nell Kloss
February 25	Thelma Edwards Rachel Jenkins Cook Sofia Lorenzo Bruce Anderson Stewart Ball
February 28	Pam Coleman



**The quilting group is meeting again on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.**



# The Annual UMM Christmas Dinner



*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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