

*"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations."*  
(Gen. 17:4-5)

## It's Good to be a Father

In June, we will celebrate Father's Day. What a wonderful time to be a father. Fathers can now go into the maternity room with their spouse when their baby is born. In years past, they could not. Fathers can be breadwinners or stay-at-home dads. In some companies, fathers get six weeks of maternity leave with the mother. It can be a time of great joy and also a stressful time trying to navigate in today's society.

So, my hat goes off to fathers. They have been guiding lights, and a strong rock to lean on, and we acknowledge your sacrifice, your unwavering love, and your support throughout the years. The Bible showcases Abraham as the father of many nations. In the Bible, God makes a covenant with Abraham, *"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations."* (Gen. 17:4-5)

And Abraham indeed became the father of many nations." With this promise to Abraham also came many blessings. These blessings are extended to fathers today. Yes, children are a gift from God, so the title "Father" is a blessing. Every man doesn't have that title. Yes, you are blessed to be called, Father, and we are blessed to have you in our lives. Happy Father's Day to all the esteemed fathers at St. Luke's UMC. You deserve your special day and more.

Pastor Tracey

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## The Pastor's report is a highlight of activities completed in the previous months:

### April

- Met with DS and other Clergy. The DS would like Lay Servants and Pastor to focus on Evangelism and a weekly Dinner for Community Outreach
- Visited members in homes and in facilities
- Chapel Time with Pre-schoolers
- Attended Young at Heart
- EBS-Evening Bible School- Theme- He is Risen! It was successful.
- Successful Maundy Service, Sunrise Service, and Easter Service
- Joined Soul Feast with the Bishop and others-Monthly Work shops on Pastoral Care



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### May

- Chapel Time with Pre-schoolers
- Said farewell to LaMia Garth our EBS assistant and a VSU senior student, Devyn Nobles
- Visited members in homes and in facilities
- Soul Feast with the Bishop and others-Monthly Work shops on Pastoral Care
- Meetings with several committees
- Attended Women of Faith
- Successful Mother's Day-flowers for all Mother's and gifts for the youngest and the oldest Mother
- Successful Tea on May 17th with 64 attending.
- Participating in Preschool Graduation

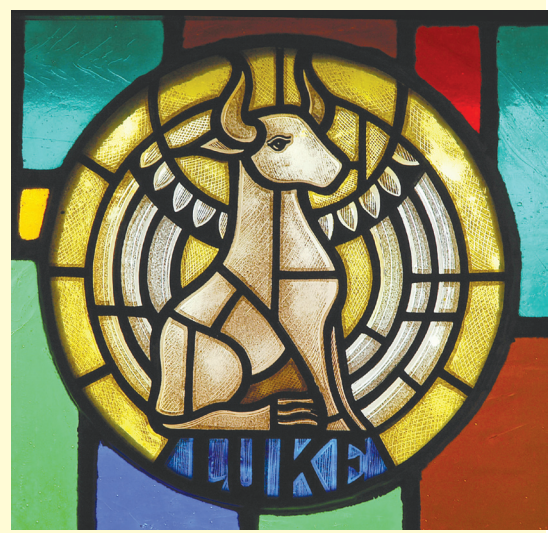
### Upheld in our Prayers

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

John & Joan Crawford	Bonnie Urbanski
Doris Jenkins	Dan and Carol McSpadden
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs	Bill & Andrea Brown
Deannie Reynolds	Shirley & Ronnie Weade

**Our Military**  
Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

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



**United Women in Faith** Women in Faith and Young at Heart Will meet June 4 at 10:00 a.m. to assemble UMCOR Hygiene Kits. Thank You to All who helped with this mission project.



On Easter Sunday this beautiful flower adorned cross welcomed all to our Easter Sunday Service.



### "With Our Deepest Sympathy"

Our sympathy is extended to the Munford family.  
Janice Munford claimed the promise of the resurrection  
on Saturday, May 3, 2025.  
Jancie is the sister-in-law of Margaret Anderson.

### 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://www.facebook.com/share/162y11mMZw/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

### BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>



Last month we had an article for Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week and because of space restrictions we had to reduce the pictures in order to include them all. That included this picture of the very people we were honoring so, I chose to include this photo again in appreciation of our Preschool Teachers.

## Father's Day June 15, 2025

What do you give to a Father who has everything?  
Remember your father or a special man this Father's Day by dedicating the burning of a special Father's Day Candle. Names will be listed in the bulletin to honor/remember a special man in your life. (\$10.00 per name).

Name of person making this dedication:

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Name/names of man/men to be listed:

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Please check one:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline June 1, 2025**

**(\$10.00 per name)**



On your check indicate Father's Day Candle Burning and all proceeds will go towards United Methodist Missions and Ministries.

**Shirley Gary - Office Manager**  
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## St. Luke's Calendar Important Dates — June 2025

June 1	9:30 am. – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
June 2-5	9:00-12:00 Noon – Preschool Summer Camp
June 4	10:30 am – Women In Faith
June 5	7:15 pm – Choir Practice
June 8	9:30 am. – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
June 9-12	9:00-12:00 Noon – Preschool Summer Camp
June 10	7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom
June 11	10:30 am – Young at Heart
June 11-14	Pastor Tracey & Bill Brown will be at Va. Annual Conf.-Roanoke
June 12	7:15 pm – Choir Practice
June 15	9:30 am. – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
June 17	7:00 pm – Administrative Council Meeting by Zoom
June 19	7:15 pm – Choir Practice
June 20	10:00-12:00 Noon – Quilting
June 22	9:30 am. – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
June 26	7:15 pm – Choir Practice
June 29	9:30 am. – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service





# Vacation Bible School

This year we are partnering with St. Mark's United Methodist Church by partnering with St. Mark's we will have more children and less staff required from St. Luke's.

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for

**July 21st - 24th, 6p.m.-8p.m.**

**The theme is "Road Trip".**



**Volunteer Code**



**Participant Code**

If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please use the **volunteer registration QR Code** included here.

If you want to be a participant please use the QR code for **Participant Registration** included here.

**Our "Royal Tea" fundraiser was a BIG success and a WHOLE LOT of FUN!!!**







## Church of the Nazarene Calendar Important Dates — June 2025

Jun 1	1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service 5:00-6:30 after service fellowship Anniversary of church dinner
Jun 2	Report figures to Shirley
Jun 6	7:00-9:30 Discipleship class
Jun 7	8:00-11:30am Morning Prayer
Jun 8	1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service 5:30-7:30 Board meeting once a month
Jun 9	Report figures to Shirley
Jun 13,	7:00-9:30 Discipleship class
Jun 14,	4:00-6:00 Band Practice
Jun 15,	1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
Jun 16,	Report figures to Shirley
Jun 20,	7:00-9:30 Discipleship class
Jun 21,	4:00-6:00 Marriage conference
Jun 22,	1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service 5:00-5:30 meeting with deacons
Jun 23,	Report figures to Shirley
Jun 27,	7:00-10:30pm Prayer service at end of month
Jun 28	4:00-6:00 Band Practice
Jun 29,	1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
Jun 30,	Report figures to Shirley



*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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## June Birthdays

June 4	Richard Sineath
June 5	Shannon Bridgeman
June 6	Michele Hart
June 8	Betsy Russell Bonnie Gold Joan Varner
June 9	Marcia Grubbs Karen Courtney Bonnie Urbanski Haley deKrafft
June 12	Andrew Rohlk
June 14	Jean Martin
June 16	Emily Anderson Rose Kessler
June 18	Sophie Wise
June 22	Ashley Worner
June 24	Carson Barefoot
June 25	Mitch Glover Lia deKrafft
June 28	Mary Meador Amber Gardner
June 29	Kathy Gardner
June 30	Dennis Haley Doris Jenkins

## Anniversaries

June 6	E.W. and Linda Toney
June 9	William and Andrea Brown
June 12	Jim and Marcia Grubbs
June 14	Brian & Rachel Kaeser Paul & Colleen Cassada
June 18	Bobby and Deannie Reynolds
June 19	Jerry & Margaret Anderson Wayne and Katie Haley
June 22	Kevin & Tee Leigh
June 24	Roger and Beth Ball

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