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and be watchful with  
thanksgiving.”*

*Colossians 4:2 (MEV):*

## Evening Bible School Prayers

We launched the fall season with a joyful Evening Bible School. The children arrived full of excitement, eager to explore the different rotations of games, stories, food, art, and music. I had the privilege of teaching them about God's creation of the heavens and the earth. The lesson truly came alive when we imagined ourselves aboard a great ship, sailing back in time to when the earth was first being formed and the Garden of Eden was our home. Can you picture it? As our imaginary ship set sail, the beautiful decorations designed by Becky Jenkins carried us deeper into the experience. She transformed our space into a jungle filled with swinging monkeys and vibrant, exotic birds. Among them was a bird named Eden, reminding us of God's first garden. The children swayed like waves against the ship, fully engaged in the adventure. While the evening was filled with wonderful food prepared by Bobbie and Rhea, one of the most meaningful moments came from the prayer cards displayed around the sanctuary. This inspiring idea, introduced by our Pre-school Director, gave everyone the chance to take a card, write a prayer, and exchange it with another. What a powerful reminder of the importance of praying for one another! As Scripture teaches in Colossians 4:2 (MEV): “Continue in prayer, and be watchful with thanksgiving.” In times like these, prayer gives us hope, strength, and the assurance that God is always with us. At the end of the evening, when parents arrived to pick up their children, they were also invited to complete a prayer card. Many participated, and soon the line was filled with prayers lifted to God on behalf of families, friends, and our community. Our goal is to keep this practice alive, faithfully praying for every request. Our next Evening Bible School will be held on October 30.

Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

Pastor Tracey

## From The Office of the Treasurer

It's the end of summer and even though the weather is still warm, we are beginning to look forward to Autumn and holiday celebrations in the church. Plans are being made for a Fall Festival and the United Methodist Men are making a stew. The whole community loves our stew and a good deal of it has been a pre-sold. So many things to look forward to. On behalf of the Finance Committee, St. Luke's Church is so appreciative of the gifts we have received from our members and friends that have permitted us to pay the bills so far in 2025. Thank you for being such a loving dedicated church family. Please have a bright and beautiful autumn season as we look forward to the holidays.

## World Communion Sunday

Every year United Methodists join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture. We are united in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). The tradition was begun in 1933 by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA and spread to other denominations by 1940. World Communion Sunday is a designated Special Sunday in the United Methodist Church.

## Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be held on October 6, 2025, 7:00 pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 11551 Lucks Lane, Midlothian, VA. 23114. Please try to attend. If you have never attended a Charge Conference, you will find it very informative.



### United Women in Faith

WILL NOT MEET on Oct. 1st, instead Will meet with the Young at Heart on Wednesday Oct. 8th at 10:00 a.m. to help in preparations for the Fall Festival on October 11th  
UWF will meet Nov. 4th for their regular Meeting

YAH (Young at Heart) met on 9/10 with 6 participants doing splatter and picturesque canvas painting. We then went to lunch. YAH and United Women in Faith will meet together on 10/8 to help set up for the book sale etc. on 10/11/25.



## 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>

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## Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine

Prayers for our Military

John & Joan Crawford

Doris Jenkins

Wilmer & Phyllis Downs

Deannie Reynolds

Bobbie Strum

Zeb and Hazel Saunders

Dan and Carol McSpadden

Bill & Andrea Brown

Shirley & Ronnie Weade

Pat and Ken Knust

### Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

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



## "With Our Deepest Sympathy"

Our sympathy is expressed to  
Rose Kessler's family.

Rose claimed the promise of the resurrection  
on Thursday, September 11, 2025

## Thank You Keith!!

Thanks to – Keith Miller who trimmed the branches of the crepe myrtle off the roof and trimmed the branches from the sidewalk. What an example of Christian love.

## October Birthdays

October 21	Ronnie Weade Clay Morris
October 3	Leanne Rohlk
October 5	Barbara Nunnally Jacob Proffitt Matt Strum
October 7	Rose Hudson
October 11	Rhea Calfee Terri Edwards
October 12	Addison Rice
October 14	Joe Lyons
October 15	Meghan Gary
October 19	Roger Frankey
October 26	Rosemarie Adkins
October 29	Andrew Russell
October 30	Samantha Jones

## Anniversaries

October 5	C.W. & Kelly Rice
October 11	Keith and Kay Callis
October 16	Steve & Nancy Taylor
October 23	Ray and Becky Jenkins
October 27	Lee & Tammy Morris
October 29	Bob & Barbara Armstrong
October 30	Wayne & Dianne Johnson





# Fall FESTIVAL

## October, 11, 2025

### 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

# United Methodist Men's Famous and DELICIOUS Brunswick STEW!!

HOT DOGS AND DRINKS FOR SALE TOO

FUN GAMES FOR KIDS  
BAKE SALE – USED BOOK SALE  
ADOPT A STUFFED ANIMAL



*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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## St. Luke's Calendar Important Dates — October 2025

October 1	10:30 am – United Women in Faith ; 7:15 pm – Choir Practice
October 3	Home Schooling – 10:00-2:00 pm
October 5	9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
October 6	10:10 – 10:15 – Preschool Chapel 7:00 pm – Cluster Charge Conference St. Mark's UMC
October 7	10:00-10:15 – Preschool Chapel
October 8	7:15 pm – Choir Practice
October 11	10:00-3:00 pm – Fall Festival & Men's Brunswick Stew
October 12	9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
October 13	Columbus Day
October 14	7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meet by Zoom
October 15	10:30 am – Coloring with the Spirit
October 19	9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
October 20	10:00-10:15 –Preschool Chapel
October 21	10:00-10:15 -Preschool Chapel
October 24	10:00-12:00 Noon – Quilting Group
October 26	9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
October 27	6:30 pm – United Methodist Men's Meeting
October 30	5:30-7:30 pm – Evening Bible School

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



October 3	All day 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
October 4	All day 5:30-7:30 board meeting once a month 8:00-11:30am Morning Prayer
October 5	All day 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
October 6,	Report figures to Shirley
October 10	7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
October 11	4:00-6:00 Band Practice
October 12	All day 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service 5:30-7:30 Board meeting once a month
October 13	Report figures to Shirley
October 17	7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
October 18	4:00-6:00 Band Practice
October 19	1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service 5:00-5:30 meeting with deacons
October 20	Report figures to Shirley
October 24	7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
October 25	4:00-6:00 Band Practice
October 26	All day 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
October 27	Report figures to Shirley
October 31	Frl - All day 7:00-10:30pm prayer service at end of month