

*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.*

*John 13:12-14*

## "As I Have Served You..."

After Christmas comes the season of Epiphany, in which we see and recognize our newborn King. And after Lent comes Easter, in which we see and recognize the Glory of the Risen Lord.

While some may think of this as a spectator event, in which we watch and look around us for the presence of our King, one who suffered, died and was raised, I think not.

Our theological response to the resurrection should be not unlike our God's response to our need for salvation, which He sent in Jesus Christ. It is one of action and help. Christ gave up heaven and incarnated (literally "in flesh-ed") salvation for us, being born of Mary, so that we might be saved. Just as Christ embodied salvation for our sakes, so we are to embody our saving Lord, that others might find in and through us an invitation to their salvation, too.

In the words of the children's hymn, "This little light of mine (the light of salvation), I'm going to let it shine!" That means that we conduct ourselves—in our words and actions, in a way that reflects the glory of our Risen Lord. We cannot be aware enough that all we do as followers of Jesus reflects on others' impressions of the Christ whom we follow.

Let us be like Jesus who, though he was the Son of God, knelt down to wash the feet of his disciples. In our church, how regularly we are inspired to such service, by those who very literally and very faithfully serve others at Safe Haven Shelter. Ibbie Smith and Katie Haley lead this tradition of service in our congregation. Joining them twice a month is a team of volunteers who serve, prepare and transport meals to the residents of Safe Haven.

What a cause for rejoicing, that on February 5, 2018, our St. Luke's Safe Haven Team was surprised by someone who had noticed the bright light of Christ shining in them. Susan Sekerke, the Advancement Coordinator for the Daily Planet Health Services, was waiting, plaque in hand, to celebrate the 3,500 meals served by St. Luke's through this DPHS Breaking Bread Program. What big things a little church can do; what a big heart this little church has!

The St. Luke's team was surprised and joyful, to realize that they had made such a difference in the lives of others. What a great illustration of how we are to live in the light of a resurrected Lord.

Let us enter into the season of New Life, with new energy and a renewed commitment to follow Christ by serving others, even as he has served us. May your Light Shine!



*Katie Haley and Ibbie Smith hold the certificate of appreciation that was presented to St. Luke's by DPHS Breaking Bread Program. The Certificate reads as follows;*

*Certificate of Appreciation awarded to: St. Luke's United Methodist Church for Serving 3500 meals through DPHS Breaking Bread Program. Awarded the 5th day of February, 2018. Presented by Susan Sekerke, Advancement Coordinator Daily Planet Health services.*

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Lisa



## Pastor Lisa Lauds UMW Ladies And Their Notable Accomplishment

The United Methodist Women at St. Luke's have started a trend: turning plastic grocery bags into mats for homeless veterans! The ladies asked for donations of bags and were overwhelmed as the church and community responded to their request. Boxes of bags even arrived by mail as the project was featured on the church Facebook page. Then, the UMW started recruiting friends and community members to help crochet the abundant supply into something missional. The mats they crochet are durable and warm to sleep on. This small group of ladies has begun a big and wonderful mission project, which is spreading. Who knew there was a godly purpose for those ole plastic bags?

The latest update from UMW President Shirley Jones is this: "With Pastor Lisa having blessed the first batch of UMW mats, preparations are being made for their delivery in early April to homeless veterans in the Richmond, VA area."?



## A Warm Welcome

A WARM WELCOME to Brad and Elizabeth Butler and Scarlett; Savannah, who will come in on Pentecost; and new member Joan Bowker. Leah and Pastor Lisa add their support.

## SPECIAL THANKS...

**TO OUR DEDICATED MEMORIAL & FELLOWSHIP MEAL HELPERS** who so willingly give of their time and talents in planning and preparation for those touched by the loss of loved ones, as well as the special occasions for the church congregation.

**TO KARLA LACY AND ALL WHO HELPED** come HUGE thanks for braving inclement weather and cold March winds to tidy up the church flower beds, shrubs and lawn for Easter. What a lovely difference you made! Our hats are off to all of you!

## Preschool Kid-aroo Kids Yard Sale

Donate or shop at the Preschool Kid-aroo Kids Yard Sale on Saturday, April 21st from 8 am-1 pm. All proceeds will help with the significant expenses of recent bathroom and classroom repairs due to a major leak. We are also having a bake sale. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to donate baked goods or volunteer to work the bake sale (9 am-1 pm). Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
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## Graduates

If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please inform the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Please Note:

**Pastor Lisa will be on vacation April 2-11. If you need a pastor while she is away, contact the church office for the clergy person on-call.**

## BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

## On Sunday, April 29th

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, come celebrate with our preschool! Meet our preschool families and the great staff of teachers. Stay after worship for a picnic, a petting zoo, and field day games. The church will provide hot dogs. Please bring a cold dish to share.

## Schedule for Music Ministry of St. Luke's UMC

**Sunday - April 1, 2018** - Easter brass to warm-up at 9:15. Easter handbells to practice with brass at 9:40. Sanctuary choir to practice with handbells and brass at 9:50.

**Tuesday - April 3, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday - April 4, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - April 8, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday - April 10, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday - April 11, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - April 15, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday - April 17, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday - April 18, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - April 22, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday - April 24, 2018** - Handbell choir rehearse in the sanctuary - 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday - April 25, 2018** - Sanctuary choir rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Sunday - April 29, 2018** - Mallet-percussion choir rehearse in music office - 9:15 - 9:45. Sanctuary choir to assist in leadership of the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

## Birthdays

April 1	Emmett Jones
April 2	Roland Fussell
April 4	Wayne Jenkins Melissa Moore
April 6	Ruth Wickstrom Winnie Brown
April 7	Stella Jones
April 8	Nancy Taylor
April 10	Rebecca Morris Susan Reed Andrew Gold
April 12	David Wellman Roger Ball
April 13	Rebecca Rohlk
April 14	Holly Phillips
April 15	Ray Jenkins Richard Jenkins
April 17	Shirley Gary
April 18	Heather Jones
April 19	Steven Edwards
April 24	Chris Bowen
April 26	Jane Barto
April 28	Keith Miller

## 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

## Fellowship, Friendship and The 55TH Anniversary of St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Sunday May 20th 2018.

Invite a friend and introduce them to a great church. Peter Moon, District Superintendent, will be the guest preacher. A covered dish lunch will follow worship with fried chicken provided by the church. Please make plans to celebrate this milestone!

## Upheld in our Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Please keep in prayer our confirmands:

Sam Kaeser, Savannah O'Connell, Sophia Lorenzo & Autumn Papczynski.

Jane Barto

Dave Hay

TJ Tucker

Wilmer Downs

Marie Goodwyn

Courtney Amick

Opal Holshouser

Doris Courtney

Hope Russell

Andrew Schaeffer

Cheri Armstrong

David Plummer

Jack Parsons

Jean Richardson

Raymond Fayle

Margaret Tucker

Cheryl Nester

Dean Smith

Barbara Stone

Donna Kaeser

Wayne Kinney

Gayle McGonigle

Kerry & Brian Myers

Our Military

Robbie Bowen

Aaron Frankey

Holden Russell

## "Sorrow and Love flow mingled down"

We extend our love and sympathy to Heather Jones and family. Heather's mother, Wanda Skein, claimed the promise of the resurrection on March 11, 2018.

We extend our love and sympathy to Kelly and C.W. Rice upon the passing of Kelly's great aunt Erma Robins on March 23rd. Mrs. Robins was 95.

## Irma Robins dies at 95, she and her husband donated land for St. Luke's United Methodist Church



ROBINS, Erma Catron, 95, of Chesterfield, Va., formerly of Wythe County, Va., went to be with our Heavenly Father March 23, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Robins; and her daughter, Nancy (Robins) Lindsey. She is survived by two sons, Randolph Robins of N.C. and Paul (Debbie) Robins of Powhatan, Va.; two grandchildren, Chris (Lindsey) Robins and Kalyne (Eric) Holland; two great-grandchildren, Logan Williams and Rosabell Robins; with Holland baby due in August 2018, along with many nieces, nephews,

cousins and friends. Erma graduated from Rural Retreat High School, West Virginia Business College and Radford Women's Division of V.P.I. She met her husband at Virginia Tech, where they married September 11, 1948. They shared more than 42 years of marriage before his passing in 1991. She served from 1964 to 1970 as a trustee for the Public Library System for Chesterfield County. She helped organize the first "Friends of the Library" in 1970, where a room has been dedicated to her at the LaPrade Library. Erma was a volunteer at Johnston-Willis Hospital for 15 years. She and her husband were the developers of Falling Creek Farms Subdivision. Being community-minded, they donated land for St. Luke's Methodist Church and helped found it. They donated and started Falling Creek Farms Swimming Pool with the help of close friends and neighbors. Erma was a long-time member of Providence Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was truly loved and will be missed with great sadness. A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 8, 2018, officiated by Reverend Derrick Parson, at Providence Methodist Church, 901 S. Providence Rd., N. Chesterfield, Va. 23231. There will be visitation at 2 p.m., followed by memorial service at 3 p.m., with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Providence Methodist Church. "Fly High to our loved ones that have gone before us and embrace the sweet reunions that there will be."





## Calendar Dates:

- April 1 No youth group or confirmation  
April 8 No youth group or confirmation  
April 15 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Youth Sunday  
Practice & Confirmation Class  
April 22 10:30 am – 11:30 am Youth Sunday @ St. Luke's  
April 28 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Youth Pool Cleaning  
April 29 10:30 am – 11:30 am Youth Sunday @ LCOS

## Announcements:

The youth group is conducting a fundraiser to meet travel expenses for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in June. Anyone wishing to contribute can pick up an envelope from the youth board in the church hallway. The envelopes range in denomination from \$10 - 60. Your donation can be left in the church offering plate and is tax deductible. We are so grateful for contributions that have been collected and thank you for the continued support of our youth.

Youth Sunday is at the end of April! We will have a service at St. Luke's on April 22 and LCOS on April 29. The youth will be preparing and practicing for this service throughout the month.

It's almost summer and Falling Creek Farms pool will open in May. The youth will be assisting members of our community in getting the pool cleaned out and ready for the season. It is a very dirty, exhausting job but the youth do it with joy and their help is greatly appreciated.

### 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-Methodist-Church-486188658201339/>

## To The Congregation:

Everyone is welcome to submit items to the monthly Church newsletter. If you write an article or send an item, please be sure to send it to our newsletter editor Karen Courtney. She oversees, edits and logs submissions so we know all articles are included. Once all items for an edition are received, they go to Richard Jenkins, our Graphic artist, who shares his wonderful artistic talents producing the newsletter. You can help our process by directing your written submissions to: vkarenc@verizon.net.

## Prayers for Our Confirmands

Prayers for our confirmands: Sam, Sophia, Savannah and Autumn as they complete confirmation class in May. If they choose to make their own profession of faith at the end of this time of study and growth, both confirmation and the sacrament of baptism, for those not already baptized, will be celebrated on May 20 as part of our Anniversary Service. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Peter Moon will preach and share in performing the rite of confirmation and the sacrament of baptism. Hallelujah!



Pastor Lisa leads the children in a triumphphant march around the Nave on Palm Sunday



# KID-AROO SPRING SALE

**8:00 a.m.- 1:00 pm**

Hop on over on April 21<sup>st</sup> to St. Luke's Preschool's first kid-centric spring sale. Get rid of your unwanted children's items and shop for gently used items for you little one.

We will have food items available for purchase as well as a silent auction from 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. with exciting family friendly items.

Donations will be accepted in the form of Gently Used children's clothing from size infant to youth 14, toys, children's furniture and room décor, sports equipment, shoes, baby gear, books, puzzles, and dvd's.

All proceeds go towards the renovation of the downstairs classroom that was affected by the leak.

Sale open to the public, but Friday pre-sale will be available to parent volunteers for the day of the event.

Contact Rebecca Morris with any questions at [rmorris@tidewaterairfilters.com](mailto:rmorris@tidewaterairfilters.com)

## Sunday, April 1 (EASTER)

7:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service- Pastor Lisa preaching

7:30 am - Breakfast  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am - Easter Sunday Service (No Communion)  
Pastor Lisa preaching  
No Youth or Confirmation

## Monday, April 2

4:45 pm-6:45 pm  
Safe Haven  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Boy & Cub Scouts  
(F.H. & all rooms upstairs)

## Tuesday, April 3

7:00 pm-8:15 pm  
Adult Hand Bell Practice (S)

## Wednesday, April 4

10:00 am-12:00 noon  
Susannah Wesley Circle (F.H.)  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Girl Scouts -Troop 337 (B)  
7:30 pm-8:45 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M.R. & S)

## Thursday, April 5

7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
NAMI (Parlor)

## Sunday, April 8

Ray Kyle preaching  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am-12:30 pm  
Finance Committee (P)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm

NO Youth or Confirmation

## Monday, April 9

7:00-8:30 pm  
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts  
(Entire Building)

## Tuesday, April 10

7:00 pm-8:15 pm  
Adult Hand Bell Practice (S)

## Wednesday, April 11

10:00 am-12 noon  
Young at Heart (F.H.)  
5:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M.R. & S)

## Thursday, April 12

6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
NAMI (Parlor)

## Friday, April 13

9:00 am-12 noon  
Quilting Group (F.H.)

## Sunday, April 15

(Hymn Sing)  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Administrative Council (F.H.)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Youth (F.H.)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Confirmation Class

## Monday, April 16

10:30 am-10:45 am  
Preschool Chapel (S)  
4:45pm-6:45 pm  
Safe Haven  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts  
(entire building)

## Tuesday, April 17

10:05 am-10:30 am  
Preschool Chapel (S)  
7:00 pm-8:15 pm  
Adult Hand Bell Practice (S)

## Wednesday, April 18

Girl Scout Troop 337 (B)  
7:30 pm - 8:45 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

## Thursday, April 19

10:00 am-10:30 am  
Preschool - Mr. Bateman (F.H.)  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
NAMI (P)

## Sunday, April 22

(Youth Sunday)  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship (S)  
11:30 am Shepherds' Meeting (P)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Youth (F.H.)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Confirmation Class

## Monday, April 23

10:30 am-10:45 am  
Preschool Chapel (S)  
6:30 pm UMM (F.H.)  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts  
(entire building)

## Tuesday, April 24

12:30-2:00 pm  
Teacher Luncheon (F.H.)  
3:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Adult Hand Bell Practice (S)

## Wednesday, April 25

7:30 pm-8:45 p.m.  
Chancel Choir (S)

## Thursday, April 26

6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
NAMI (P)

## Friday, April 27

9:00 am-12 noon  
Quilting Group (F.H.)

## Sunday, April 29

(Preschool Sunday)  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 Covered Dish Luncheon (F.H.)  
1:00 pm Petting Zoo  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Youth (F.H.)  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
Confirmation Class

## Monday, April 30

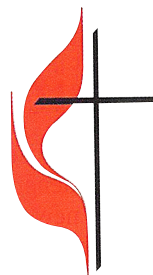
10:05 am-10:45 am  
Chapel (S)  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts  
(entire building)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- APRIL 1 ST. LUKE'S EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**  
7:00 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE - REV. LISA SYKES PREACHING  
7:30 BREAKFAST  
10:30 A.M. - REG. SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE - REV. LISA SYKES PREACHING
- APRIL 15 - HYMN SING**
- APRIL 22 - YOUTH SUNDAY**
- APRIL 29 - PRESCHOOL SUNDAY**  
COVERED DISH LUNCHEON  
PETTING ZOO

**Location Codes:** F.H. – Fellowship Hall, P – Parlor, B – Basement, M.R. – Music Room, S – Sanctuary



*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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