



## Lay Servant as Lay Writer

Hard to believe June is here already and 2024 will be half over. June as does every month has a lot of events scattered throughout the month. June the 1st is Go Barefoot Day as well as National Pen Pal Day and Say Something Nice Day. June 4th is National Donut Day and National Cheese Day. June 5th is National Gingerbread Day and National Ketchup Day.

June 6th D-Day, 7th National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, 8th National Best Friend Day, 10th National Iced Tea Day, 11TH National German Chocolate Cake Day, 12th is National Peanut Butter Cookie Day, the church office got a jump on that one in May, Thanks, Rebecca! 13th is Sewing Machine Day, 14th is Flag Day. June 20th is Father's Day and the Longest Day of the Year and Wild, Wonderful West Virginia will be 161 years old oh, and maybe of some interest summer begins.

June is also thought of as Bride month, when the starry eyed who always dreamed of a June wedding gets to make her wish come true. Speaking of brides, did you know that the church, the body of believers is considered to be the bride of Christ? The bride of Christ is a symbolic term used to refer to the group of believers who are united with Christ. The term is based on various biblical passages that compare Jesus to a bridegroom and his followers to a bride<sup>1</sup>. The term is not found in the Bible itself but is a theological expression that has been used for over 1500 years. The bride of Christ will participate in the marriage of the Lamb before the kingdom of God is established.

Meanwhile, here on this third rock from the sun, earth, we must act like the bride of Christ, or as your momma said, "Son, act like you got some raisin'!", or as Paul wrote to the Ephesians (4:17-20) So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. Make Jesus proud!!!

Another bride thing is the honeymoon. In July, when Pastor Tracy takes over, I think she could use a honeymoon period, actually she deserves it just like Klinger when he took over from Radar.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. Ray Kyle

### D-Day June 6th, 1944

We remember the 4,000 boys who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and democracy that awful morning of June 6th, 1944 on the beach at Normandy.

## From Our Treasurer

Here it is summer again; vacation time! As you go away to enjoy summer activities, please remember to keep up your regular church giving. Church expenses continue all year. Thank you for loving and generously supporting St. Luke's.

## Young at Heart

Young At Heart: Our meeting on 5/8/24 - we discussed events for the future meetings and voted to contribute to the Methodist Women of Faith \$104. for health kits. Methodist Women of Faith and Young At Heart will combine our June meeting to assemble the health kits. We then went to lunch at Southern Taste..

Please remember to put aside Christmas decor to be sold simultaneously at the UMM annual Brunswick stew sale in October!

## Congratulations 2024 Graduates!

Joshua Sykes, University of Virginia  
Margaret Clayton Gillespie Nunnally, St. Catherine's School  
Beverley Austin Campbell Nunnally, St. Catherine's School  
Barbara Nunnally is their proud grandparent.

### Important Dates — Mark Your Calendar:

- June 3-6 Week 1 — Preschool Summer Camp
- June 10-13 Week 2 — Preschool Summer Camp
- June 11 7 P.M. Finance Committee will meet by ZOOM
- June 18 7 P.M. Called Charge Conference & Administrative Council Meeting on ZOOM
- June 20-22 Annual Conference — Hampton, Virginia



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

### 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/>

**A JOY!** It is a joy to announce that **Wayne Haley** will be re-joining our church family.

**United Women in Faith** will have their regular meeting on June 5, 2024, 10:30 am in the parlor.

**The Young of Heart** will Join the United Women in Faith on June 5th at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to assemble the UMCOR Hygiene kits

**Zoomba: Zoom meeting** – Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 11:00 am. Sponsored by UWF.

**Flowers for the Altar** – the florist has increased the cost of flowers for the altar on Sunday morning. The cost is now \$45.00.

**Congratulations** to Haley & Christ deKrafft and Lia. Isabelle James deKrafft was baptized on Mother's Day, May 12, 2024.

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

**2024 Graduates** - If there are graduates in your family, please let the church office know. We will recognize members and list extended church family who are completing a degree during the Worship Service on June 2, 2024

**Between May 23 and July 1st,** the pulpit will be supplied by Reverend Denise Watkins (Communion – 6-2-24) as well as our lay servants, Bill Brown & Ray Kyle. Bob Stephens will be in the pulpit on June 16 and June 30. We thank them all! Emergency coverage has also been arranged.

### 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

The Kyle Family  
Gayle Rouse  
John & Joan Crawford  
Vernon King  
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs  
Deannie Reynolds  
The Jones Family  
Sennie Case  
Ronnie & Shirley Weade  
Scottie Kyle  
Seth Sykes  
Wayne Haley  
Roger Ball  
(hospitalised after a fall with a Brain Bleed)

The Beeckler Family  
Opal Holshouser  
David & Bonnie Urbanski  
James & Charlotte deKrafft  
Annie Davis  
Peggy Uglow  
Mitch Glover & Family  
Margaret Anderson  
Dan & Carol McSpadden  
Isabella Jones  
Kate Sykes  
A. Ray Kyle

## Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey, Larry Russell

Prayers for our incoming pastor, The Reverend Tracey Lyons, her husband, Joseph L. Lyons, Jr. and her two sons, Joseph L. Lyons, III and Seth E. Lyons. Her first Sunday will be July 1, 2024.

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



## June Birthdays

- June 4 Richard Sineath
- June 5 Shannon Bridgeman
- June 6 Michele Hart
- June 8 Betsye 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
- June 30 Paul & Colleen Cassada

## Father's Day Candle Burning

June 16, 2024

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:

Name of Man/Men to be listed:

Please Check One:

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: June 9, 2024**

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

Blessings, Shirley Gary Office Manager  
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# D- Day Prayer

June 06, 1944 —

Franklin D. Roosevelt — 32nd President of The United States

My fellow Americans in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest-until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home - fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas - whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them - help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too - strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God.  
Amen.



Seth Syke's Sunday School Class says goodbye



Lisa recognized her "Super Heroes" during her last service on Sunday May 19th



Becky Jenkins makes one last inspection of the Buffet for Lisa's farewell luncheon Sunday May 19th



St. Luke's Quilting Group presented Lisa with a special UVA quilt.

## Annual Conference is June 20-22, 2024 in Hampton, Virginia.



*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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