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**BIRTHDAYS**

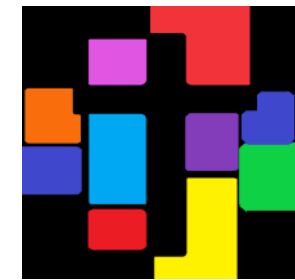
Tim Barth	04/08
Ethel Motley	04/10
Tom Haar	04/12
Alan Johnson	04/12
Steve Tucker	04/12
Tara Ferris	04/15
Rhonda Tucker	04/22
Marcus Younger	04/23

Kaylee Odell	04/27
Emma Turner	04/27
Lee Searce	04/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom & Laura Gregory	04/07
Chuck & Lisa Thomasson	04/20

**St. Luke's United  
 Methodist Church**



**April 2024  
 Issue**

**The Covenant**

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Beloved, last week, we heard the proclamation that we have been waiting to hear for the last forty days: "Christ is Risen!" We have been anticipating that proclamation throughout the whole Lenten season, and now that it has been heard...maybe we, like the disciples, are a bit hesitant about the implications of a risen savior. As we explore Jesus' encounter with the disciples after his resurrection, we will see the disciples transform from hesitant disciples to disciples who will learn to dance in the divine dance of God's grace. They will experience the freedom and power of God to speak hope amid despair.

Over the Easter season, we will begin a new sermon series called "Dare to Dance Again." In this series, we will examine what it means to be the risen body of Christ in the World. We will examine our call to join in God's dance of Grace as we dance in the midst of the storms and embrace the hope found in Jesus Christ. We, too, will experience the freedom of the resurrection as God walks with us in our doubts.

Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we are Easter people who are called to walk with Christ, experience the transforming power of God's grace in the broken bread, and invite others into the story of God's Love.

One of my devotions reminds us: "Each Sunday when the worshipping community gathers around the table of the Lord, the sacred presence of the Risen One is experienced among us and within our hearts. The experience of this powerful presence is only possible because Jesus—no longer constrained by his earthly existence—lives among us. Through Christ, the life-giving spirit, personal transformation takes place, a deep sense of solidarity is felt, and resurrection faith is celebrated."

I once heard it said, "Resurrection is Love." Might our hearts this easter season be renewed, resurrected, filled with love, love for self, love for others, love for the hurting, love that reflects the stories of Christ. Church, may the power of Christ's love move us to resurrection faith, whereby we are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation as God uses us to be the means by which love is made known in the world. May we consider moving outside of our four walls and trying new things? May we dare to dance, dare to risk, and dare to invite others into the amazing things God is doing.

Speaking of risks, on May 5th, we are taking a new approach to worship for the day. We will join Trinity United Methodist Church and Mount Vernon United Methodist Church for worship at Dan Daniel Memorial Park. We will not be meeting here at Saint Luke's; instead, we will worship at the park, fellowship together, and celebrate with our fellow United Methodists. You'll be hearing more about this soon! I hope you will mark your calendar and invite others to join us.

Grace Upon Grace,  
 Pastor Tim



Save the Date: Our next Church Council Meeting will take place on April 11th at 6:30 pm in the chapel. All committee reports should be emailed to June Scheier, Lisa Thomasson, and Courtney Eggleston by April 8th. Come prepared with your committee's plan for the coming months.

We will continue working on our 3 goals and planning future events for the church. If you are going to be unable to attend, please ask one of your members to attend for you.



## ECHOS

**ECHOS** will meet on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. We will be having a salad luncheon, so please bring your favorite salad. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

You do not have to be **"RETIRED"** to be a member of ECHOS.

## Theology on Tap

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm dinner

6:30 pm conversation

2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.

209 Trade St.



The Agape Fund Committee would like to thank everyone for your support and donations at our Soup and Silent Auction fundraiser! Through your generosity we raised \$1,447 to support college scholarships and financial assistance grants for medical needs in our community. Thank you, thank you!

~ Jennifer Coffey, Chair



Many thanks to everyone who participated in choir activities during Lent and Holy Week. Everyone did an amazing job and I appreciate your efforts!! We will be taking 2 weeks off from rehearsals to "rest" up – No Wednesday rehearsals for April 3 and 10. Bells will resume on April 17th at 6:15 in the Sanctuary. Choir rehearsals will resume on April 17th at 7:15. If you're wanting to join the choir now is a great time to get involved. Choir is fun and you will enjoy "making a joyful noise unto the Lord" with us!! DACAS will be having their Spring Concert on April 14th. Please make plans to attend. This Spring concert will feature songs from Disney. The DACAS Handbell Choir will be playing as well. The children's bell choir will be playing again on Mother's Day. You don't want to miss them!!



Danville- Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity Presents

# RAISE THE ROOF

### SPECIAL GUESTS

South Side Region Celebration

*Celebrate*  
One Community - One Savior



SAT. APRIL 6TH 1PM-3PM

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
3090 N MAIN ST.  
DANVILLE, VA 24540



Tickets for this event are \$10 and may be purchased at the door (cash only) or by using the QR Code or this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raise-the-roof-with-song-tickets-837852468287>



## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Made by Gina Roos  
formerly of Gina's Restaurant  
in Danville, VA

Proceeds to benefit Lauren Cunningham on her trip to the Dominican Republic in September with Casas Por Cristo Mission Trip.

**\$15 PER PLATE**  
Spaghetti, Toast, and Salad Included

# APRIL 27, 2024

DRIVE-THRU STYLE PICKUP FROM  
**4:00-6:00PM**

**ST. LUKE'S UMC**  
3090 N. MAIN ST. DANVILLE, VA

Contact Lauren 434-728-0421 to purchase tickets  
Only 100 tickets will be sold!  
Cash App: \$CXpressions403 | Venmo: @CXpressions403

Tickets may also be purchased from Frances Cook.



### April Schedule

- 7<sup>th</sup> All God's Children & Youth 12:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> All God's Children & Youth 12:00 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> No All God's Children or Youth
- 28<sup>th</sup> All God's Children & Youth 12:00 pm

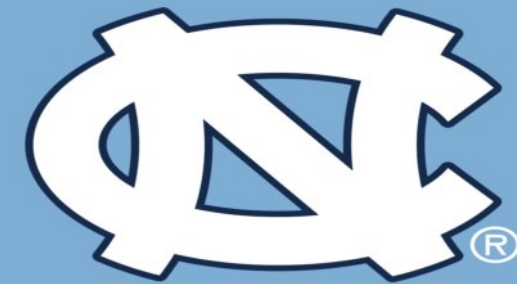


### Pinto Bean Supper

On April 12 at 5pm, the youth will be hosting a fundraiser dinner for the youth mission trip. Dinner will be pinto beans, fried potatoes, slaw, corn bread and dessert. Donations will be accepted. Please sign up on the lighthouse!

### Youth Spring Retreat

The youth had an awesome time at Eagle Eyrie in March! We enjoyed our time on the mountain connecting with God and each other!



Don't forget about the youth fundraiser to make Pastor Tim wear UNC and dye his hair UNC blue! If we can raise \$1,500 - Pastor Tim will wear a UNC shirt to preach on April 21. If we raise \$2,000 - Pastor Tim will wear a UNC shirt to preach and dye his hair UNC blue! All proceeds will go to the youth mission trip to Henderson Settlement. Checks may be made payable to St. Lukes and "youth challenge" should be put in the memo line. Online donations may be made using the text code or QR code. See Juli with questions!



If you would like to recognize and/or honor a special lady in your life, the youth will be doing Mother's Day butterflies. You may purchase a butterfly in honor or in memory of a special lady in your life for \$5. There will be a bulletin insert acknowledging this dedication and a butterfly will be placed in the Sanctuary on Mother's Day. Forms and the \$5 may be given to Juli. Deadline to purchase is April 28th.



On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Saint Luke's will celebrate Pentecost by witnessing God's actions in the baptismal waters, in confirmation, and welcome the confirmands who choose to join St. Luke's into professing membership within the United Methodist Church.

We acknowledge there may be others who are feeling the prompting of the Holy Spirit to faithfully participate in the life and ministry of our local congregation through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as professing members.

Whether you worship with us online or in person, we want to offer you the opportunity to commit yourself to the work, ministry, and covenantal relationships of the church. If you are interested in joining or transferring your membership to Saint Luke's, please call, email, or chat with Pastor Tim.



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| Paper towels   | First Aid supplies   |
| Bleach-free cleaning supplies                              | Cardstock and copy paper   |
| First class postage stamps                                 | Mailing envelopes  |
| Board games—Chess, Checkers, Clue, Monopoly, Yahtzee, etc. | Paper products-Cups, bowls, plates, forks, spoons  |
| Lego sets  | Trash Bags (39,30 & 13 gallon)   |
| Dolls  | Gift cards from Walmart or Food Lion   |
| Craft kits   |  |
| Science kits   | If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to St. Luke's and write Henry Fork on the memo line. |
| Hot Wheels   |  |
| Action Figures—Superheroes, Transformers, etc.             |  |



United Women in Faith

**Circle Meetings**

- Circle 3 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 pm Golden Leaf
- Circle 4 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm Library
- Circle 6 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 pm Martin Home



The UWF Book Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. We would love to have to join us!!

**Reading List**

- April 8 *Echoes of Sandy Creek* by Joseph Lovell
- May 13 *The Librarian of Burned Books* by Brianna Labuskes
- June 10 *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray

**April Volunteers**

**Nursery Volunteers**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Leigh Haar & Hunter Phillips
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kathy Jordan & Kaylee Odell
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bev Nixon & Hunter Phillips
- 28<sup>th</sup> Teresa Gammon & Mac Christian

**Children's Church Volunteers**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Debbie Fox & Mac Christian
- 14<sup>th</sup> Juli Odell & hunter Phillips
- 21<sup>st</sup> Vicky Aherron & Kaylee Odell
- 28<sup>th</sup> Leslie Christian & hunter Phillips

**Hall Monitors**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Philip Winstead
- 17<sup>th</sup> Teresa Gammon
- 21<sup>st</sup> Rhonda Tucker
- 28<sup>th</sup> James & June Scheier

**If you are unable to serve on the day you are assigned, please see Juli to switch with someone.**

**Worship Volunteers**

- Greeters: Carl & Judy Taylor
- Bulletins: Phyllis Fisher & Sissie Gillie
- Offering: Betty Martin
- Communion:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Chuck & Lisa Thomasson, and Joan Shirley
  - 14<sup>th</sup> James & Courtney Eggleston, and Ella Grace Pruitt
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Philip & Virginia Winstead, and Ciera Barth
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Thadd, Leslie, and Mac Christian

**Scripture Readers**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Susan Hannah
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Tucker
- 21<sup>st</sup> Courtney Eggleston
- 28<sup>th</sup> Philip Winstead