

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Philip & Virginia Winstead  
Bulletins: Janice England & Bev Nixon  
Offering: Daniel Pruitt

Children’s Ministry Volunteers

Nursery: Bev Nixon  
January 28: Teresa Gammon  
Children’s Church: Vicky Aherron  
January 28: Juli Odell

United Women in Faith Meeting

There will be a brief UWF meeting on Sunday, January 28 immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary. All women of the church are invited to attend.

UMM Famous Stew

The United Methodist Men will be cooking up 2 pots of their famous secret-recipe stew on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see any member of the UMM for tickets, cost is \$8 per quart. The stew should be ready to pick up at 10 am and should be picked up no later than 11:30 am that morning.

With the assistance of the UWF, we will also be offering a free lunch of stew that day to anyone in our community from 12:00—2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. More details on the lunch will be forthcoming.

Giving Opportunities

An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

You can give online through text. Text STLUKESGIVE to 73256, followed by gift amount.

You can also give by scanning this QR code with your smart phone.



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Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

December Financial Summary

Contributions	\$ 24,697.22
Disbursements	\$ 19,258.17
Difference	\$ 5,439.05



St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

3090 North Main St.  
Danville, VA 24540

10:30 am  
January 21, 2024



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Sunday, January 21

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:45 am Children’s Handbells (CR)
- 12:00 pm Church Council Lunch (FH)
- 12:00 pm All God’s Children
- 12:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 22

- 8:30 am Coffee with the Pastor (Links)
- 7:00 pm “Called to Preach” (ZR)
- 7:00 pm DACAS (SNT)

Tuesday, January 23

- 5:30 pm C&Y Ministry Team (ZR)

Wednesday, January 24

- 10:00 am Bible Study **Not Meeting**
- 5:30 pm **Team A** Backpacking (MH)
- 6:15 pm Heavenly Ringers (SNT)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, January 25

- 9:00 am Newsletter Deadline
- 6:00 pm Theology on Tap (@ Witches)

Sunday, January 28

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:45 am Backpack Setup (MH)
- 11:45 am Children’s Handbells (CR)
- 12:00 pm All God’s Children
- 12:00 pm Youth Group
- 12:00 pm UWF Meeting (SNT)

Monday, January 29

- 8:30 am Coffee with the Pastor (Links)
- 7:00 pm DACAS (SNT)

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 pm “Called to Preach” (ZR)

Wednesday, January 31

- 10:00 am Bible Study (LB)
- 5:30 pm **Team B** Backpacking (MH)

Thursday, February 1

- 6:00 pm Circle 3 (Moon River)

Celebration of Worship

◆ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" arr. DeCou

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

People: *Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.*

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: *Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.*

\*Opening Prayers

*You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

\*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" No. 548

Children’s Message

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church at this time.

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

*By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus’ sake. Amen*

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Joan Shirley

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Time of Meditation "There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy" arr. DeCou

Gospel Lesson John 1:43-51

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Beyond Belief"

Response to the Word Apostle’s Creed No. 881

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer No. 895

Hymn "The Summons" Insert

Call to Confession

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace, you have been saved. In Jesus’ name, you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus. *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.*

\*Giving of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Blessing of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. Amen.

\* Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" No. 593

\* Benediction

And so now go forth and contemplate the horizon you are called to move beyond, trusting that there is more in store for you than you can perceive or know all at once. Go forth knowing there is much to learn and that belief is not a static thing but always and forever growing and moving toward more light, more enlightenment. Keep on sustained by the Bread of Life, washed in the Grace of Christ, moved beyond your wildest imaginings. Go in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Postlude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. DeCou

This week’s liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word*, *Worship Design Studio*, and *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

In Our Prayers

St. Luke’s Family

M. Ray Barbour	Faye Ligon
Dennis Blackstock	Gene Martin
Wendy Burnette	Hazel Morris
Carol Caplan	Ethel Motley
Martha Caviness	Shirley Owen
Thadd Christian	Wayne Owen
Stephen Coffey	Eva Pyron
Louise Dalton	Susan Riddle
Linda Easley	Perry Taylor
Joyce Elliott	Emma Turner
Judy Elliott	Maxine Whitt
Mary Elliott	David Worrell
Danny Gammon	_____
Teresa Gammon	_____
Ola LaPrade	_____
Verda Leonard	_____

St. Luke’s Friends & Loved Ones

Jamie Arca	Robert Gammon
Jane Armstrong	Mark Geiger
William Barcalow	Darlene Glass
Daniel Barnes	Barbara Glover
Rev. Joseph Barth	Keith Goodaker
Rev. Matt Benton	Helen Hardy
Ken Bruce	Michael Harris
Gloria Chrisman	Louise Hendricks
Richard Clark	Ralph Hicks
Kay Collins	Diane Hollands- worth
Lisa Cooley	Ann Marie Howard
Nicki Durham	Caitlin Howell
Darlene Dyer	Roy Isaac
Jackie East	Joyce Jones
Debbie Flint	Ray Jones
Angelia Fountain	Donna Keene
Marie Gallimore	

St. Luke’s Friends & Loved Ones

James Key	Anna Sanfilippo
Caroline Laughorn	Jean Searce
Kelly Lefler	Danny Scism
Jim Lewis	Vicky Shelton
Regina Light	Diane Tate
Tim Long	Helen Thomasson
Leigh Ann Love	Jenny Vernon
John Marlowe	Becky Waggoner
George Martin	Betty Wells
Gary McHugh	Jerry Wentz
Helen Meetze	Rachel Whitt
Shannon Miller	Wayne Whitt
Debbie Ann Moore	Vicki Wiles
Aiden Mozden	Elaine Wood
Fred Mozden	Luke Wright
Deedee Neal	_____
Troy Neal	_____
Doug Price	_____
Carson Pruitt	_____
Kent Pruitt	_____
Cole Rardin	_____
Dickie Reavis	_____
Terry Riggins	

Families Grieving a Loss

Brenda Brown	Howard Conners
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In Our World

All those impacted by gun violence  
All those impacted by natural disasters  
All those impacted by military conflicts

All teachers, administrators,  
parents and students

“The Summons

TFWS no. 2130

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.