

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Philip & Virginia Winstead  
February: James & Courtney Eggleston  
Bulletins: Janice England & Bev Nixon  
February: Carl & Judy Taylor  
Offering: Daniel Pruitt  
February: Sissie Gillie

Children’s Ministry Volunteers

Nursery: Teresa Gammon  
February 4: Leigh Haar  
Children’s Church: Juli Odell  
February 4: Debbie Fox & Kaylee Odell

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 28, 2024



Upcoming Events & Meetings

**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)  
**Saturday, February 3**  
9:00 am UMM (Checkered Pig)  
**Sunday, February 4**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:45 am Children’s Handbells (CR)  
12:00 pm All God’s Children  
12:00 pm Youth Group  
**Monday, February 5**  
8:30 am Coffee with the Pastor (Links)  
1:00 pm Circle 6 (FH)  
7:00 pm “Called to Preach” (ZR)  
7:00 pm DACAS (SNT)  
Thursday, February 1  
6:00 pm Circle 3 (Moon River)  
**Tuesday, February 6**  
6:30 pm Worship Committee  
**Wednesday, February 7**  
10:00 am Bible Study  
1:30 pm **Team C** Backpacking (MH)  
6:15 pm Heavenly Ringers (SNT)  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Celebration of Worship

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Prentiss

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is calling you as disciples

People: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

Leader: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

People: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Leader: Listen for Christ's call to you.

People: We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.

\*Opening Prayers

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen

\*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" No. 398

Children's Message

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

Anthem "The Old Rugged Cross" Chancel Choir

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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Lisa Thomasson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Time of Meditation "Morning Has Broken" arr. Prentiss

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:14-20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Beyond the Horizon"

Response to the Word Apostle's Creed No. 881

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Hymn "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" No. 344

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic. When we look at our own lives, we believe that we could not leave everything to follow someone we didn't know. We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following. But God is persistent. God understands our confusion and doubts. And God continues to call us to be in ministry and mission in this world. It may not mean leaving everything behind, but it does mean being willing to serve wherever God calls us. That's hard. We want to place conditions on service, and usually those conditions are "if we have time", "if we have energy"; "if we can just try serving God for a little while to see how it all works out". Still God calls to each of us. Discipleship is difficult. Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for you is eternal. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people. Amen.

\* Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Insert

\* 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 from this terra firma firm in the knowledge that Christ is before you, behind you, above you, beside you, and within you as you soar towards distant shores or simply drift in God's boundless grace. 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 "They'll Know We're Christians" arr. Prentiss

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

**In Our Prayers**

**St. Luke’s Family**

M. Ray Barbour	Verda Leonard
Dennis Blackstock	Faye Ligon
Wendy Burnette	Gene Martin
Carol Caplan	Hazel Morris
Ed Caviness	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	_____

**St. Luke’s Friends & Loved Ones**

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

**St. Luke’s Friends & Loved Ones**

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

**Families Grieving a Loss**

Bob Craft	Margaret Milam
Duane Pruitt	

**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

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

February 13 - The youth will host a pancake dinner as a fundraiser. Meal will include pancakes, bacon and drink. Dinner will be served at 5:30p.m. Donations will be accepted. Please sign up on the lighthouse no later than February 11.

**Safe Sanctuary Training**

We will be having a Safe Sanctuary training on February 24 from 9a.m. - 11a.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are currently working with the children and youth or plan to work with the children and youth in the future, please plan to attend! This is a very important training as we seek to continue to grow these ministries! Please see Juli to sign up to attend.

**Children’s Easter Celebration**

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. We need your help with donations of filled candy eggs! Please fill the eggs with candy (no chocolate please) and tape the egg together to make sure the candy stays in. There will be a donation bucket in the narthex!

**“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

TFWS no. 2129

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross  
before me;  
the world behind me, the cross  
before me,  
the world behind me, the cross  
before me;  
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still  
will follow;  
though none go with me, I still  
will follow;  
though none go with me, I still  
will follow;  
no turning back, no turning back.