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Martha Caviness	01/03	Vivian Chaney	01/19
Fred Coe	01/06	Scott Price	01/19
John Couzo	01/10	David Gillie	01/21
Susan Painter	01/10	Martha McQueen	01/21
Carolyn Hardy	01/11	Ronald Marks	01/25
Brigitte Couzo	01/12	Mark McKinney	01/26
Marie Marlowe	01/13	Mary Elliott	01/28
Frances Cook	01/14	Jacob Carter	01/29
Joy Kiczek	01/14	June Scheier	01/31

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Issue

The Covenant

Saint Luke's Family,

As we enter into the new year, we usually begin the year off with New Year Resolutions. These are goals that we set for ourselves to make the most of the fresh start that the new year brings. It involves examining our habits, whether or not they benefit us, and the formation or beginnings of setting new habits or goals. As we enter into the new year, I would like each committee or ministry of the church to share with me two goals they have for their committee or ministry with me.

As we enter into a new year, I am excited about what God will do through the people called Methodists in Danville, Virginia. My goal for the church is that we will consider new ways of partnering with other United Methodist Churches as we strive to offer Christ to the world through our distinctive Wesleyan perspective. My second goal is that we offer more classes, have more conversations around, and live more fully into our Wesleyan heritage.

As we begin the new year, I am considering offering an "adult confirmation class" in my Sunday school class. If you are interested the cost for the book is about \$16.99 dollars. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested so that I can order you a copy of the book and gauge interest in whether or not to offer the class. I will also be teaching a lay-speaking class on preaching on Mondays in January. If you are interested, please let me know, and I'll show you how to sign up for the class through the District.

Might this be the year that we grow in our understanding of God, of God's love, and we strive to be on a mission with our neighbors? Ephesians 3:17-19 says " I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, 18 I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. 19 I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God."

Church, may we be filled entirely with the fullness of God's love that we'll transform the world as God's love pervades our thoughts, actions, words and we move to become more and more like Christ,

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

Church Council Meeting

As we begin a new year with many first time faces on church council, I would like to invite everyone on council to a light lunch and introduction meeting on Sunday, January 21st after church.

We will talk about the vision for this year and spend time in fellowship. Let me know if you can make it, cleggleston19@gmail.com .

Courtney



Welcome 2024!! - - - This is going to be a wonderful year in the life of our choir and handbell music. First of all, our Christmas Cantata will be presented on Sunday, January 7th at 3:00pm with a reception to follow. There will be a rehearsal on December 31st right after the am service, then again on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 in the sanctuary. We will also rehearse on Saturday, January 6th at 11:00.

Our Chancel Choir and Heavenly Ringers will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 24th. Children's bells will begin practicing on January 14th right after our worship service. I'd love to have a room full of children. Please sign up at the light-house. I'm looking for 1 more handbell player. I know there is someone who is ready to make that leap and join us. Bells are loads of fun and we have a great time rehearsing. I can teach you everything you need to know in a few quick and easy lessons. We also have plenty of seats in the choir if you'd like to come and sing with us. You don't have to know how to read music - just come with a willing heart to "make a joyful noise"!!!

Special thanks to everyone who has volunteered in the music program during 2023. I look forward to us working together in 2024 to make our program even better!

Happy New Year!!

	Circle Meetings			
	Circle 3	4 th	@ 6:00 pm	Joe & Mimma's
	Circle 6	8 th	@ 1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
	Circle 4	8 th	@ 2:00 pm	Library
United Women in Faith				

January Volunteers

Nursery Volunteers		Children's Church Volunteers	
7 th	Leigh Haar	7 th	Debbie Fox
14 th	Kathy Jordan	14 th	Leslie Christian
21 st	Bev Nixon	21 st	Vicky Aherron
28 th	Teresa Gammon	28 th	Juli Odell
Worship Volunteers		Scripture Readers	
Greeters: Philip & Virginia Winstead		7 th	Marie Marlowe
Bulletins: Janice England & Bev Nixon		14 th	Phyllis Fisher
Offering: Daniel Pruitt		21 st	Joan Shirley
Communion: James & Courtney Eggleston		28 th	Janice England

ECHOS

ECHOS will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. The menu is soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, dessert, and beverage. Cost is \$5. A Chinese auction will be held. \$1 per person.

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

Theology on Tap

Thursday, January 18th

6:00 pm dinner

6:30 pm conversation

2 Witches Winery & Brewing Co.

209 Trade St.

Backpack Ministry

It is that time of year, our kick off for Spring Backpack! We can't make this work for our kids at GLH Johnson without you and your support. We meet on most Sundays after church to set up the weeks menu. We pack bags at 5:30 on Wednesday afternoon.

Maybe you are wondering what the kids eat? We try and serve a well balanced and fun menu for the weekend. The kids receive individual fruit cups, and vegetable cups. They enjoy Chef Boy R Dee meal cups or soup, with pop top lids, a vienna sausage or ramen noodle. We also provide breakfast foods, oatmeal, pop tarts, individual cereal boxes. A snack of fruit snacks, pudding or potato chips, or gold fish or cheez- its, sure is nice on the weekend. All food items can be found at your local grocery store. Pretty much anything can be a back pack food, as long as it is an individual size. We just try to keep them fed and warm, and all the children can use our prayers. No child asks to not eat, lets close the food gap this year!



Youth Group and All God's Children meet on Sunday afternoons at 12pm.

January 7 - regular meeting
January 14 - no meeting
January 21 - regular meeting
January 28 - regular meeting
If you are able to provide a meal, please see Juli.

The youth progressive dinner has been rescheduled to January 14. Instead of regular programming, we will meet at church at 5 pm and head out to our dinner destinations. Students should bring a wrapped \$10 gift for the gift exchange.

The youth are headed to Snowflex in Lynchburg again on January 20th. Anyone interested in attending should see Juli!.



Confirmation begins January 7th! If you have a student interested in participating, please let Juli know. I am excited to begin this journey!