

Song of Simeon

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Simeon
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We are a Spirit-filled community of simple grace and acceptance.... Come As You Are!



December 7, 2017

Calendar of Events

Date	Event/Activity	Location	POC
9 Dec 9:00 am	Freedom 5k	Glenmore	Lou Lamb
10 Dec 9:15 am	Holy Eucharist; 2 nd Sunday of Advent	St. Luke's	Rev. Ann
17 Dec 9:15 am	Holy Eucharist; 3 rd Sunday of Advent; Christmas Pageant	St. Luke's	Rev. Ann
17 Dec Following Service	Christmas Open House	Wentworth Farm	Joe & Sally Gieck
24 Dec 9:15 am	Holy Eucharist; 4 th Sunday of Advent	St. Luke's	Rev. Ann / Deacon Brian
24 Dec 5:00	Christmas Eve Service	St. Luke's	Rev. Ann
25 Dec	<i>No Service</i>		
31 Dec 9:15 am	Service of Lessons and Carols	St. Luke's	

Vestry Meeting
 2nd Tuesday each month at 6:30 PM

"Bad Girls of the Bible"
 Every Thursday at 12:00 in the Parish Hall

Bible Challenge Discussion Group
 Every Tuesday at 10:30 in the Parish Hall

Pot Luck - 1st Sunday each month

We have only 3 persons signed up for poinsettia's donation for the altar on Christmas Eve. We would like to have 18. Those flowers not taken home on January 7th, will be taken to one of our congregant or to a nursing home.

St. Luke's Prayer List

Laura Stotz, Charlie Bull, Pat Hanly, Bruce Friman, Andy Decker, Scott & James Anderson, Elizabeth Reeves, Gerda Heidel, Sue Cairo, Kathleen Buckley, Chris and family, Ashley and the Gonzalez family, Timothy, Mary Beth, John Staton, Gavin Duffy and family, Mimi Crosby, Johonna, Karl Brust, Nancy McCue, Flo Torrance, Babs Fickes, Mary Wisz, Michelle Quantock, Stephen Quantock, Jessica Wineking, and Bri Van Tassel.



Vestry Update

The Vestry met in special session on Sunday, December 3, to discuss security issues. As many of you know, there was an incident in the parking lot during our worship service. The Vestry appointed a three-person subcommittee (Karl Brust, Debbie King, and Lou Lamb), to examine our security procedures and bring recommendations to the Vestry on how our procedures could be enhanced. The subcommittee will also keep track of and follow up on, as necessary, incidents such as the one on Sunday. The subcommittee would welcome any concerns or information that you would like to provide.

Pledge Update So far we have received 26 pledges totaling \$65,450. This is 64.5 percent of our goal of \$101,474. There is still time to submit your pledges.

Readings for Sunday, Dec 10:

<http://www.lectionarypage.net>

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)

[2 Peter 3:8-15a](#)

[Mark 1:1-8](#)

[Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)

St. Luke's December Gifting Period

St. Luke's Diaper ministry	\$ 600
Service Dogs of Virginia	\$1,100 – PTSD program for Veterans and Active Duty Military
Love, Inc	\$1,100 – Resources for those in crisis w/ local churches
Salvation Army	\$1,100 – Food/shelter for those in crisis
Christian Healing Center	\$1,100 – Prayer/support for sick, pastors, medical professionals
The Haven	\$1,100 – Multi resource shelter to help those to get back into stable housing
Alb Co After School Program	\$1,100 – Food/programs for Albemarle County students

Farewell Cards for Ann ~ As part of our send-off for Ann, we will be collecting good wishes cards in the Parish Hall, for the next four Sundays. Look for a khaki tote with a big, shiny red bow! I know Ann would love to hear from each one of you, as you express what she has meant to you and to St Luke's church.

St. Luke's Volunteer Sign Up Sheet (click me)

(Note...we need hosts for this Sunday's coffee social)

Date	Greeter	Reader 1	Reader 2	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Teller Senior Warden	Altar Guild (Bob & Judy Bill)	Coffee Hour 1 Babs Fickes	Altar Flowers (Babs Fickes)
10 Dec	Marta Engahl	Anna Askounis	Marta Engahl	Anna Askounis	Bob Bill	Tom Torrance			none
17 Dec					Judy Bill	Tom Torrance	Lou Lamb	Open House Gleck	none
24 Dec	Lynne Sprouse		Lynne Sprouse		Marta Engdahl	Tom Torrance			poinsettia's
24 Dec 5:00			Jo-Anne Brust	Don Fickes					
25 Dec (No Service)									
31 Dec				Don Fickes		Tom Torrance			

Remember...if all else fails, call or write Bob Lamb at 703-407-2365 or bob.j.lamb@gmail.com

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Marta forwarded the below information regarding special Advent Services at St. Paul's, Ivy

Special Services: Advent 2017
St. Paul's, Ivy

851 Owensville Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22901

Saturday, Dec 9, 2017, Advent Morning:

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments- Neve Hall,
- 9:30 a.m. Quiet day program, Nave; (Labyrinth available in Parish Hall)

Sunday, Dec 10, 2017 (2nd Sunday of every month)

- 4:00 p.m., Celtic Spirituality Reading
Group discussion
- 5:30 p.m. Celtic Lessons and Carols,
5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – Mary's Service,

- 5:30 p.m. Celebrating Mary's "Yes" with anointing and Eucharist