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"Virginia's Oldest Church"



National Historic Landmark, National Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop

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Mead Tasting Fundraiser

Smithfield, VA- On September 9th, 2017 at 3 p.m., Historic St. Luke's presents a Mead Tasting Fundraiser associated with a day-long event entitled "17th Century Isle of Wight County: A Living History Event". Tickets to the tasting are \$10 per person and should be purchased in advance. Those attending the mead tasting must be 21 years of age or older and proof of I.D. will be required. Mead Tasting Fundraiser tickets include complimentary access to rest of the day's events



except for the <u>17th-Century Benefit Concert</u> which is a separate, ticketed event. Proceeds from the mead tasting help support the Educational Program at Historic St. Luke's. Purchase your tickets for the mead tasting <u>here</u>.



All of the mead is from <u>Silver Hand Meadery</u> and the mead tasting will include 6 meads: <u>Terres Brûlées</u>, <u>Soak Up the Sun</u>, <u>Virginia Moon</u>, <u>Dream by the Fire</u>, <u>Scarborough Fair</u>, and <u>All Blues</u>. Silver Hand Meadery recently opened in Williamsburg, Virginia in 2015 and describes their mead as "an historic drink rediscovered and reimagined".

Tickets are limited to this mead tasting. Attendees are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon while availability remains. Please contact Rachel Popp, Education Coordinator, at (757) 357-3367 or via email at rpopp@historicstlukes.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon.

About Historic St. Luke's Church

Historic St. Luke's Restoration, established in 1954, is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit is Virginia's Oldest Church built in the 17th-century and remains an enduring symbol of Americans' pursuits of religious freedom as imbued in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Today it operates as a National Historic Landmark, National Patriotic Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop. Throughout the year Historic St. Luke's provides daily guided tours to the general public and private groups and host educational special events and

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lectures. The museum displays a number of artifacts from throughout its history including America's Oldest Organ - a 1635 English Chamber Organ. Historic St. Luke's does not receive any funding from the federal, state, or municipal governments - all funding comes from private sources including individuals and foundations.

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