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"Virginia's Oldest Church"



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

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The Wedding Scrapbook Project

Smithfield, VA- On Sunday, March 11th, 2018 between 1 and 2 p.m. during their Second Annual *The Wedding Show*, Virginia's Oldest Church Historic St. Luke's invites you to visit and share family photographs and stories of your weddings at the "Old Brick Church". Historic St. Luke's intends to collect these stories and photos and showcase them on their website, Facebook page, and hardcopy scrapbook for future generations to enjoy. Delk was quoted saying, "For several generations, the Delk family has treasured family weddings and marriage renewal services in Historic St. Luke's Church. This project will allow all of us to remember and honor the holy services of the past and present. We hope future couples will find inspiration and elect to hold their precious day at this sacred space."

If you would like more information or unable to attend the event and have stories and photos to

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share, visit <u>The Wedding Scrapbook Project web page</u> or to contact Fred Hodges by calling (757)

357-3367 or <u>emailing Fred</u> at fhodges@historicstlukes.org.

About Historic St. Luke's

Historic St. Luke's Restoration, dba Historic St. Luke's, 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 and separation of church and state 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 daily guided tours are provided to the general public and private groups and educational special events and lectures are held. 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. Proceeds from this concert will continue funding the museum's education and preservation mission.

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