

THE ANGELUS

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LEBANON, PA

Volume 10 No. 4

April 2020



Rector's Corner: *A New Birth*

Brothers and Sisters,

There's no question – Easter won't be what it used to be. In a recent letter to the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote to us about the need to suspend in-person gatherings for public worship during the sacred time of Holy Week and Easter Day. Yes, COVID 19 has disrupted all our lives in ways that few humans could. Even government leaders that exercise tremendous power in our world could not compel us to do the things we have willingly (if not grudgingly) undertaken, even the suspension of worship during the most sacred time of year.

One of the mysteries of the resurrection, however, is that in God's life, even the most destructive events can prove to provide positive outcomes. Isn't that the message we celebrate on Easter morning after having reflected earnestly on the crucifixion? The price we have and will continue to pay resulting from the current pandemic and its aftermath will be as nothing compared with what might emerge when we turn the corner toward some sort of "new" normalcy. Consider how the sufferings and death of Jesus disrupted the lives of those first disciples: they had placed all their hopes in Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah – the next king that would restore all the hope and dreams they had for their native Israel. Instead, they saw them all dashed with the whiz of each of the 39 lashes Jesus received. They saw everything they dreamed of ebb away with the blood that ran down Jesus brow from the thorns pressed into his head. And finally, they felt they had nothing left when he breathed his last on the cross. It was all over.

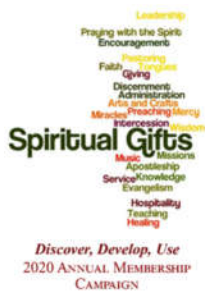
But then, just as they cowered in fear, "locked down" in the upper room, this Jesus, transformed, and transfigured, appears to them and breathes peace onto them with the power of the Holy Spirit. Again, their lives were disrupted. What had become a brief time of a "new normal" ended up changing and transforming them from a rag tag group of farmers, fisherman, and tax collectors into the most dynamic advocates for a new way of living that has ever walked the planet. What happened to them has had its influence down to the present day – to us, who may be afraid and wondering, "What will come of us now?"

Our celebrations of Holy Week and even Easter may have become common place to us without even realizing it. It's just something we do – something we have always done. This year, though, it's different. We won't be able to get our palms in the usual way. We won't experience the ritual of washing someone's feet. We won't feel the emptiness of the stripped-down altars. We won't even get the boost we get when we hear Easter Alleluias sung with gusto. Maybe, just maybe, this year, we'll have to make-do without what we have always done. Maybe, just maybe, this year, we'll be confronted with the reality of what we have been celebrating all these years with these rituals. Maybe, just maybe, we will begin to realize what our faith in the Risen Lord means to us. Maybe, just maybe, we will realize profoundly how much we really need one another and come to a better understanding of what "community" is and why it's so terribly important in our life of faith.

As of this writing (which is two weeks before Easter), we will not experience Holy Week and Easter celebrations in person and even if we were able, this time of self-exile from the precincts of our church home will prevent us from making the kind of preparations we normally expect. Apart from my devout prayers for the health and well-being of every member of our parish and of the community in which we live, I pray as earnestly that we will have a new birth of faith – in God and one another. May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be your now and always.

David

Stewardship: *A personal note*



I don't need to tell you about the level of anxiety I have had about the wellbeing of our parishioners during this COVID-19 pandemic. With the number of people who are in the higher-risk categories for infection by the virus (yes, I'm there, too), I am concerned that we do all that we can to prevent any community spread by our acts of mutual care

and affection. Beyond that anxiety, I also am deeply concerned about how St. Luke's will fare from a fiscal point of view. During the shut-down, we have taken every measure we can to reduce expenditures. For example, thermostats are at a minimum setting; cleaning services focus only on those areas being used. However, there are fixed costs that we cannot control, and we need to meet our obligations, just as I know you are.

Laying off staff is not an option, since churches are exempt from participation in the unemployment insurance program of the Commonwealth. Consequently, the compensation provided for our staff is, for some, the sole source of income. As the stock market declines considering the economic fears generated by this crisis, our revenue from investments may not be as robust as we had hoped. Without regular attendance at church services, we may experience an unintended downturn in our pledge and plate revenue. I am honestly worried about the fiscal health of our parish.

Consequently, I am asking that all our parishioners make a good-faith effort to live up to the pledge made during our Annual Membership Campaign as they are able. To avoid any cash flow problems, I also am asking you to send in your offerings or to make an online payment using the secure PayPal method. A link to that account can be found in an email previously mailed to you and on the parish website.

Above all, if you are having great financial difficulty, the parish has a modest fund that can be used to help tide people over. It's not much but it's something. We build up that fund for just such circumstances.

I am aware of your deep generosity and I do not want to presume on it. Except for the necessary appeals we must make annually and for an occasional special need, I refrain from using my privileged position in this community to talk up money. However, these will prove to be difficult times and unusual measures are required. I am counting on you as I hope you can count on me.

Father David

Liturgy and Life:

Constituting a Liturgy Team



In the Episcopal Church, many people believe that worship is the exclusive purview of the "professionals," namely the clergy in consultation with those responsible

for music. Nothing could be further from the truth. One of the most important understandings about all ministry in the Church is that our fundamental mandate emerges from our baptism. References are made to this using several terms: ministry of the baptized, the priesthood of all believers, or lay ministry to name a few. This reality is founded on the fact that all of us are incorporated into the Body of Christ by our baptism. As such, we are made responsible for the ministry of Christ in our world. John Calvin expressed that ministry in a three-fold manner: the mission of Christ as priest, prophet, and king. In other words, because we are all part of the Body of Christ, we all have a responsibility to carry out Christ's mission in these various roles. The specific role we undertake may be determined by a discernment of natural talents (perhaps as a musician or an orator) and spiritual gifts (e.g., wisdom, knowledge, administration, intercession). This means that participation in any ministry of Christ is not given exclusively to any group or status in the Church. That's not to say certain specific roles don't exist. While any Christian disciple can assure an individual of the forgiveness of their sins, it is reserved only to the priest to pronounce absolution. Similarly, while all disciples designated and trained as such can celebrate holy communion with others, only the priest may consecrate the elements of bread and wine as the Body and Blood of Christ.

A key way in which members of the Church can participate in the priestly ministry of Christ is in the planning and execution of the Church's worship. We already mentioned how some participate in this by distributing holy communion. We are quite familiar with other opportunities like serving as acolytes or as readers. Another way that has not been much discussed in Episcopalian circles is in the planning of our worship. Perhaps because many people feel this is beyond the scope of their knowledge of "sacred things," this has been left almost exclusively to the priests and others with "professional" training. What results is worship that, while very faithful to the traditions of the Church, tends to express the perspectives of those who control its planning and execution. A fuller expression of Christ's sanctifying min-

(Continued on page 5)

MUSIC NOTES: HYMNAL SUPPLEMENTS

by Terry Heisey

During Eastertide you will notice new musical settings of liturgical texts at the 10:30 service. Up until now we have usually used the settings in our Hymnal 1982, but Father David has encouraged us to look beyond the hymnal to the various Episcopal hymnal published since 1982, including *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (1997), so we will begin using new settings from this book.



Wonder, Love, and Praise was compiled by the Episcopal Standing Commission on Church Music in response to the resolution passed by the 1994 Episcopal General Convention directing it to continue preparing supplements to the hymnal that provide additional service music, inclusive language hymnody, and additional hymns related to the lectionary. It was conceived as a continuation of *The Hymnal 1982* with numbering beginning with the next number after the last hymn in the Hymnal. The Commission chose music accessible enough to encourage immediate participation by worshippers in a wide variety of parishes and settings from a wide variety of sources, yet timeless in integrity and craftsmanship.

Since September we have been using spiritual and gospel songs chosen by Jason Yannuzzi from the supplement *Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal* (1993) for use with our children as our second Communion hymns. In the future we will use more music from this book and the other Episcopal supplements: *Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song* (2004) and *My Heart Sings Out* (an all-age resource for church, church school, and children's chapel: 2006). *The Hymnal 1982* is one of the twentieth century's great hymnal collections and will not be replaced in the foreseeable future. But even as it was being printed its editors learned of hymns they wished they had been able to include. The Holy Spirit continues to inspire poets and composers to create music for the Church, and as the years pass we need to continually add to our repertoire of both service music and hymns. We hope you will enjoy "singing a new song" from additional resources available to the Episcopal Church.



Since September we have been using spiritual and gospel songs chosen by Jason Yannuzzi from the supplement *Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal* (1993) for use with our children as our second Communion hymns. In the future we will use more music from this book and the other Episcopal supplements: *Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song* (2004) and *My Heart Sings Out* (an all-age resource for church, church school, and children's chapel: 2006). *The Hymnal 1982* is one of the twentieth century's great hymnal collections and will not be replaced in the foreseeable future. But even as it was being printed its editors learned of hymns they wished they had been able to include. The Holy Spirit continues to inspire poets and composers to create music for the Church, and as the years pass we need to continually add to our repertoire of both service music and hymns. We hope you will enjoy "singing a new song" from additional resources available to the Episcopal Church.

will use more music from this book and the other Episcopal supplements: *Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song* (2004) and *My Heart Sings Out* (an all-age resource for church, church school, and children's chapel: 2006). *The Hymnal 1982* is one of the twentieth century's great hymnal collections and will not be replaced in the foreseeable future. But even as it was being printed its editors learned of hymns they wished they had been able to include. The Holy Spirit continues to inspire poets and composers to create music for the Church, and as the years pass we need to continually add to our repertoire of both service music and hymns. We hope you will enjoy "singing a new song" from additional resources available to the Episcopal Church.



History Notes: St. Luke's Organs, Part II HALL ORGAN

by Terry Heisey



The Hall Organ 1915
St. Luke's Church

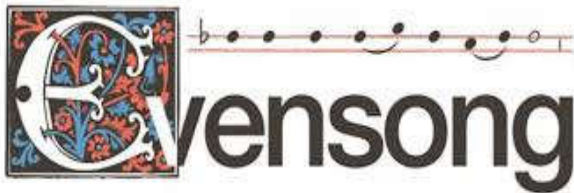
Robert H. Coleman left Lebanon County for the last time following the death of his mother and his loss of millions of dollars in the Panic of 1893. The Hilbourne Roosevelt organ he donated served the church well with comparatively no trouble for 30 years, but the Vestry began receiving reports of problems with the organ in 1911, and in January 1913 Vestry received a written report that the organ was not in good shape. According to an

article (Sept. 19, 1914) in the Lebanon Daily News "experts who were brought on here advised the installation of an entirely new instrument, for the old one was completely worn out." The installation of electricity in the church in 1908 also opened up myriad ways to update the instrument. After discussion on February 4, 1913, the Vestry agreed that a new organ was necessary.

By this time Robert Coleman's first cousins Margaret Coleman Freeman Buckingham and Isabel Coleman Freeman had succeeded him as St. Luke's major benefactors, providing the church with a Parish Hall in 1903 and a sexton's house in 1911. The organist at St. John's Episcopal Church next to their townhouse in Washington DC, Henry H. Freeman, was engaged as consultant for the organ project. Over the course of the next year the music committee under the leadership of William Coleman Freeman, Jr. (Margaret and Isabel's nephew) secured three bids for a new organ: \$8800, \$8300, and \$6500. On April 7, 1914, the Vestry decided to accept the lowest bid, that of the Hall Organ Co. of New Haven CT, provided it be built according to the specifications from Henry Freeman. Vestry authorized use of funds from the endowment or borrowing money, but after the organ was installed Margaret and Isabel and their second-cousin Deborah Norris Coleman Brock donated \$9500 to cover the total costs of acquisition and installation.

The organ was a three-manual, electric-action instrument on 3 inches of wind pressure. It contained 31 ranks (sets) of pipes totaling 1930 wood and metal pipes divided between two chambers on both sides of the sanctuary. It was twice the size of the previous organ. Some parts from the Roosevelt organ were reused, but 4/5 of the organ was new. According to the Lebanon Daily News "the voicing ... included]

(Continued on page 5)



Third Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020

6:00 PM

Evensong

7:00 PM

Senior Organ Recital

by

Patrick McMullen

Lebanon Valley College

Annville PA

(Continued from History Notes: St. Luke's Organs, Part II HALL ORGAN page 3)

all the best points of the American and European schools. The great depth and characteristic quality of the tone in the different stops, the dignified power of the full organ, without harshness, and the perfect blending of the whole into one agreeable and massive tone, yet not lacking in brilliancy are all successful features of the organ." "No effort was spared to make the organ a masterpiece in every respect as regards both tone and mechanism, and the result has been most gratifying to both church and organ builder." The organ had its own electric generator for action, and this generator was operated by a belt from the large electric blower in the crypt that supplied air to the pipes.

The Roosevelt organ was removed from the church in June of 1914, and installation of the Hall organ was completed one day before the organ was first played on Sept. 20, 1914, at the church's Rally Day service. Henry Freeman came to Lebanon the next day and played a recital at the Cornwall Methodist Episcopal Church on Sept. 22 before playing the Hall organ dedicatory recital on Sept. 23. Freeman held a capacity crowd "spellbound, with a rendition that, for fineness of technique and perfection of expression, has been seldom if ever equaled in Lebanon's churches." Before and after the recital the St. Luke's choir sang anthems, and the rector, A. A. V. Binnington, spoke on ecclesiastical music between halves of the program.

(Continued from Liturgy and Life on page 2)

istry comes in the participation of the lay faithful not only in the roles necessary for carrying out worship but also in its planning. A few years ago, we as a parish undertook a parish-wide study of the Book of Common Prayer. We learned some of its history. We examined some of the options that it provides. We understood that time honored principle, *lex orandi, lex credendi* (the way we pray expresses how we believe). Now the time has come for us to begin using that knowledge (and acquiring more as necessary) to make worship truly expressive and representative of our faith community. St. Luke's will soon undertake the constitution of a "liturgy team" that will examine our practices, suggest ways to express ways to our diverse faith experience, and to deepen our understanding of tradition and the living gospel in our lives. Members of the team will meet from time to time and develop collaborative relationships with members of the staff as we investigate and experience the richness of our worship. Areas of concern can include things such as the music, environment and art, and recruitment and training of ministry personnel. As we continue to discern our respective spiritual gifts, some of us may feel called to use them in service of our worship life. Look for more on this in time to come.

A Capital Campaign for St. Luke's – Looking to the Future

Last month, we brought you up to date on the results of "dream catching" about the fabric of our parish home. The information outlined several exciting prospects. Some work has been done to suss out the expenses involved. So far, there has been extensive work done on estimates for a hoped for lighting upgrade in the church; and a firm estimate on what is necessary to repair and partly rebuild the fence that surrounds our property. Short of this, little else has been undertaken. In some cases, design and estimate work requires fund expenditure, for which we have planned but which, under current circumstances may not be practical.

The Steering Committee for the Capital Campaign will meet later this month to assess where we are and consider the changing circumstances wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic. The much anticipated capital campaign may need to be postponed until there is more certainty about the feasibility of such an undertaking. No decisions have yet been taken since it is much too early in this volatile period to do so. We will keep you abreast of any developments. Meanwhile, to paraphrase a political leader of not too distant memory, we are confident that our hope endures, and that the dreams we have expressed will not die.

Mercy Works/Pastoral Care

by Soon Slayman

It is challenging to write on March 16 about what conditions will be like when this is read at the beginning of April! The slamming on of the brakes of our lives because of COVID 19 has caused unimaginable temporary changes with the intent of keeping us healthy and avoiding an even greater health and financial crisis.

In light of this *Bishop Kevin* writes: *"Please be certain to care for the sick and the homebound in your parish,"*

Although we do not have the pain and limitations of our all ready confined parishioners, some of us are asked to become "homebound" ourselves. Hopefully we will gain insight into what it is like to live in this way. Having spent time with the truly homebound, I love the inspiring ability they have to turn and to look inward in filling their days. During this Lenten season, we seem to have been offered an opportunity for each of us to do this also - perhaps as Father David began in the soup and study series, now cancelled, "Journey to find your True Self" or in other reflection.

In addition *Bishop Kevin* writes: *I would encourage you to create buddy groups in your parish so that people can check-in with each other periodically and notify you of any pastoral needs.* It is reassuring to see that this is a natural reaction at St. Luke's yet I am brought up short when I realize there are those I have overlooked within the parish and beyond. I am thankful for parishioners, neighbors and friends who have reached out to me. We need to look creatively for those who are less visible and to connect with them also. I pray in the coming weeks that there are some answers to our anxieties, that we will have found a new pattern to our lives and that we have pulled together to care for all around us.



Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Marion Donnachie, Joe Dowhower,
and Joan Miller

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM

Good day to our St. Luke's Family! As I write this we are in the middle of this COVID-19 pandemic. I find it very easy to get wrapped up in the media, the panic, and the pure craziness. I am fortunate to have a long standing background in preparedness and handling crisis daily from my time as a Paramedic and leader in the emergency medical services world for 24 years. Never did I think it would play a role in planning here at LCCM. One this remains, we are an essential service to our community and we are here to SERVE. Our team is learning everyday how we can improvise and overcome.

However, I am reminded daily to slow down and praise God. We praise God for the many blessings he provides us. We look back at donations over the last few months and realize he was preparing us. From large amounts of water to take out containers, from growing our volunteers numbers to financial resources – he was preparing us. We have taken this time straight on in planning and executing our plan. As of today, we continue to serve over 100 individuals in a take out format, serve numerous families in our food pantry, and are preparing for additional needs as a result of job loss or job pause.

With our Lenten breakfast cancelled and our golf tournament in jeopardy we need you now. We still have a goal to raise \$14,400 from the Lenten breakfast and have a process for you to donate. Just go to www.lccm.us and click on the different events under the "events and fundraisers." With you blessings, we can continue to bless others. We thank you for your continued commitment to LCCM!

B. Smith

LCCM Wish List

- **Food Needs**—Unsweetened Dry Cereal & Canned Soups
- **Personal Care Item Needs**—deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo etc.

ECW

by Eileen Sidelnick

ECW will meet, if possible, on **Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Mother Mary Kisner will present the program. Refreshments will be served. All women of the church and their guests are invited to attend. Please join us!

ECW Quiz

Though we may not be meeting in person this month, I have still been preparing a program for you, "Women of the New Testament." There are a good many women who are named in those pages - some we know well, some not so much. I'm planning on recording a talk for you, but to get you prepared for it, here's a little quiz to fill out.

Women of the New Testament

_____Anna	1. Tent maker
_____Dorcas	2. Student
_____Elizabeth	3. Business Woman
_____Eunice	4. Maid Servant
_____Lois	5. Grandmother of a preacher
_____Lydia	6. Prophetess
_____Martha	7. Deacon
_____Mary of Bethany	8. Craftsperson
_____Phoebe	9. Mother of a preacher
_____Priscilla	10. Hostess
_____Rhoda	11. Clergy Spouse

On Tuesday, April 14, you may find out the answers and hear more about these women, when you check out our Christian Formation website www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/for-adults.html

Save the date! Ladies Tea Party – Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM

Kitchen Help Needed! As part of the Episcopal Church Creation Care Ministry, we, at St. Luke's, are using china and stainless steel utensils for all events when food is served, and limiting the use of

paper and plastic products. Volunteers, both men and women, are needed to help clean up after these events. Tasks include taking dishes and leftovers to the kitchen, scraping dishes, loading and unloading the dishwasher, drying dishes and putting dishes in cupboards. If we get enough volunteers, the same people will not have to help after every event. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the office, if you would like to help, or contact Eileen Sidelnick, 717-926-4238.

Easter Candy Sale Update

by Laurie Daub

Despite our many challenges, and setbacks, the candy sale continued! A very special thank you to our loyal customers who continued to support this sale through a pandemic! (Now that's LOYALTY!) Also, thank you to those that risked much to help make the sale happen. Our numbers are not available, as of this printing, but proceeds from this sale, will be applied to more of St. Luke's on-going mission work. Thanks to you all!

Property Committee

by Kathy Yohn

The property committee would like to thank Bernie Yohn for his hard work this winter. Bernie refinished all the doors in the Sunday School hallway and completed long needed repairs that arose from water damage in the stairway that from the hallway near the boiler room to the cloister above. These repairs included painting walls and trim and repairing the floor in the water fountain area. We also added a non-slip mat in that area. **THANK-YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!**

St. Luke's Altar Guild

by Terry Heisey

Members of the Altar Guild met after the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, March 1, 2020, in the North Transept of the church. They reviewed the proposed Charter for the Guild prepared by Fr. David that was then before the Vestry for approval.

The Charter outlines the general responsibilities of the Altar Guild, its leadership, and how it relates to other groups committed to our worship life.

Bryan Bowser, Verger, introduced a manual of operations for the guild that contains guidance concerning setting up for weekend worship services and other concerns of the Altar Guild.

Fr. David spoke about his concerns and his gratitude for all the work the Guild does. He announced the appointment of Hailey Bowser as the new Chair of the Altar Guild succeeding Terry Heisey.

The Angelus, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
22 S. 6th St., Lebanon, PA 17042-5338
April 2020, Published 11 Times a Year, Volume 10, No. 4