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Rector's Corner: COVID or No COVID – We Face Important Challenges

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As part of our Annual Membership Campaign, the parish was challenged to envision how we would emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. There were seven challenges:



- Challenge 1: To gather differently and better
- Challenge 2: To seize opportunities to reach the digital world
- Challenge 3: To reconnect with the wider community in Lebanon County
- Challenge 4: To take prayer to a new and more powerful level
- Challenge 5: To rethink our facilities for emerging opportunities
- Challenge 6: To make lasting changes that will make a difference

St. Luke's Vestry has undertaken active leadership in formulating just how we will meet these challenges as we begin to emerge from the pandemic in the coming months. At each Vestry meeting we will discuss one of these challenges in some detail. As a foundation for our discussion, we have attached several provocative statements/questions to each challenge to spark our imaginations and re-imagine our mission and ministry in the months and years to come. I am asking you, as the parishioners and friends of St. Luke's to take time to pray and then to consider these challenges and share your insights with members of Vestry, staff, or me directly.

Challenge 1: To gather differently and better.

1. Think of one innovative way to use our facilities, perhaps something that has never been done or something no longer done but done in a new way.
2. Think of alternative days and times when our parish might gather for worship. Think creatively to reach people we are not currently reaching both in our parish and outside of our membership.
3. Think of ways our church could possibly partner with local government, schools, or other churches to use our facilities.

Challenge 2: To seize opportunities to reach the digital world.

1. Think of differences in our community since the pandemic and the implications for how we will do ministry in this new era (post-pandemic).
2. Think of how we can use our social media channels to be as effective as possible now and in the future.
3. Think about how we might best connect with individuals who might have only a digital connection to our church.

Challenge 3: To reconnect with the wider community in Lebanon County.

1. Think of some ways in which our parish could have a greater impact on our wider community.
2. Think about how we may be experiencing a sense of slow erosion (or a failure to grow within our community).
3. Think about how the current deprivation of social contacts and group events might create an openness for others to gather at parish sponsored events.

Challenge 4: To take prayer to a new and more powerful level.

1. Think about the prayer ministries currently functioning in our parish during the pandemic. How will they continue and grow as we emerge from the pandemic?
2. Think about ways in which we can invite other members of the parish not currently engage in any prayer

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ministry to join one. What new forms of prayer can/should we introduce into our parish life?

3. Think about the technologies we are using during the pandemic (e.g. ZOOM, Facebook) and the ways in which we can use these technologies to grow our prayer ministries.

Challenge 5: To rethink our facilities for emerging opportunities.

1. Think about how we are using (or not using) various parts of our facilities and how they might be better used as we emerge from the pandemic.
2. Think of ways our parish may partner with other organizations for use of our facilities.
3. Think about how the digital streaming of our worship services may alter the future of our worship services in our physical facilities.

Challenge 6: To make lasting changes that will make a difference.

1. Think about how receptive our parishioners have been to changes during the pandemic. What have we learned about our ability to adapt and change in the future?
2. Think about where some of the most beneficial changes have occurred so far during the pandemic.
3. Think about what some of the greatest challenges we may face as we seek to adapt and to change after the pandemic.

The new year is an appropriate time to confront these challenges as we enter into Epiphanytide ó the time when the Church reflects deeply about its mission in the world. These challenges will provide the foundation for our continuing conversations about our growth and development as a parish. I hope that we might be able to establish discussion circles where we can use ZOOM to gather until there is an opportunity to gather in-person. This is a very important opportunity for us to remain connected to one another and to give witness to the abiding Spirit of God in our midst ó although the doors are closed, the Church is alive and well and ready for the work of the kingdom! With you as a companion on The Way, I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe, New Year!



Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

This has been a trying year! With the COVID-19 virus we have been reduced to our website instruction. Yes, I call it instruction because we have to be continually reminded that we need guidance for our Christian's lives. It is not easy but after Christmas we are reminded how Jesus came in to the world to save us. I want to thank all our parishioners who faithfully enjoyed going on to our websites each day to see services on Sundays, participated in ZOOM meetings, bible study, services on Wednes-

days, children action on Godly Play, BAZAAR orders and pick-up, and our music selections.

I would also like to thank all Vestry members! Linda Arguedas, Soon Slayman, Kathy Yohn, Barry Wenger, Marilyn Galebach, Lauralee Gebhard, Eileen Sidelnick, Rob Box, Jennifer Hackett, Stephen Doster, and Nkiki Hockley! for their dedication during this time to make sure we are running. It is hard not seeing everyone in person but we have accomplished a lot during our ZOOM meetings. I look at our boiler situation and think we could not meet in church with the freezing atmosphere there. (I saw frost come out of Father's mouth during the service on Sunday, 12-19.). And these are some of the decisions we have been making.

A big thank you goes to the people on the Capital Campaign committee who despite all have been meeting to make decisions about the future of St. Luke's. This could have been put to the side but something must be done if we want to sustain our beliefs in helping others. At the beginning of the month we looked at lighting options that will make everyone see better in the pews and other variety of options. It was spectacular!

AND, I want to thank our staff AND FATHER David and Mother Mary. Their guidance during this time has been fantastic. Searching for questions and answers.

But as I have said at the beginning. I want to thank all of St. Luke's parishioners. I have been watching Sister Act during the month of December and it reminds me of what we can do in the future! websites, church, and helping others. COVID-19 has triggered a response in all of us. Let us look to the positive! vaccine! and the options that have opened up to us!

Liturgy and Life

Epiphany: Seeing with New Eyes

The word Epiphany means manifestation or a revealing of something meaningful and important. We apply the word epiphany not only to the feast day on January 6th when we commemorate the coming of the magi, but also to the season of weeks that follows. The associated feasts and readings from Scripture are meant to unveil (to reveal) the meaning deep within the coming of the Son of God as one like us in all things but sin.

One important dimension of this revealing or manifestation is the incorporation of Gentiles into the plans of God for God's people. In this, we give thanks because all of us who have no claim on Jewish heritage find the means by which we become God's children ó a sacred status given to the Hebrew people from the beginning of God's story. In many ways, then, Epiphany is about human solidarity since it makes clear (manifests) that no person is beyond the loving embrace of God in Christ regardless of classification or identity we as humans may assign.

This is a particular importance for us during the time of COVID-19. We see clearly how the virus is no respecter of persons ó rich and poor, conservative and progressive,

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Music Notes: Hymns of Epiphany

by Terry Heisey

The entire season of Epiphany is summarized and encapsulated brilliantly in just four verses of hymn no. 135 in our hymnal: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise." We have often been told that "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "revealing." This hymn drives that idea across, while showing us just how Jesus' power and divinity was revealed during his life and ministry.

The first 3 stanzas are taken from the poem included for the "Sixth Sunday after Epiphany" in Christopher Wordsworth's *Holy Year—or, Hymns for Sundays, Holidays, and other occasions throughout the Year* published in 1862. This is one of 8 hymns in our hymnal from various editions of this collection. Wordsworth (1807-1885) was the nephew of the great Romantic poet William Wordsworth and a brilliant scholar and author in his own right. Ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1835, he was canon of Westminster in 1844, a country priest in Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berkshire (1850-1869), and then Bishop of Lincoln (1869-1885). Of this hymn he writes:



[It is a] recapitulation of the successive manifestations of Christ, which have already been presented in the services of the former weeks throughout the season of Epiphany—and anticipation of that future great and glorious Epiphany, at which Christ will be manifest to all, when he will appear again to judge the world.

Verse 1 covers Jesus' initial manifestation to humanity in his incarnation in human form and to the gentiles specifically in the persons of the Wise Men, which we celebrate on the Day of Epiphany.

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar—branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem—anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Verse 2 celebrates the 2 other facets of the feast of Epiphany now commemorated on the first Sunday after Epiphany (Baptism of Our Lord) and Epiphany II in Year A of the lectionary.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme, and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy God head manifest—manifest in power divine, changing water into wine—anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Verse 3 alludes to Gospel lessons later in the season of Epiphany that cover manifestations of Jesus' power and divinity in healing the sick in mind, body, and soul.

3. Manifest in making whole, palsied limbs and fainting soul—manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might—manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill—anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

The hymn's original Verse 4 indeed dealt with the Second Coming, but the Commission responsible for *The Hymnal 1982* tasked one of its members, the Rev. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), to write a new fourth verse to reflect our revised lectionary and church calendar in which the season of Epiphany culminates in Christ's manifestation on the Mount of Transfiguration. Tucker, son and brother of Episcopal bishops, was successively as Rector of St. John's Church in Georgetown DC and Christ Church in Savannah GA. He served as a theological advisor to the commission that produced the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and on the two commissions (for 1940 and 1982) that revised hymnals of the Episcopal Church. In his later years he wrote and

translated numerous hymns—*The Hymnal 1982* includes 17 of Tucker's contributions. His fourth verse ends by pointing ahead to Lent and Easter, the ultimate manifestation of Jesus' power and divinity.

4. Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light, where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw. When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem, cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.



History Notes: The current Trinity Chapel

by Terry Heisey



After the parish moved its worship into their magnificent new church building in 1880, the old church building (now called the Chapel) just north of the new structure was turned over to use by the Sunday School. The Vestry could not find \$ 200 for needed repairs to the old chapel in 1895, but in 1897 a new altar for the chapel was presented by Col. D. S. Hammond during the last week of his life in memory of his wife

Emily, and later that year Isabel Coleman Freeman gave the chapel a cross and two vases along with new carpet and other furniture. Spurred by these improvements an anonymous parishioner paid for a major renovation of the chapel in the fall of 1899. The walls and floor were painted, the pews and woodwork were varnished, a new chancel, vestibule, and Sunday school office and library were erected, and electric lights were installed (20 years before electric lights came to the main church).

Unfortunately for the chapel, Isabel Freeman and her sister, Margaret Coleman Freeman Buckingham, soon had a change of heart. Just two years after the renovations they decided to build St. Luke's a parish house on land they purchased for the church north of the chapel but also on land occupied by the chapel. Fr. Alfred Abel, who had conducted the first service in the old chapel in 1863, held the last service there, celebrating Holy Communion at 7:30 AM on July 23, 1902. Construction work had begun on July 10, and the altar and other furnishings were removed immediately to allow demolition of the building. The memorial to the old chapel would be a new chapel in the parish house, fitted with windows, pews, and the altar from the old building and placed on land once occupied by the structure.

The new chapel was fitted out as planned. Its distinctive cherry paneling was added in 1937, when the Arthur Brock mansion in what is now Coleman Park was torn down and Mrs. Brock (Sarah Coleman Brock) donated items from the house to the parish. Sue Richards created a new dossal curtain for the chapel in 1983, and following the sale of the parish's Trinity Chapel on West Cumberland St. in 1984 the parish house chapel was re-named Trinity Chapel in its honor. There has always been a pump reed organ in the chapel, and the current organ is an ornate parlor organ made by the Miller organ company of Lebanon given by George and Betty Conner.

Over the years the chapel has been used for weekday services, small weddings, and many other purposes. In my early years at St. Luke's it was the site of children's church and the annual Holy Name Eucharist on New Year's Eve. Today it remains the site of the Wednesday Eucharists.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People:

Harriet Bedell

January 8

Harriet Bedell was born on March 19, 1875. Inspired by an Episcopal missionary, she enrolled as a student at the New York Training School for Deaconesses where she was instructed in religion, missions, teaching, and hygiene. She then became a missionary-teacher among the Cheyenne at the Whirlwind Mission in Oklahoma. In 1916, Bedell was sent to Stevens Village, Alaska, where she was finally set apart as a deaconess in 1922. She also served as a teacher and nurse at St. John's in the Wilderness at Allakaket, just 40 miles south of the Arctic Circle, where she sometimes traveled by dogsled to remote villages.



During her last years in Alaska, Bedell opened a boarding school. In 1932, hearing about the plight of the Seminoles in Florida, Bedell used her own salary to reopen a mission among the Mikasuki Indians. There, she worked to revive some of their traditional crafts: Doll-making, basket-weaving, and intricate patchwork designs. The arts and crafts store that they established to sell their handicrafts improved the economy of the Blades Cross Mission. Though forced to officially retire at age 63, Bedell continued her ministry of health care, education, and economic empowerment until 1960 when Hurricane Donna wiped out her mission.

Active into her eighties, Deaconess Bedell drove an average of 20,000 miles per year during her ministry. She was one of the most popular writers in the national Episcopal mission periodical, *The Spirit of Missions*. Bedell won the respect of indigenous people through her compassion and respect for their way of life and beliefs. While active in ministry among the Cheyenne, she was eventually adopted into the tribe and given the name "Bird Woman." The diocese of Southwest Florida has long celebrated Harriet Bedell Day on January 8, the anniversary of her death in 1969.



ZOOM Feast for Godly Play Students - SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - 11:00 AM

We've been enjoying this monthly get-together with our young ones and their families online. Once a month our teachers prepare a treat bag for each child, and deliver it on the Friday before. Then we send out the special link so you can join in.

There is always room for one more, so if you haven't joined us yet, email Mother Mary and let us know you are coming. You can always reach her at youth@stlukeslebanon.org

Virtual Christmas Pageant

Our Church School students and their families took up the challenge of performing a virtual Christmas Pageant. COVID 19 restrictions could not stop the Good News of Christ's birth from coming to life in story and carols. The story is told in five acts using the Gospels of Matthew and Luke to form the basis of the events. It is interspersed with carols which musicians from the parish played. Viewers are encouraged to sing along with the lyrics which appear on the screen.

Using electronic media to which everyone had easy access, our production debuted on Christmas Eve. If you haven't seen it yet, click on this link or type it into your browser <http://stlukeslebanon.org/> look under "Virtual Resources" and click on it.

All the photos of home Nativity Creche scenes were added at the end to a grand accompaniment of Joy to the World played by our own Dr. Terry Heisy.

Thanks to everyone who made our Pageant possible. We hope to encourage more story telling online in the future. Stay tuned.

Other Offerings during the Christmas Season

The Mystery of Christmas - a presentation by Rose Brown is another style of pictorial story telling. In the mid 1300s the medieval artist, Giotto, painted sections of the Scrovegni Chapel with luminous frescoes of the life of Mary and Jesus. Rose tells us the stories around Jesus' birth beginning with the Annunciation and Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. She then continues with the Nativity of Jesus and the visits of the shepherds and the wise men. Herod's fear and anger are brought to bear in the Massacre of the Innocents, and the Holy Family's escape to Egypt rounds out the early stories of the life of Jesus.



The stories are an enrichment of the core curriculum of Godly Play, but who doesn't like a good story? I recommend it to young and old alike. Often the insights that are part of a story for youngsters can be even more meaningful for adults. Find it here <http://stlukeslebanon.org/> look under "Virtual Resources" and click on it.

Christian Formation Website

www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org

We continue to post new resources and information for our spiritual growth on our website, dedicated to Christian formation. Especially helpful is the page [For Children and their Parents](#). There are also resources [For Adults](#): access links to the Presiding Bishop's podcasts on [The Way of Love](#). Links to the [weekly bible study](#) and more!

Godly Play Stories Continue

Every Sunday we have stories on tap for children and families. During the next several weeks we will be presenting six familiar parables. The interesting thing about parables is - they are always new every time you visit with them. Sometimes they are hard to open, other times they are full of surprises. Join us for these stories that fascinate children and adults alike. Stories are added every Sunday.



To find these resources- go to our parish webpage stlukeslebanon.org

Under "Virtual Resources" scroll down to "St. Luke's Youth Resources" and click on it. You will have reached the page with a wealth of resources for families - Godly Play stories, children's bulletins, family activities, and videos of that Sunday's Gospel lesson.

Bible Study

10 AM Thursdays
in our ZOOM room at

<https://zoom.us/j/190727051>

Find the readings for each Sunday at

<http://www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/lectionary-texts-for-this-sunday.html>

Online Worship becomes our Main Worship Opportunity

Because of the restrictions of our response to the spike in COVID-19 infections in the region, most of our worship will be online, most likely through the end of the calendar year. The Holy Eucharist for each Sunday will be webcast at 10 AM on both our YouTube channel and on Facebook. Once the service has been webcast, it can be viewed again (or for the first time) at another time. One advantage of webcasting it at a set time is that those watching can participate by using the "chat" feature available for both YouTube and Facebook. You can use this feature to ask for prayers or to respond to prayers or comment to others about what just occurred (a thought you had during the sermon. Such interaction isn't usually possible (or desirable) during in-person worship, but it is possible and may enhance our online experience. Links to all online opportunities are available on the parish website homepage or in the box "This Week's Schedule." Just click on the link listed there to go to the livestream. You may always wish to "subscribe" to our YouTube channel to get notices of newly uploaded videos at any time.



2021 Offering Envelopes have arrived!

Parish Office

Envelopes are available for pick-up beginning Monday January 4th. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The envelopes are in the foyer outside the Parish Office. Help us save the cost of postage! When you pick-up your envelopes, pick up your friends, neighbors, or family members envelopes as well!

If you did not request envelopes and would like to have them, please contact Lisa at admin@stlukeslebanon.org we've got a few extra boxes!



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straight and gay. It does not respect the color of one's skin. It knows no distinction between men and women. Perhaps, then, the virus by a strange twist can teach us something about the grace of God.

God's life and grace is beyond our control. It makes no distinction between classes, races, orientations, or political convictions. It is equally powerful in any life. The key distinction here, however, is that the virus is an expression of a natural evil (something beyond the scope of this essay). God's grace is the exact opposite. It is the expression of a supernatural life that ultimately triumphs over all evil we may experience. Perhaps, then, the time of COVID-19 is a kind of epiphany season: it can help us realize that as powerless as we might feel in its powerful, damaging rampage through our human family, God can do exactly the opposite if we would simply open our eyes and see the impact of this life and grace all around us.

What will your epiphany be in this holy season? How will you come to see God and God's world with new eyes? What will you do when you confront the mystery of a God who loves us so much that God would enter every experience that we have of sorrow and joy, suffering and release, anger and love or all so that we could "see" a way through to a new kind of life? C.S. Lewis put it this way:

It is so difficult to believe that the travail [troubles] of all creation, which God himself descended to share may be necessary in the process of turning finite creatures (with free wills) into . . . well, gods.

Maybe that is what the magi sought in the end or that in this child, this incipient king of the universe or we, finite creatures that we are, are being restored to our intended destiny or as children of God.

*Feed the hungry.
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked.
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Grieve the dead*

MercyWorks

Outreach Ministries at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Share the faith
Counsel the troubled
Admonish the sinner
Suffer wrongs patiently
Reconcile others
Comfort the afflicted
Pray for all*

Pastoral Care: A picture is worth a thousand words

by Soon Slayman



In early October I planted pansies at the base of my flagpole. Since then they have grown strong and bloomed until now where you can see this one in the snow on December 15. This picture says more clearly than I can write that, like us, as part of God's creation they represent beauty and courage and strength. For the pansies there will be difficult times this winter but in the spring they will renew and provide a reassuring reminder that Easter is coming and there is Hope.



Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Marion Donnachie
Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller

Power Packs News

by Katherine Hoopes



The final Power Packs Distribution for 2020 was on Thursday, December 17.

The next distribution will be on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Our packers will continue to help prepare boxes on schedule Tuesdays. There are other volunteer groups who are willing to help in this area. Thus, our St. Luke's group will not have to work every week. Our schedule will be determined in early January.

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM



Hi St. Luke's! As this crazy 2020 has come to an end, we are reflecting on the impact on our ministry at

LCCM. Andrea, our Director of Marketing and Development and I, are now one and a quarter years into our time at LCCM. The crazy part is ten of the months we have been employed at LCCM have been dealing with COVID-19. Sometimes I am not sure I know what LCCM was like before COVID. With that said, we have been very blessed. Two programs your church has been deeply involved in with LCCM are the noon meal and the FRESH Start Shelter. I thought I would give you a short update on both of these programs.

The noon meal has been very very busy! We are seeing some very big number that consistently exceed feeding 200+ guests per day. All meals are being served take out and from LCCM. We have been blessed with new volunteers who have been able to support the program. While the Commonwealth of PA has stepped up funding our food purchase through COVID, they have not supported our products to make the meal a take out. We are spending about \$5,000 a month in take out containers, bags, and bottled water.

The FRESH Start Shelter remains at the hotel in the non-congregate setting (average monthly expense of \$10,000). This continues to be best practice and we have been very successful. Our team continues to daily COVID screenings of each guest, weekly case management meetings, and goal setting meetings to strive for housing security. While this is not the desired location for our shelter, we know this is best. During this challenging time, we continue to look toward the future and what our shelter will look like on the other side. I am excited for the future and look forward to sharing plans as they develop. We are hopeful you will all have an opportunity to serve again once we get back to some sense of normal.

God bless you all!

LCCM WISH LIST

- **Food Needs** - Peanut Butter & Canned Soups, Meats, and Meals
- **Personal Care Item Needs** - deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo etc.

Special Note: Vestry determined that St. Luke's should take an active role in supporting LCCM during the COVID-19 health crisis. Funds were appropriated from various sources to assist in their critical ministry. Beyond the monthly Free

Noon Meal, LCCM has undertaken to continue housing those in need through their *Fresh Start* program. Individuals are being housed at a motel to keep them and others safe from infection. This is increasing costs substantially. St. Luke's hopes to help in any way we can. Other donations are gratefully accepted.

Property Committee

by Kathy & Bernie Yohn

This has been a challenging time for the property committee. Some of our members have stepped up and helped keep everything running smoothly during this pandemic. I would like to thank our property angels who have helped us.

- Thanks to Tom & Isabel Buzby for upgrading and maintaining our outdoor areas. They were beautiful all season and the yard behind the church looks great.
- Thanks to Terry Heisey, Bob Nemcheck, Bill Claxton, Seth & Joseph Brock, and Bernie Yohn for helping to stabilize the Sixth St door after it was damaged.
- Thanks to Brian Weaver for remaking and installing the outdoor light at the Chestnut St. It is a big improvement.
- Thanks to Dan Massad and Rob Box for their help in choosing tile color and pattern for the entrance and stairs by the auditorium. This is to be installed after the heating system is working.

St. Luke's Holiday Bazaar (Items Still Available)

COVID-19 can't keep St. Luke's down! Enjoy some of the most popular features of our annual Holiday Bazaar! You can submit your orders on line at www.stlukesbazaar.org or by submitting your low-tech order to the parish office.

Souper Bowl Sale Coming in February!



The saying is "from soup to nuts! Forget the nuts, just bring on the soup! Wiley's Café is bringing you a variety of homemade soups, sold by the quart, to warm you just in time for the worst of the winter cold. Our soup sale will take place in February after the hustle and bustle of the holidays has concluded. Our soups will be just the thing on a cold winter evening. Check during January to see what we have in store. You can submit your orders online at www.stlukesbazaar.org or by submitting your low-tech order to the parish office.

A Capital Campaign for St. Luke's – Let there be light . . .

One of the tasks undertaken the steering committee of the capital campaign is to obtain plans and figures concerning the costs of various projects that we might want to undertake as we seek to improve our physical facilities. One of the most desired in the improvements category is to upgrade the lighting in our worship space. So far, a great deal of effort has gone into this project's planning and we are nearing a comprehensive view of what it might entail and how much it may cost.

During a recent visit to take some final measurements, our lighting design engineer took a reading of the available light in the center of the nave. It was a Wednesday about noon on a sunny day with all the lights on. His light meter read 1.5 foot-candles (a measurement of light intensity). He took the reading several times thinking that such a low reading may not be accurate, but there it was – 1.5 foot-candles. The plan for upgrading the lighting would provide for 20 foot-candles in that area! I cannot imagine what it might be like to sit in the nave with that amount of illumination!

In addition to the functional elements, the project will also seek to enhance the beauty of our worship space by providing illumination for various architectural features of the church. All lighting will be controllable (more than simply off and on) with easy to use variable controls. It will appear as a different space when all is said and done.

The next phase of the plan will be executed in a few days when the engineers present a mockup to give campaign planners and Vestry a firsthand look at the difference this will make. Regrettably, because of COVID-19 restrictions, the number of people permitted to see the mockup will be limited.

Throughout the planning process for all our projects, we would like to know that you think. Just drop an email to admin@stlukeslebanon.org to let us know.

A Capital Campaign for St. Luke's

While we spent much effort last year to seek out ideas that would help transform spaces in St. Luke's to meet the demands of a new era of ministry. We did not know then what would transpire with a worldwide pandemic and what it might reveal about the needs of our community. As we begin to reimagine what our world will be like after the pandemic, we might take the opportunity now to imagine how we might need to change our physical environment to meet those very needs.

If you have any ideas related to areas of community outreach, healing ministries or any other area that may emerge in our reflections in the ways described in the Rector's Corner in this issue, please send them to Father Zwifka at rector@stlukelebanon.org. Throughout the planning process for all our projects, we would like to know that you think. Just drop an email to admin@stlukeslebanon.org to let us know.

Stewardship:



BEGIN AGAIN!
Annual Membership
Campaign 2021

Our fiscal year begins in January of each year. In the two months prior, Vestry carefully considers the resources that we can expect to have at our disposal to accomplish

the mission to which God calls our parish. Budgets not only determine allocations of resources but are roadmaps concerning our priorities as a community. In other words, we provide for those things that are most important to us. Certainly, some expenses are beyond our control (for example, we must tend to utility expenses as the weather and circumstances demand. However, within our discretion is how we allocate resources for various ministries in the parish. In Vestry's discussions, there was some concern how our budget reflected the place of Outreach efforts in our priorities. The budget's failure to reflect accurately our participation in the work of Lebanon County Christian Ministries, Power Packs and other initiatives results in part from a need to consolidate our thinking on how and why undertake any specific efforts.

Several of the challenges outlined in the Rector's Corner in this issue have an impact on our understanding of outreach as a parish community. As we Begin Again, we will have a special focus in this area of our mission.

If you still need to submit your commitment card for 2021, please send it in as soon as you can. You can also make your 2021 commitment online at <https://www.journeyinfaithstlukeslebanon.org/share-stewardship.html>.

Annual Meeting 2021 – January 24th

At its November meeting, Vestry set the date for our Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 24th at 10 AM. Because of the restrictions that will most likely be in force at that time, we plan to hold a virtual meeting. This means that you will be able to participate online from the safety and comfort of your own home. Like our Annual Membership Campaign, this year's theme will be *BEGIN AGAIN!*

Of course, we will miss the opportunity to worship together and to share a wonderful repast organized by the ECW as in years past. However, we still have important business to conduct. It will also be a great time to create a different form of fellowship as we hold a large gathering online – the first one for St. Luke's that we hope will be both user friendly and fun.

One of the most important elements will be Rob Box's presentation about the parish budget for 2021 and the impact that COVID-19 has had in both expected and unexpected ways. There will also be information on the progress of planning for our Capital Campaign.

We will not elect new Vestry members, however. At the December meeting, Vestry voted to suspend those sections of the by-laws that deal with term limitations to allow members whose terms are expiring to continue service until such time that we emerge from the pandemic. This action will provide much needed continuity within our leadership and will make it easier for new members, once they are appointed, by entering Vestry service outside the context of a crisis such as we have. The Annual Meeting will need to ratify this action.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to be with us on the 24th. You will receive information on the meeting and weblinks that will admit you to the virtual meeting hall.

A September History Notes: The Cloister Windows Correction

by Terry Heisey



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The St. Antony window was given in memory of Donald S. Moudy instead of David and Frances Long Shroyer, which was printed



The St. Patrick window was given in memory of David and Frances Long Shroyer instead of Eleanor Groh Davis

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Beginning this month, this space will be used for news and updates about parishioners, their families, and friends of St. Luke's. If you have any news to share (like a new member of the family, a change in employment, retirement, or the like) please send that information to admin@stlukeslebanon.org

