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Rector's Corner: Angels Unawares



Dear Friends in Christ,

For over 55 years the "Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign identified Episcopal churches to people around the world. These signs became one of the most recognizable symbols of our denomination. At their inception, the signs were considered an important part of the Church's outreach to the world. Regrettably, many of these signs have not weathered the years well. Many have rusted and faded from years of exposure. Some are bent. Others lean as their stanchions shifted with the soil beneath. In seeing these signs, I often ask, "What are these signs saying about our Church?"

St. Luke's has not used this ubiquitous symbol at its campus for quite some time. Did you know that we DO use them on the major roads leading into the City of Lebanon? When was the last time you noticed one of these? How often do you think others do?

Merriam-Webster offers one definition of a sign: a display (such as a lettered board or a configuration of neon tubing) used to identify or advertise a place of business or a product. As such, "The Episcopal Church welcomes you!" is a sign of something more than the mere presence of a church building or a schedule of services. The word "welcomes" tells others that in the Episcopal Church, there are no "strangers" – that all will be considered as "part of us."

Static metal signs along the road do not do justice to the dynamic human relationship that underlies the word "welcome." Welcoming is a deeply human activity. It speaks of the willingness of one person to go out of their way for another – even someone whom they do not know. Perhaps one of the reasons that many churches experience decline is that their words do not match their actions. The signs may say "welcome" but upon entering, strangers experience something else.

It is almost never the case (at least in most churches I have entered), that members intentionally snubbed me. However, it has frequently been the case that I entered and went fairly much unnoticed – except maybe for a kind gesture at The Peace. Families and friends exchanged pleasantries all around me, but I might as well have been made of cellophane ["Look right through me, walk right 'round me . . ." goes the song, "Mr. Cellophane" in the musical Chicago]. I didn't make a dent in folks' awareness. They were unaware of the gifts I possessed and the difference that I might have made in their community. The sign said, "Welcome." Their actions said, "So what?"

Maybe I am belaboring a point. But I deeply believe it should be a point well taken, especially as we emerge from our COVID exile. People everywhere hunger to belong – to be valued – to be welcomed. It is perhaps one of the most important things we can do as a church community. To be taken in – even while a stranger – can make all the difference to a stressed-out working mother, to a father worried about the well-being of his family, to a young adult searching for identity and for meaning.

As a community, we need to reflect on all the ways we create real and living "signs" of welcome – not only by making sure someone is given a kind greeting but also in the ways we make our physical home accessible to those who might be challenged in some way. Not only by handing someone a bulletin but also in the way we show them where the restrooms might be. Not only in offering a beverage and a snack, but also in the way we arrange our rooms so that people feel safe and comfortable.

These are only a few considerations. There are so many more. I hope that we, as a community, will enter deep conversations about how we, as a parish family, can be increasingly hospitable to "the other" as one way of rising to the challenge to "gather differently and better."

With you as a pilgrim along The Way,

David +



Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

Christmas Stockings – Ready-Set-Go!!!



ECW will be doing our Christmas Stocking Project. We are going to try to fill 130 stockings. During August we ask you to bring **toothbrushes and toothpaste**. During September we are still going to ask for toothbrushes and toothpaste **BUT** we are adding Chapstick and lotion.

- Toothbrush individually wrapped
- Toothpaste – sample size (3oz or travel size)
- Chapstick
- Lotion sample size-unscented (3oz or travel size)

Bring 1 or more of the items. If we reach our limit I will advertise in the bulletin, email, and/or special announcement.

I will have a box at the Lady Altar during church services OR you can drop off in the office. THANKS for helping us out.



BAZAAR Theme Basket

If you are interested in donating a “Theme Basket” for the Bazaar please let Beth Yocum know... (717.273.0347). This way I know how many total baskets I need.



History Notes: St. Luke’s Eleventh Rector: Gerald Richards

by Terry Heisey

On September 9, 2021 St. Luke’s will be celebrating the life and ministry of former rector Jerry Richards, whose death occurred on April 6, 2019, when because of the pandemic we were prohibited from gathering together for a funeral service. Many of us knew and loved him, but for those who did not have that privilege I base my column this month on St. Luke’s XI. rector.

Gerald Wayne Richards was born on April 29, 1934, in Philadelphia, the son of Richard Richards, a printer, and his wife Margaret Dougherty. While reading the Gospel of Mark as a teenager he felt a special call from God to follow Jesus’ command to go out and preach the Gospel. He transferred from vo-tech school, where he was studying printing, to an academic school, Abraham Lincoln High School, to begin preparation for seminary. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln in 1952, Juniata College in 1956, Crozer Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity) in 1959, and Philadelphia Divinity School to prepare for Episcopal ministry in 1960. He was ordained a deacon at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Fallsington PA on November 18, 1961, and a priest at Grace Church in



Madison SD on June 13, 1962. By then he was married to his partner in life and ministry, Sue Anne Wilkins (on October 10, 1959), and beginning a family. Most of the clergy positions open in the area of his birth were for parish assistants, and he felt ready to lead his own ministry, so he took a position as a domestic missionary serving three small churches in Howard, Desmet, and Madison, South Dakota. In 1966 he accepted a call to St. Mark’s Church in Millsboro, Sussex County, Delaware. While there he served as Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Delaware and a member of Diocesan Council and the State Human Relations Commission. He also studied at the Ecumenical Institute in Canterbury, England, and Transactional Analysis with Thomas Harris, author of I’m OK—You’re OK.

During this time Father Jerry and his family (by now including three children, Scott, Heidi, and Bonnie) spent summers with his wife’s family in Schuylkill Haven PA and while there conducted services at the chapel on Fort Indiantown Gap. At the Gap he met people from Lebanon, and in 1973 one of these people visiting his church told him of the vacancy at St. Luke’s following the departure of Henry Fairman to a position with the Diocese of Bethlehem. The Bishop of Bethlehem forwarded his name, along with three other priests, to the St. Luke’s search committee. Over the spring of 1973 the committee narrowed the field to two candidates, and the Vestry voted unanimously to extend a call to him on June 12, 1973. With Bishop Gressle’s immediate approval, Father Jerry was inducted as rector of St. Luke’s on the Sunday before St. Luke’s Day (October 14).

Father Jerry continued as Rector of St. Luke’s for 23 years, second only to the tenure of Rodney Brace, before announcing his retirement in 1996. He preached his last sermon on June 30, 1996, and began a six-month sabbatical with a two-week trip to England and Ireland before his formal retirement as of December 31, 1996.

During his ministry in Lebanon Father Jerry continued his ecumenical work, working to establish the Lebanon County Council of Churches (now Lebanon County Christian Ministries) and leading as its president and serving as the Bishop’s representative to the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. He also maintained his interest in mental health, serving as chair of the Advisory Committee of the Lebanon County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Association and teaching courses in Transactional Analysis for laypeople and school teachers. In the wider church he served on the diocesan Dialogue on Human Sexuality and the Holy Life.

But it was on St. Luke’s parish that he left his greatest mark. In reflecting on his career for the Lebanon Daily News in 1996 he praised the parish particularly for sticking “its neck out with him in support of placing women in positions of leadership in the church, including the priesthood.” In 1976, the year the Episcopal Church approved ordination of women for the priesthood, Father Jerry appointed St. Luke’s first female Senior Warden (Florence Asbury) and first women chalice bearers, lay readers, and acolytes. Women ushers soon followed. The parish supported several women, as well as men, through training and preparation for ordination. St. Luke’s also began its

long-standing support and affirmation of LGBT persons who suffered persecution in other churches. But these were but aspects of what may have been Jerry and Sue's greatest asset: their warm and open hospitality. They had the gift of making all types of people feel welcome and immediately included in the mission of the parish and of fostering that openness in others. Father Jerry was also a capable preacher, teacher, minister, and administrator.

Under him St. Luke's:

- 1880 building was placed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks
- accomplished the closing and sale of Trinity Chapel and the integration of its membership in the life of St. Luke's
- successfully conducted the Centennial Challenge and Renewal and Restoration fund campaigns
- purchased our Austin organ
- installed the Cloister of Saints and other stained-glass windows, as well as many ongoing property improvements
- began St. Luke's Free Noon Meal program
- supported diocesan outreach in Puerto Rico and work with Vietnamese refugees
- successfully introduced the new 1978 Prayerbook and the 1982 Hymnal into our worship while maintaining the parish's best liturgical traditions

After his retirement, Father Jerry and Sue divided their time between the Philadelphia area and Mt. Gretna. In his later years they attended St. Luke's on occasion, and the parish celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 2011. Two works of art Father Jerry created in his retirement hang in the church: a still life in the Auditorium and the St. Nicholas window he designed in the Cloister.



Music Notes: Singing While We Bear the Cross

by Terry Heisey

Many people are stirred by the hymn "Lift High the Cross." It is one hymn that people regularly request to sing, so sing it we do every year on the Sunday nearest Holy Cross Day (September 14). This year the Gospel lesson for September 12 centers on Jesus' admonition that his disciples take up their cross and follow him, so we will sing two hymns leading us to think about very different ways the cross is borne: a solemn burden like Jesus bore to Calvary and a triumphant sign like a crucifer holds high in leading a procession.

The first aspect is reflected in the hymn "Take up your cross" by Charles William Everest (1814- 1877). Everest, later an Episcopal priest, was still in his teens when he published the poem in *Vision of Death, and Other Poems*

(1833). Percy Dearmer labeled it "one of those hymns of poor quality which have to be always changed in order to make them possible for use," but its message is so forceful that (in altered form, of course) it found a place in the first edition of the Church of England's *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861) and finally back in American Episcopal hymnody in the *Hymnal 1982*. Here it is paired with the early American tune *Bourbon* first published in Freeman Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony* (Pittsburgh, 1814).

The second aspect of cross-bearing is reflected in "Lift High the Cross." The original form of this text was written in 1887 for use at a Society for the Propagation of the Gospel festival at Winchester Cathedral by the Cathedral's dean, George William Kitchen (1827-1912). It was revised by Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956), an Anglican priest, for the 1916 Supplement of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. A version abridged for the Catholic Book of Worship (Ottawa, 1972) was included in the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978) and the Episcopal supplement *Hymns III* (1981) before inclusion in our present hymnal. The tune *Crucifer* (literally "cross bearer") was written for the text for the 1916 Supplement of *H A & M* by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947), sometime organist at Westminster Abbey and founder of the Royal School of Church Music.



Begin Again! Challenge 5: Rethink Our Facilities for Emerging Opportunities – A Capital Campaign

"I think it is one of the most beautiful churches in the region." So said Bob Hoffman, principal at Beers-Hoffman Architects. Bob is a long-time friend of St. Luke's. He was instrumental in the application that placed St. Luke's Church on the National Registry of Historic Places – one of only three churches in the City of Lebanon to attain such status. (Old Salem Lutheran and Tabor Church are the other two.) Most of us are well acquainted with the parish's history (if not, see our website at <http://stlukeslebanon.org/church-history>). Construction began in 1879 with state-of-the-art technologies. Since then, of course, the building has periodically been improved with newer technologies: electric lights were introduced; central heating shifted from coal to gas, and audio amplification made the spoken word more accessible. Even these technologies have been upgraded from time to time.

The most recent change was the introduction of a new sound system, which, so far, has been deeply appreciated by many worshippers. Two years ago, we were able to modify two areas in the nave to accommodate those who must use wheelchairs or other mobility aids. With internet access, we have been able to webcast live services from

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People:

Constance and her Companions

September 9

In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city of Memphis for the third time in ten years. By the month's end the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While 30,000 citizens had fled in terror, 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over ninety percent of the population had contracted the Fever; more than 5,000 people had died.

In that time of panic and fight, many brave men and women, both lay and cleric, remained at their posts of duty or came as volunteers to assist despite the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were Constance, Superior of the work of the Sisters of St. Mary in Memphis, and her Companions. The Sisters had come to Memphis in 1873, at Bishop Quintard's request, to found a Girls School adjacent to St. Mary's Cathedral. When the 1878 epidemic began, George C. Harris, the Cathedral Dean, and Sister Constance immediately organized relief work among the stricken. Helping were six of Constance's fellow Sisters of St. Mary; Sister Clare from St. Margaret's House, Boston; the Reverend Charles C. Parsons, Rector of Grace and St. Lazarus Church, Memphis; and the Reverend Louis S. Schuyler, assistant at Holy Innocents, Hoboken. The Cathedral group also included three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests, the Sisters' two matrons, and several volunteer nurses from New York. They have ever since been known as "The Martyrs of Memphis," as have those of other Communion who ministered in Christ's name during this time of desolation.

The Cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, these men and women of God gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Only two of the workers escaped the Fever. Among those who died were Constance, Thecla, Ruth and Frances, the Reverend Charles Parsons and the Reverend Louis Schuyler. The six martyred Sisters and priests are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. The monument marking the joint grave of Fathers Parsons and Schuyler bears the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man." The beautiful High Altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, is a memorial to the four Sisters.

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Creation Care - Water Stories

We are sending out one last story in this series of Water Stories - Jesus Calms the Water. Life happens to us in many wonderful ways, but sometimes life brings us

some difficult and downright scary times. Through the activities we have included in this pack, families can explore these themes together and discover how our faith in Jesus can help us through some hard situations.

If you would like to share these packets with others in your family (grandchildren, etc.), leave a message for us at our office [717-272-8251] and we will reserve one for you to pick up. All the Stories from this summer along with their activities can be found on our website along with other resources.

Check us out at journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/care-for-gods-creation.html Or find us on Facebook - St. Luke's Children and Parents Group. It's private, so if you wish to join, send Mother Mary a request on Facebook (Mary Kisner).

Godly Play Stories to Begin Online Again



Beginning Sunday, September 19, we will again be featuring Godly Play stories on our website. Core Stories like the Great Family, Ten Best Ways to Live, and Exile will be featured. We will again have a second story, too, about favorite people of the Old Testament including Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, and Isaiah.

These will most appeal to our youngest members from age 3 to children in 4th and 5th grade.

A new series for middle school/high school students is being looked at. Keep a watch for it in our weekly announcements.



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!

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>

Stewardship: Hospitality – the Cornerstone of Stewardship



The dictionary defines “hospitality” as: “the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.” From the standpoint of a Christian worldview, hospitality is much, much more – it is a sacred duty that is given to us by God.

In terms of stewardship, hospitality is an immensely important concept. Remember the “three Ts” of stewardship: time, talent, and treasure? Well, there are also “four Ps,” the four pillars of stewardship – hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Interestingly, hospitality is mentioned first. Why, you may ask? Because without hospitality, none of the others will ever take root. Hospitality, then, forms the cornerstone of stewardship: only through our openness to “the other” can God provide the joy, grace, and love he wants for the world.

Throughout Scripture we see hospitality in action (or its absence). Early on, we hear the story of Abraham and Sarah at Mamre entertaining “angels unawares.” In the Torah, the Law of Moses, the Israelites are commanded to take account of “the strangers in their midst.” Time and time again, the prophets refer to Israel’s fidelity to this command. Paul speaks of hospitality repeatedly. Perhaps, the ultimate statement comes from Jesus when in Matthew’s Gospel he says, “When I was a stranger, you welcomed me” (25:35). It is safe to say hospitality has always been a big deal to people everywhere. An entire segment of our economy identifies itself with this value – the hospitality industry. There is no doubt that in times ancient and modern, the distant lights of an inn or tavern strike a chord of hope within a weary traveler’s heart.

For Christians, an understanding of hospitality can mean the difference between calling others “guests” or “strangers.” Guests are welcomed with open arms and warm smiles. Strangers are not. Guests feel the genuine love present in a hearty “Welcome!” Strangers do not. Guests often return for second or third visits. Strangers seldom do. How would we rate our hospitality at St. Luke’s? Do we find ourselves surrounded by guests, or burdened by strangers?

Hospitality is a mindset. It would not be unusual for the same person to be treated as guest at one church, and as a stranger in another. When Christ says, “When I was a stranger, you welcomed me...”, he reveals a profound truth about hospitality. He is telling us that by our hospitality, “I used to be a stranger, but you fixed that when you welcomed me.” It presents to us a “before and after” picture: all it takes is the right attitude and a generous heart.

To count ourselves as good stewards, hospitality must be second nature – we should not even need to think about what we should do. The next time you see a “stranger” in our parish, welcome them as a guest. Do not leave it for the “official” greeters to do so. Who knows, you may be greeting an “angel unawares.”

St. Luke’s Hospitality Committee

St. Luke’s is looking for able bodied men and women to volunteer to help set-up/take down tables and chairs for meetings, events, and receptions, as well as transport dishes and food before and after events.

We are also seeking Coffee Hour Coordinators. The duties will include...

- set up a schedule for weekly coffee hour hosts
- keep track of supplies and notify the Parish Administrator when supplies need to be ordered
- assisting the families who are hosting Coffee Hour by answering questions and providing support as needed.

If you are interested in being part of this committee, contact the parish office at 717.272.8251 or admin@stlukeslebanon.org. Thank you for your help!

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“Begin Again! Challenge 5”)

our sanctuary to the delight of many who have been unable to gather because of the pandemic. Still as the pace of change accelerates in the world around us, there is more to do. Exterior access is still somewhat burdensome, even with the addition of the elevator over ten years ago. Steps and heavy doors create challenges even for those who are able bodied. Just try opening the “Red Doors” to the parish hall with your hands full! Even the Page Room, site of Adult Forum, Bible Study, Bazaar “Craftnooners”, and more, presents challenges for anyone who might be a little unsteady or cannot easily negotiate steps. While the church was built to maximize natural ventilation, conditions make it almost unusable in the heat and humidity of summer. True, we have been using the auditorium for summer worship outside of the pandemic, but many find this less than optimal for common prayer. Many have wondered why we could not air condition the church building – many other churches have done so successfully. Doing so would allow various events in the church in otherwise hostile conditions and free up the auditorium for other uses during the summer.

At its recent meeting, the Capital Campaign Steering Committee received initial concept drawings from Beers-Hoffman that incorporated many of the ideas generated at our all-parish capital consultation at the 2020 Annual Meeting. Most everyone at the meeting felt a tinge of excitement as the ideas were laid out in a way to help our imaginations envision a new chapter in the life of our parish.

There is still much work to do. The drawings were only start. Now we must make some choices, develop specifications, solicit estimates, and do a feasibility study to see just how much of our dream we might be able to realize.

There are no “vanity projects” here. All of this is being done in service to the mission and ministry of St. Luke’s so that we can continue the impact that every generation at St. Luke’s has had for the sake of the kingdom of God. Watch for more information. Above all, if you have any ideas on how we might best utilize our physical plant, let us know!



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

MercyWorks

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

Outreach Ministries at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Pastoral Care: Why I Need St. Luke's

by Soon Slayman

Each month I try to write something relating to Pastoral Care or Outreach. I usually fall back onto my own experience in hopes that it will resonate with a reader as - "Oh Thank Heaven I don't have that problem." or "Oh, I guess I am not alone with this situation."

During this time of isolation and difficult issues in our world as we slowly emerge, the ongoing presence of St. Luke's has provided a structure in my life which I have not found elsewhere. For me St. Luke's represents a gateway to my faith that is larger than worldly troubles. We are living in a time which will be a defining moment in history. The way in which each of us reacts can make a difference. The fact that with Father David's leadership we have continued forward with our traditional, reassuring services and reimagined events has meant so much, but it also seems to me that we are learning to bend with times and see new opportunities while respecting our heritage. I never would have thought that a Zoom Bible study would come to feel comfortable but it has. I now feel even greater joy at seeing a friend for the first time in over a year. I am reassured to see some of the same faces and happy to see new faces - including Jacob and Lisa's baby daughter and couples moving to or returning to the area. What about the new presence of the beautiful marble statue in the Mary Chapel?

Power Packs represents a microcosmic example of five years of history combined with surviving the challenges caused by Covid. This summer a few of us met weekly at the warehouse to make and pack roughly 125 boxes. Some days it was hot; some days there were last week's boxes to be unpacked; some days the supplies from Lancaster did not arrive in a timely fashion. This is to say that there were frustrations. The Power Packs director, Caitln Lockhard, is young, energetic and incredibly positive. She ignored my grumpiness and brought out the best in all of us. Noticing the organizational talents of our volunteer, Diana Hynson, she asked her to work on a plan to reorganize the shelving, the rolling conveyor the boxes move on and the location of the packed pallets. This week Diane made those changes and we will have greater efficiency in the Fall. This is a long way of saying that a community of workers evolved over the summer. There was not a lot of conversation but familiarity and satisfaction grew. We managed to move forward in spite of the difficulties in our world.

Please pray for our Homebound
Barbara Bross, Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller



Power Packs Up-Date

by Katherine Hoopes

Power Packs food distribution begins this month. We continue our need for volunteers to create boxes at the warehouse, transport them to the distribution site, and aid in giving the food boxes to Harding families. We know that distribution day will be Wednesday but the site, be it St. Luke's or LCCM has not been determined.

Last year's faithful volunteers will be contacted to determine their wiliness to serve again. If you are new to the Power Packs Program and wish to become a volunteer, please contact Katherine Hoopes at 717.279.7494 or Soon Slayman at 301.807.3362.

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM



Our Mission

Lebanon County Christian Ministries shares the love of Jesus by providing emergency food, clothing, shelter, and guidance toward personal sustainability.

LCCM WISH LIS T

- **Food Needs**—Canned Pasta, Canned Meats, Soups—Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable, Instant Hot Cereal, Applesauce, Canned Sliced Potatoes
- **Personal Care Item Needs**—deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, combs/brushes, etc.
- **Specific Needs**—Sneakers (men's, women's, boys, and girls, all sizes); Men's Boxers (small, medium, and large); Men's Briefs (Size 2x and 3x only) Bras (Size 32, 34, 36, and 38); Infant and Toddler Socks (Size 0 to 4T); Women's Socks (Size 9 to 11 only); No Men's or Women's Sock Except those Requested Above; Girls' Pants (sizes 2 and 4); Boys' and Girls' Summer Pajamas; Boys' Summer Shirts (Size 5 and larger); Women's Sweatpants (sizes small, large, XL, 2X and 3X); Women's Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Women's Pajamas (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's T-Shirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's Shorts (Size 2x and 3x); and Blankets (sizes full, queen, and king) - please no throws, already have a large supply)

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.

ECW News

by Rose Brown



Women of St. Luke's you are cordially invited to our first post pandemic church closing back in the church meeting on the **second Tuesday of the month, September 14th at 6:30 PM.** The theme will be a pot luck, where you bring in a dish to share in fellowship and praise with one another. Hope to see you there and all necessary precautions associated with the continuing pandemic are being taken, so please do not let fear keep you away from an enjoyable evening with friends and family. If you are planning on attending please email Rose at roseb74@yahoo.com and let her know you are planning on being there.

Bazaar News

by Rose Brown

A replacement for Wiley Parker to head Wiley's Café is still open and apprentices, contributors and organizer (s) are still being sought. If you or anyone you know who may be interested in helping with the hybrid and future bazaars wants more information or to volunteer please contact the parish office at 717.272.8251 or email info@stlukeslebanon.org and someone will contact you with further information.

Look to future publications—newsletters and weekly announcements for meetings and all things bazaar related, such as an upcoming date for those who help do crafts, Laurie Daub will be giving out that information soon.



Property Committee News

by Kathy Yohn

The in-person property committee meeting has been changed to **Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.**

There are several projects that have been completed or are underway.

- The plaster in the chapel has been repaired and repainted. The chapel looks great!
- The auditorium stairway will be redone as soon as the materials is received. The tiles are on order and should be here by the middle of September. The stairway by the water fountain will redone at the same time.

The property committee works on maintaining and improving the church and surrounding buildings and lawns. This provides St Luke's a place for worship and many other activities. Anyone interested in the church property is invited to attend and we are actively seeking new members for the committee. Please contact Kathy Yohn 717.964.2259 with any questions.



Labor Day—First Monday of September

by Parish Office

The first Monday of September for the last 127 years has been dedicated to the working men and women of the United States. Labor day officially became a national holiday on June 28th, 1894 when President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. The exact identity of the founder of Labor day is still unknown but some attribute it to the co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, Peter J. McGuire, while others speculate it being Matthew Maguire the secretary of the Central Labor Union, no one knows for sure.

The very first Labor Day parade was held September 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York city, creating the longstanding tradition of the Labor Day parade.



IN CONCERT

MICHAEL HOGUE, TENOR
MARK DIMICK, PIANIST

Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM at 1st U.M. Church, 570 Birch St. Palmyra
Free and Open to the Public

Michael is a graduate of Lebanon High School and began his singing career with the Boys' Choir of St. Luke's. He has a B.M. in Vocal Performance and Music Business and a Masters of Music in Opera Performance. In addition to several operatic roles, Michael has been the featured artist with the Mendelssohn Club Chorus of Philadelphia and The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia.

Accompanist Mark Dimick holds degrees in Music (B.M) and English (B.A., M.A.). He moved to Lebanon from Southeastern Pennsylvania in 1989 and became the organist at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. In 1997, he assumed the position of Cantor at Salem Lutheran Church, where he officiates as organist and oversees music. He is also the organist and choir director of Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Dimick teaches in the English Department of Annville-Cleona High School where he also advises extra curricular activities.

Concert Sponsored by Harmonia Music Association and Philadelphia District of PA Federation of Music Clubs

2021 Summer Soloist List
by Terry Heisey

September 5	Daniel Walmer, Piano
September 12	Yolando Carey, Soprano



Barry and Bethany Lyter	September 09
John and June Thomas	September 10
Richard and Kathy Thrapp	September 18
John and Margaret Gross	September 20
Steven and Lisa Kristovensky	September 21



To Our Parishioners

Youth

Annabelle Cook	September 02
Damian Andrews	September 14
Titus Centeno	September 19

Adults

Diann Shultz	September 03
John Groh	September 04
Karl Kern	September 05
Frances Bova	September 07
Chris Brown	September 07
Richard Thrapp	September 07
Mary Blyer	September 09
Joseph Schubert	September 09
Betty Jane Tonini	September 10
Marc Swavely	September 14
Elaina Fulk	September 18
Ian Bowser	September 11
Katherine Brewer	September 13
Erin Bowser	September 16
Rob Box	September 21
Kathy Yohn	September 21
Colin Boehler	September 22
Daniel Bowers	September 22
John Gross	September 22
Kathy Brown	September 23
Janice Standish	September 24
Madeline Brewer	September 24
Ann Hargrove	September 24
Rose Brown	September 25
Elizabeth Yocum	September 27
Lee Clawser	September 28
Fieldon Daubert	September 29
James Gates	September 30

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Labor day was born in the height of the Industrial Revolution where the average American worked 12 hours a day and seven days a week just to survive. Children as young as five or six were out earning a fraction of the wages their parents or adults did by laboring in mills, factories and mines all across the country. Workers of all ages especially the poor and recent immigrants faced many unsafe working conditions, such as insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities, safe drinking water, and breaks. The first labor unions appeared in the late 18th century and with time they grew to be more prominent and vocal. With the growth of the labor unions, strikes and rallies were organized to protest poor conditions and urge employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Labor day also has a secondary purpose for many Americans and that is it represents the end of summer and the start of the back-to-school season. People celebrate this day all over America with parades, picnics, barbecues, firework displays, and many other types of family and public gatherings.



Have a safe, healthy, and blessed Labor Day!

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day-1>

