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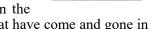
November 2021

## Rector's Corner: : Well done good and faithful servant . . .

Dear Friends and Companions,

Can you count how many people you have met in life? We may not be able to do that accurately, but we might be able to trace the transformation that certain people have brought in us. These people could work this change because human nature is pliable, malleable, able to grow.

November is often a time to think about the past. At the end of the month, we will think over the last year or so, so that we can count our blessings at Thanksgiving. In that case, we are often drawn to our immediate circumstances – we give thanks for our health, our homes, our family ties. In the



Church, the beginning of November gives us occasion to look back specifically at the people that have come and gone in

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls, take a moment to think of the men and women who made you the person you are. Then let your heart give way to gratitude:

- Your mom, teaching you to bake.
- The coach, who taught you to love the sport and to excel at it.
- The teacher, who introduced you to the love of reading.
- The older sibling, who modeled how to deal with challenges.
- The aunt, who listened to you and made you an empathetic person.
- The kid, two years ahead of you in high school, who did not belittle you, who made you believe the coming adult world would not be so bad.

Ponder for a while how different your life would be if you had never encountered them. How can you not be moved to gratitude for who they are and what they have brought into your life? Then, consider what comes after this life. Here, in this world, everything ebbs and flows. We gain, and we suffer loss. Heaven, on the other hand, is often seen as our joyful reward – where we truly become what God intended us to be from the moment of our creation. There, nothing is lost, nothing drops from the hand of God. There is no weakening or wilting



The lives of the saints involve a true and lasting satisfaction, yet Scripture tells us heaven is not static, not an eternal stillness. Why not? Because God is the source of all creativity! So, heaven is not merely lovely mausoleum. It is a mill of blessing and an ever-flowing fountain life.

St. Paul teaches us that the core of Jesus' mission and ministry was to reconcile us to God – to make us all acceptable in God's sight:

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

(Romans 5:10)

people life is changed not We know by the experience of others that the transformation of our soul is never complete as we walk the earth – there is always more to know, to love, to change. So how does God prefect this reconciliation as we make the transition from this world to the next? Through the centuries, Christians have been

counselled to pray for the dead. There is much about this that is difficult to understand and even more difficult to explain. Here is what is essential: Our encounter with God changes everything! Our final reconciliation to God is not Lord, for your faithful people life is changed not ended" worked out in a place or over time. Rather we might think about this process of dying as reaching heaven's porch, the antechamber where God meets us and embraces us in renewing love and mercy. That cosmic embrace, that hug, is what works the transformation, finishes what is yet incomplete about our perfection in God. When we join our hearts to God's heart in prayer for those who have died, we participate in that wonderful work of love. Hear the words from one of the appointed readings for the funeral rite in the Book of Common

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## Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

On Sunday, October 17, we celebrated St. Luke's Day. Among the wonderful events of the day was our Feast Day Mass at 10 AM, followed by a fantastic luncheon in the Auditorium and our first Evensong since the beginning of the pandemic. We have all been suffering through the limitations of COVID-19 virus for almost 2 years...but I can say with confidence that we are one of the lucky parishes in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Some churches did not have a website to bring Sunday services into their homes, or even Facebook or YouTube. While they were not able to meet in church they did not have the technology to broadcast a service. Our parish was fortunate to have many people leading us in worship from the beginning of the virus until our great St. Luke's Day. Thanksgiving Day is around the corner. Certainly, we have a lot to be grateful for in our parish life. Among our many blessings:

- Lisa, our Parish Administrator, who came to work every day to listen to people in the church express what was happening in their lives (positive and negative) in addition to her administrative work.
- Father David, who revised the website early on in the pandemic and changed our technology so that even from the first week we at least had services with his piped in music and good camera work! The website continues to improve under his guidance!
- Our musicians who worked with Father Zwifka to enhance our online service even more. Terry played the organ, and volunteers from the choir sang: Bill, Bill, Sarah, Deb, Loretta, Kathy, Bernie, and a special musical treat from time to time from Lisa and Michael!
- ZOOM meetings. We may not be overly happy about the need for ZOOMs but because of our ZOOM meeting ability, we were able to have Father David's weekly Bible Studies in our "Virtual Page Room," and other on-line events like Adult Forum during Lent and even some Coffee Hours. Vestry met on ZOOM every month that allowing our church to make solid decisions and give advice for the good of the parish.
- POWER PACK participants who met at Sunset warehouse to box packages for schools in Lebanon County.
- Donations to LCCM for the Noon Meals at the Resource Center...and workers
- Mother Mary who made Godly Play work on the website and the teachers leading the "ZOOM feasts" in their households and everyone working together for those special days.
- Tom and Isabel Buzby who tended the lawns and our greens at the church to keep everything looking nice!
- Wiley doing readings and acolyting at 8 AM, and Emily and John helping with readings at 10:30 AM. Bryan for all his extra effort at the services. Rich, Nikki, and Wiley helping to keep our accounts accurate. Most of all we are thankful to all who donated

- during this time and will continue to donate to support our work a big THANK YOU.
- Can't forget the new BAZAAR on a website and the helpers we need to hand out supplies to people of the community.
- Everyone meeting by ZOOM...Capital Campaign, Finance Committee, and even ECW!

These are just some of the events that have been happening all along. A lot of this is still going on to this day. We are thankful that we can now have church in our sanctuary. We now have Wednesday and Sunday services "in-person and live webcast" and will continue to do so. St. Luke's Day turned out to be a wide view of everything that can happen in our church with a choir of old and new choir members joining as one. This COVID virus has opened up a whole new world to St. Luke's. I believe this is the future of our church in America. We seem to be a step ahead of many people in seeking to follow God's will in these news ways. But as always...we must step forward in faith and take what may seems "sometimes an uninvited step in a positive direction!"

# Christmas Stockings – DEADLINE date Sunday, November 7th



ECW will be doing our Christmas Stocking Project and we are going to fill 130 stockings. During August, September, and October we ask you to donate many items. Below ae the

items available to donate till the deadline date.

**Toothpaste** – sample size (3oz or travel size) **Chapstick** 

**Lotion** - sample size-unscented (3oz or travel size) (Jergens Orginal Scent is OK)

Bring 1 or more of the items. 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.



**DEADLINE date is Sunday, November 7th** . NO donations after that date to prepare the boxes for delivery.

#### **BAZAAR** Theme Basket

Thank you to Mother Mary, Nancy Proctor, Sue LeBaron-Tonini, Kathy Thrapp, and Tom and Isabel Buzby for donating to our Theme Basket display for our Bazaar. Check to see what is available on the website.

#### **VESTRY** submission

Thank you to all the people who have said yes to service on vestry. We are trying to be ahead of the game. See you in February after our Annual Meeting!

# History Notes: St. Luke's Fourth Rector: John Mitchel Page—Part 1

by Terry Heisey

John Mitchel Page was born in New York City on Sept. 22, 1868, the son of Roger Jones and Mary Mitchel Page. Roger was a lawyer, newspaper editor, and a Kentucky "Colonel" who was later shot and killed in North Carolina

in 1889 by a young man who objected to the Colonel's attentions to the young man's married sister. Roger's father, Rev. Charles Henry Page, was a descendant of the prominent Lee family of Virginia and an early Episcopal missionary to Western Virginia first sent to Charlestown by his bishop in 1822 and then to Clarksburg and Morgantown. Mary was the daughter of Irish nationalist activist, author, and political journalist John Mitchel (1815-1875). Exiled to Australia by the British for his reform activism, Mitchel escaped to the United States and later the Confederate States of America. Fr. Page's parents married in Richmond VA in 1867, but moved to New York, where his grandfather was publishing a newspaper, The Irish Citizen. There his mother gave birth to a second son, Roger James, who died in infancy. After John Mitchel returned to Ireland in 1874, Fr. Page moved with his parents to Paris KY, where he began his education at the Edgar Institute. From there he continued his education at the Latin School of New York City.

John Mitchel Page graduated from Columbia University in 1887 and devoted some time to the study and practice of architecture before enrolling at General Theological Seminary in New York, from which he graduated in 1894. He was ordained deacon in 1894 and priest in 1895 by New York Bishop Henry Codman Potter [the son of Pennsylvania Bishop Alonzo Potter who sent Alfred Abel to begin an Episcopal church in Lebanon County in 1857]. In the year after his ordination he served as curate of St. John's church in Roxbury MA, curate of a mission chapel of the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City, and supply priest at St. Paul's Church in St. Paul MN during the rector's extended trip to Europe.

Meanwhile, St. Luke's had lost its third rector, James Powers Hawkes, in April 1896, and Fr. Abel was engaged supply priest on a weekly basis. A Vestry committee visited Staten Island in July to investigate one possible candidate but was not successful, so Vestry decided to seek a supply priest, and Fr. Page was engaged for the months of October and November after his position at St. Paul ended. On October 6 Vestry received two nominees for rector, John Mitchel Page and John Williams, but Fr. Page made a good first impression on the parish. At the Nov. 3 meeting of the Vestry his nomination came with the approval of the call committee and Robert H. Coleman. Coleman cousin Horace Brock withdrew his nomination of Williams, and Page was unanimously elected as rector to begin on Advent I (November 29) with a salary of \$1500. The Lebanon Daily News reported that his election was met with "general favor among the parishioners," who "feel sure that Rev. Page will succeed in doing good work in this city. And there is no doubt he is admirably qualified for the important charge. He already has done great good among the members and the vestry is to be congratulated upon making such a good selection."





# Music Notes: Requiem by John Rutter

by Terry Heisey

On All Saints' Sunday, November 7, the St. Luke's Festival Choir will sing a Requiem Mass for victims of COVID-19 including the movements of REQUIEM by John Rutter. The choir will be accompanied by organ, cello, and harp.

John Rutter CBE (born September 24, 1945) is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer, mainly focused on choral music. He was educated at Highgate School and Clare College, Cambridge. He served as director of music at Clare College from 1975 to 1979 and led the choir to international prominence. In 1981 he founded his own choir, the Cambridge Singers, which he conducts and with which he has made many recordings of sacred choral repertoire (including his own works), particularly under his own label Collegium Records. He resides at Hemingford Abbots in Cambridgeshire and frequently conducts many choirs and orchestras around the world.

Rutter also works as an arranger and editor. He began to compose as an undergraduate and as a young man gained fame through his collaboration with Sir David Willcocks on five volumes of the extraordinarily successful CAROLS FOR CHOIRS anthology series, a staple in almost every church music library. From 1985 to 1992, Rutter suffered severely from myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME, or chronic fatigue syndrome), which restricted his output, and after 1985 he basically stopped writing music on commission, as he was unable to guarantee meeting deadlines. He did not cease composing, however; his REQUIEM dates from 1985, his Magnificat and his Te Deum from 1990. In 2002 he accepted a commission to write a setting of Psalm 150 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and he wrote a new anthem, "This is the day," for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton in 2011.

Rutter's REQUIEM is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms and biblical verses in English. The first movement sets the Introit and Kyrie of the Requiem Mass text (Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light eternal shine upon them. It is fitting that a hymn should be raised unto Thee in Zion and a vow paid to Thee in Jerusalem; give ear to my prayer, O Lord, unto Thee all flesh shall come at last. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!) The second movement is a setting of "Out of the deep" (Psalm 130). The third movement is the "Pie Jesu" movement of the Requiem (Blessed Jesus, grant them eternal rest). Settings of the Sanctus and Agnus Dei follow. The sixth movement is an anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23) that Rutter had earlier written. The final movement is the Lux Aeterna (Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord; with Thy saints forever, for Thou art merciful. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine on them). In the Agnus Dei and Lux aeterna, Rutter combines the liturgical Latin text with English bibli-

The first performance of the complete work was at Lovers' Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, on October 13, 1985. It has been a favorite of choirs and congregations ever since.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

## Real People:

Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

November 18

"Hilda's career falls into two equal parts," says the Venerable Bede, "for she spent thirty-three years nobly in secular habit,

while she dedicated an equal number of years still more nobly to the Lord, in the monastic life."

Hilda, born in 614, was the grandniece of King Edwin. She was instructed by Paulinus (one of the companions of Augustine of Canterbury) in the doctrines of Christianity in preparation for her baptism at the age of thirteen. She lived, chaste and respected, at the King's court for twenty years, and then decided to enter the monastic life. She had hoped to join the convent of Chelles in Gaul, but Bishop

Aidan was so impressed by her holiness of life that he recalled her to her home country, in East Anglia, to live in a small monastic settlement.

One year after her return, Aidan appointed her Abbess of Hartlepool. There, Hilda established the rule of life that she had been taught by Paulinus and Aidan. She became renowned for her wisdom, eagerness for learning, and devotion to God's service.

Some years later, she founded the abbey at Whitby, where both nuns and monks lived in strict obedience to Hilda's rule of justice, devotion, chastity, peace, and charity. Known for her prudence and good sense, Hilda was sought out by kings and other public men for advice and counsel. Those living under her rule devoted so much time to the study of Scripture and to works of righteousness that many were found qualified for ordination. Several of her monks became bishops; at least one pursued further studies in Rome. She encouraged the poet Caedmon, a servant at Whitby, to become a monk and to continue his inspired writing. All who were her subjects or knew her, Bede remarks, called her "mother."

In 663, Whitby was the site of the famous synod convened to decide divisive questions involved in the differing traditions of Celtic Christians and the followers of Roman order. Hilda favored the Celtic position, but when the Roman position prevailed she was obedient to the synod's decision. Hilda died on November 17, 680, surrounded by her monastics, whom, in her last hour, she urged to preserve the gospel of peace.

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# **Christian Formation**



#### This month on our website . . .

We continue to add stories each week. Students can enjoy "The Communion of Saints," a special offering starting November 7. Then we will again feature the Core Stories, "The

Exile and Return," and "Prophets." We will also be adding the Extension Stories about two specific prophet, Jeremiah and Isaiah. These stories will help to give more details about what was happening before, during, and after the Exile of the Great Family.

Beginning on the last Sunday of this month, we will include our Advent Stories which lead all the way up until Christmas with some special offerings at that time. You can find these and many other family resources on our website or "Friend" us on Facebook at St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Lebanon, PA.



**ZOOM Feast** will begin again on Sunday, November 19 at 9 AM.

Once again we will hold a ZOOM Feast which is open to all our children and their families. We start the meeting by lighting a candle which reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World, then we have a brief check-in from

everyone.

We then take turns praying, out loud or in our hearts, and each person says "Amen" when done. Then we set out our napkins, drink, and a small treat and eat it together.

Before each Feast, families (who have joined us in the past) will be contacted by email so they can reply and let us know if you can join us. Others who want to join in will need to let Mother Mary know by calling the parish office or by emailing her <youth@stlukeslebanon.org>

We must have an email address for you, so Mother Mary can send out the link for our Zoom Feast. Then, on the Friday before, one of our teachers will personally deliver a Feast Package that will contain the items each child will need to participate in our Zoom Feast.

At the appointed time on Sunday, November 14, we will gather together on Zoom to pray, prepare, and feast together. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

# Youth Group - Fall and Winter



All teens are invited to be part of the sessions on growing in faith which lead to Confirmation in the spring. This includes students in grades 7 through 12. Some

sessions will be held online, some in person. There will be discussion times and time for activities. Mother Mary will be leading the group with help from other adult leaders. You can call the church office to register.

## **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!

## Confirmation

# the Sacrament of our Renewed

Starting this month Fr. David and Mtr. Mary will be leading a monthly class for those who wish to be confirmed, or received as members of the Episcopal Church, or wish to reaffirm their faith in Christ.

Commitment to Christ

The sessions will be a hybrid offering - some online and some in person. We will be inviting other members of our congregation to journey along with these people as companions, sharing their own faith and practices, and learning along with them as you all grow in faith and love.

Generally, Fr. David will lead an adult group, and Mother Mary will lead our teens (7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades). These areas will be included in our studies: Baptism and Confirmation, Holy Eucharist and the Book of Common Prayer, Love God and Love Neighbor, Church and Prayer, Life of Jesus and Holy Week.

Bishop Nichols will be visiting soon after Easter for a pastoral visit and to confer this sacrament on those who desire it.

## 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-textsfor-this-sunday.html

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'Rector's Corner)

#### Prayer

In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble

(Wisdom 3:7).

Those who struggle with the notion of our need for transformation after death make two mistakes: They esteem themselves too highly by thinking they are already perfected, and they insufficiently imagine the experience of the glory of God. Remember that you once thought your life was good enough, until you fell in love, until your child was born, until the right person came along. Then everything that went before seemed so very impoverished. That is what happens when we encounter true love. It is but a shadow of what we experience in this final, eternal encounter with God.

Now think again about the people whom you were destined to meet, who changed everything about you. Think on how they began this last, complete encounter with God. Wouldn't you want to be part of what makes them whole and entire as God created them to be? As the early days of November dawn, pray for the dead – for those we have loved – and for those who had no one to love them in this world. Join your hearts to the heart of God as he welcomes them.

Well done, good and faithful servant! . . . Enter into the joy of your master!

(Matthew 25:23)

With you as a companion on The Way,



# World Kindness Dav—November 13

by Parish Office

When you think of



November you probably think of All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Veterans Day, and the big T (turkey) day, Thanksgiving. This year please take a moment and observe World Kindness Day. It is a day to remember to promote kindness throughout the world and in your own lives. November 13th gives us all the opportunity to reflect on the positive potential of large and small acts of kindness that brings each of us, no matter our skin tone, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, closer together, uniting in a common cause to be more than we are alone.

The history of World Kindness Day is relatively new, it was first introduced as a day of observance by the World Kindness Movement. The World Kindness Movement became a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) in 2019 under Swiss law. Even though it was registered in 2019 the group spans back to a Tokyo based convention in 1997. Various countries, such as Australia, Thailand, the United States, and the United Kingdom, assembled at the Tokyo based convention because of their dedication for spreading kindness throughout society. The mission and vision of those countries associated World Kindness Movement is "to join together to build a kinder and more compassionate world". This spurned them to pursue in 1998 the launch of World Kindness Day. The purpose and mission of World Kindness Day is to "highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us." Since its inception, World Kindness Day has become globally recognized and has attracted participants from every inhabited continent. Celebrations on this day include activities such as concerts, dance mobs, and the giving of 'kindness cards'.

What is the definition of kindness? It is simply, 'Kindness' Is Love In Action'. Kindness is our choice as individuals to share love by giving a kind word, a smile, encouragement, silent support, a meal, a hug, when it is least expected but at the same time the most needed. What kind of kindness can you show to another? What kind of impact can be achieved if each of us shows a kindness not just on November 13th but every day of our lives? How much can the world change for the better if we each willingly shared our love with others with no thought or concern for fear or judgement.

A thought to leave you all with, a kindness known is a kindness shown, these words can be reversed and stated also as a kindness shown is a kindness known. Have you known kindness because you gave of yourself to another, which caused a ripple affect of hope and more kindness to reach others? Or have you known kindness because of someone showing you an act of kindness in your life when you really needed it?

Sources: https://nationaltoday.com/worldkindness-day/#world-kindness-day-timeline and https://www.kindnessiseverything.com/faqs/what -is-kindness/





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

Coursel the troubled Admonish the sinner Sufferwrongs patiently Reconcile others Comfort the afflicted

Outreach Ministries at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Pastoral Care: What about Mercy Works?

by Soon Slayman

Outreach in our church describes decades of generous, caring ways in which St. Luke's has been part of the community and the world beyond. On the third Thursday, the creation and serving of Free Noon Meal at St. Luke's strikes me as a wonderful example of Outreach at its best. The spirit of caring and goodwill, led during my time by Lauralee Gebhard, is special.

Not long after Fr. David's arrival the term Mercy Works was proposed as the new name to replace the title Outreach. Being resistant to change, I did not immediately feel comfortable with this new name however in truth Outreach sounds more like a corporate business term than what it has meant to us. Now I can see Mercy Works as a compassionate term that suits what we can continue to do in the spirit of our faith in a changing world.

Perhaps the isolation and depressing period enforced on us by Covid has jarred loose some of my old ideas as I look for a new way to move forward. I understand better Fr. David's insistence that we move out of the "silos" which individual projects could become and interweave them better with the life of the church. Think of Christian formation (another new term), St. Luke's vibrant online communication, prayer, even music, all touching an idea that forms around a visible cause or need.

I hope others, as I do, want to learn more about the causes for which we work. For example, Lebanon County Christian Ministries created a program called Hurdles to Housing to inform people about the difficulties LCCM families face living on their limited budgets. If they offer a similar event next summer we could sign up. We could take one day a month to fast, donating the money we would have spent on food. We can renew our ties with Harding School. Passion for a project increases when people have a better understanding of the problem.

Every month recently I have written about Power Packs. This Fall it is expecting more of us than ever before - more volunteers, more flexibility, more patience, more physical demands. In ways it is not well suited to our group but we are important to its operation and we need to continue. The Lebanon coordinator, Caitlin Lockhard, deals with Covid created supply chain complications in which not all of what she orders is delivered each week. She must quickly substitute from her inventories as she directs volunteers to fill ever changing jobs. I would suggest that prayer for those who are hungry, for those who are planning and those who are working should become part of our Power Packs day.

St. Luke's is blessed with a congregation of many talents. We have the chance to creatively use them. We come to church for renewal, we leave the church to go into the world and serve the Lord.

## Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller

## **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, tooth-paste, shampoo, toothbrushes, combs/brushes, tissues, 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' Winter Shirts (Size 5 and larger); Women's Sweatpants (sizes small, large, XL, 2X and 3X); Women's Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Women's Winter Pajamas (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's T-Shirts (sizes small, 2X and 3X); Men's Shorts (Size 2x and 3x); and Blankets (sizes full, queen, and king) (Note: at this time there is an overwhelming supply of winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves).

**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.



# Remember To Drop Off Your United Thank Offering Envelope

The United Thank Offering will be received **Sunday**, **November 21**. Please put your offering in the enclosed

envelope and bring it with you to church. A special collection will be received that day. Your offering can also be mailed to 22 S. 6th St. or dropped off at the Parish Office.

You're Invited

#### **Bazaar News**

by Rose Brown

Some updates and requests for the bazaar. The time of the bazaar is from 9 AM to 1 PM. It is being strongly recommended that masks be worn even if you are vaccinated because it is still possible to carry the virus and there will be unprotected and unvaccinated children about who can become infected. Please be considerate of the young ones for we must protect those who cannot protect themselves. Continue to look for more information in the weekly announcements.

### **Sweet Shoppe**

by Eileen Sidelnick

St. Luke's Bazaar Sweet Shoppe needs donations of homemade baked goods and candy. Some examples include cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, bars, muffins, breads, pastries, fudge, peanut butter balls, chocolate covered pretzels, etc. Please bring your donations to the church auditorium anytime on Friday, November 19. Please label all items with any allergens such as dairy, nuts and gluten. Contact Eileen Sidelnick at (717.926.4238; esidelnick@comcast.net), if you have any questions. Thank you!

#### **Grace's Gems**

by Rose Brown

Grace's Gems in honor of Grace Cecil's unfailing loyalty in bringing beautiful jewelry to bazaar attendees. Donations can be dropped off in the parish office anytime up to Monday, November 15 during office hours (9 AM to 3 PM). A request for a couple volunteers to help set up and take down and on the day of the bazaar to help with assisting would be greatly appreciated.

#### Baker's Book Nook

by Matt Baker

Donations of books (please no text books or encyclopedias), CDs, DVDs, and puzzles. Drop off in the Fellowship Hall, where Baker's Book Nook will be on the day of the bazaar.

#### Polly's Pantry

by Lauralee Gebhard

Donations for pint canning jars would be greatly appreciated.

#### Wiley's Café

This year Wiley's Café will be take out only and orders will be able to be placed on the website.

If your or someone you know is willing to help with the hybrid and future bazaars or wants more information or to volunteer please contact the parish office at 717.272.8251 or email <a href="mailto:info@stlukeslebanon.org">info@stlukeslebanon.org</a> and someone will contact you with further information.





### **ECW News**

by Rose Brown

Women of St. Luke's you are cordially invited to our third in-house meeting on

the second Tuesday of the month, November 9th at 6:30 PM. The theme will be bazaar related.

Note: 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 rose-b74@yahoo.com and let her know you are



# **VISIOIN 20/20 - The Capital Campaign**

At our 2020 Annual Meeting (yes, a long time ago), we gathered in the Auditorium to engage in a community discernment of our dreams and needs as they relate to the fabric of our parish (our buildings and grounds). Since then, a committee of dedicated volunteers with the help of our consultant, The Rev'd Jerry Keucher, has been meeting, researching, and discussing the projects that seemed to have the most support at that discernment meeting.

Among the projects we have considered and continue to work on are:

- Upgraded lighting and Air Conditioning for the Church
- A remodel of our Fellowship Hall/Kitchen area to facilitate its nature as a multi-purpose room and integrate its dining functions into the workflow of the kitchen. Part of this project is the creation of storage spaces so we do not have to store things "out in the open" which will greatly enhance the welcoming fell and efficiency of the space.
- Addition of a "butler's kitchen" in the auditorium.
- Accessibility enhancements in the Page Room.
- Relocation of the Nursery closer to our worship space.
- Addition of rest room space.
- Enclosure of the South Entrance portico and addition of street level accessibility.
- Addition of a vestibule space on the 6th Street entrance of the Parish Hall.
- Reconstruction of the stone and iron fence surrounding the parish buildings.
- Subsidy to assist in the first phase of renewing our church organ (needed repairs and upgrading the console).

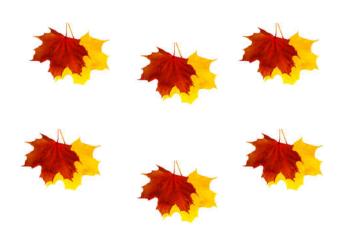
These projects are still in development as we seek design advice from our good friends at Beers-Hoffman Architects and other contractors as necessary. More information will follow to keep you abreast of developments.



Mr. & Mrs. Gene Deckert November 01 Mr. Mike & Debra Brewer November 02 Mr. Fieldon & Mrs. Sara Daubert November 03 Mr. Scott & Kendra Dechert November 12 Mr. Lucas & Rebecca Gilbert November 16 Mr. Brian & Sharon Weaver November 16 November 18 Thomas & Isabel Buzby Mr. Scott & Mrs. Lisa Daubert November 20 Mr. Bryan & Mrs. Erin Bowser November 26









# **To Our Parishioners**

## Youth

Becky Box November 05 Matilda Penniston November 06

## Adults

Adults	
Jeffery Yocum	November 02
Carole Renaud	November 03
Kathy Readinger	November 04
Michael Cook	November 05
Bethanne Strauss	November 06
Sandra Kohr	November 06
Bryan Rittle	November 07
Jennifer Hackett	November 08
Stephen Doster	November 08
Aliona Penniston	November 09
Suzanne Gates	November 09
Cindy Keesey	November 11
Patricia Walter	November 11
Warren Hoopes	November 11
John Feather Jr.	November 12
Audrie Gragson	November 13
David Weisman	November 15
John Shultz Jr.	November 15
Brian Wenger	November 16
Laurie Daub	November 16
Jean Henry	November 18
Todd Snovel	November 18
Ashleah Tylwalk	November 19
Douglas Hogue Jr.	November 21
Anne Shemeta	November 21
Emily Sitzai	November 22
Amber Hevel	November 25
Gregory Taylor	November 25
Laurie D.Amour	November 26
Scott Dechert	November 27
Terry Heisey	November 27
Timothy Tylwalk	November 28
Pat Henry	November 30

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