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Rector's Corner: : Only Your Love and Your Grace



Dear Friends in Christ, It is deeply human to celebrate milestones in life. The way we choose to mark such occasions matters. Think of the birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and national holidays that pepper your calendar every year. The time off you yearn for in your vacation. Think about the gifts you've bought for the people you love – to congratulate, to celebrate and to show your care and affection when they get a promotion or achieve a life goal.

We are fundamentally social creatures. Evolution and psychology tell us that we are hard-wired for living in communities. Even though in our age of instant communication we are far more networked and our circles of influence are much wider, we still need other people not only to survive but to thrive. Celebrating milestones reinforces our connections to other and allows us to know each other better. Even trauma – traumas like our recent pandemic – bond us together because it reinforces how much we really need each other.

I have been reflecting on a couple of significant personal milestones. Last December, in the middle of our COVID winter (figuratively and literally), I became Medicare eligible. (Yes, I turned sixty-five.) This was particularly significant for me, because, in part, none of my grandparents lived that long. My maternal grandmother lived the longest – 61 years. My parents outlived them but only because advances in medicine allowed my father to undergo two rounds of open-heart surgery. Pharmacology prolonged my mother's life by several years as she struggled with a combination of chronic illnesses. Both have now been gone nearly twenty years. Yet, I remain extremely grateful that I have been blessed with reasonably good health: some reparative surgeries and some physical therapy here and there keep me going strong. All this makes it hard to believe that I am now older than my grandparents and seem on track soon to surpass my parents in healthy longevity.

On September 1 st, I began my seventh year at St. Luke's – significant because I have been privileged to serve you as priest and pastor longer than I have served any other single community. And on the 17th of this month, as we celebrate our patronal feast of St. Luke, I will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of my ordination as a priest.

This last milestone, my ordination anniversary, came into clear focus a little while ago, when I was referred to as "one of the senior priests of the diocese." Senior priest? Oh my. As that conversation progressed, I realized that many of my colleagues around the diocese were submitting letters of retirement to the Bishop and Church Pension Fund. It caught me up short. By a quirk of the calendar, I was always the youngest person in my class – grade school, high school, college and even seminary. That was a lot of practice at "being the youngest." So, being an elder among my colleagues was not something I often envisioned – until now.

And yet, I observe these latest milestones with immense gratitude to God, because it is only by God's grace in Christ that I have been able to see them pass into the rearview mirror. I am extremely grateful for the people I have come to know and serve through more than forty years of ministry – as a lay person, as a deacon, and as a priest. Every person – each one of you – has influenced my growth as a servant-leader among you. Without you, the People of God, I would be nothing – nothing at all.

As I pass these milestones, and look toward new ones, I earnestly pray words that I learned many, many years ago and which have become the byword of my life:

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will, all that I have and all that I possess. You have given all to me; now I return it. Give me only your love and your grace. These are enough for me. Then do with me as you will, according to your good pleasure.

(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

With you as a pilgrim along The Way,

Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

Christmas Stockings – Ready-Set-Go!!!



ECW is doing our Christmas Stocking Project. We are going to try to fill 130 stockings.

- 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.

Stewardship:



GOD IS FAITHFUL!
Annual Membership Campaign 2022

By the time you receive this edition of The Angelus, our parishioners should have received a letter from the Rector and other information about our Annual Membership Campaign for 2022. Usually, by this time

each year, we create a new theme upon which to reflect and build our understanding of stewardship through the year. However, as with most things during the time of COVID-19, we are doing things just a bit differently. Last year, our Annual Membership Campaign introduced six significant challenges that we face as we emerged from the pandemic. In recent months, it became painfully clear that our emergence will take longer than we imagined. Consequently, we have decided to keep focused on these challenges through the coming year:

- To Gather Differently and Better
- To Seize Opportunities to Reach the Digital World
- To Reconnect with One Another and with the Community of Lebanon County
- To Take Our Prayer Life to a New and More Powerful Level To Rethink Our Facilities for Emerging Opportunities
- To Make Lasting Changes That Will Make a Difference

However, though these challenges remain, our pandemic experience has once more proved that God is Faithful. Despite shutdowns and setbacks, God’s faithfulness was made real as ever. While many organizations operate in fear that they will not emerge from the pandemic, St. Luke’s has not only weathered unavoidable difficulties but has begun to thrive in a new way by adapting itself so that the work of the kingdom continues unabated.

One of the most substantial adaptations was the deployment of online resources in the areas of worship, Christian formation, and parish administration. Folks previously unaware of ZOOM or YouTube have become old hands at participating in meetings, Bible Studies, virtual worship, children and family ministry and so much more. These innovations have become part of

the fabric of our life together and will continue to adapt even as we reestablish real time and in person activities.

We became increasingly aware of how our individual behaviors can ripple through our larger community networks by implementing effective COVID mitigation measures that allowed us to return to limited in person participation in worship and other areas of parish life. In our willingness to make the common good part of our continuing reflections as we respond to the health crisis, we not only moved our parish forward but also set an example for the larger community concerning how our baptismal promises to respect the dignity of every human being extends beyond mere self-interest toward creating a world of mutual respect and care.

Telephone calls, emails, greeting cards, and notes of support circulated among our members, keeping as many people “in the loop” as possible. Our renewed prayer circle expands the power of prayer beyond our own concerns as we support others in tough times without regard to church membership or faith identity. Like Jesus, our prayer warriors respond to any need that is presented to them in the confidence that God will act.

Meanwhile, planning continues unabated for our upcoming capital campaign that will help us update our physical facilities in some exciting ways.

Each one of these is a response to the challenges we accepted in our last stewardship season. Yet, because we are not yet fully clear of the pandemic, we know that these challenges remain. As often happens, our zeal may lag with time. This is when we begin to realize that none of our accomplishments would have been possible without God’s faithfulness. Throughout Scripture, we see how God was always faithful to promises made. Too often, it was God’s people that grew weary and even grumbled against God when they felt they had had enough. Regardless of the people’s attitude, God was always faithful and those who chose God’s way overcame difficulties and thrived.

Take some time this month to reflect on how God has been faithful to you – and to our community. Pray about how you can respond in kind by supporting the mission and ministry of our parish and make a pledge of financial support to help us overcome our challenges and thrive in new and exciting ways.

History Notes: St. Luke’s Third Rector—James Powers Hawkes



by Terry Heisey



James Powers Hawkes was born on November 4, 1861, in Boston, the son of Charles and Angeline Clark Hawkes. Later in life his father was listed as a carriage painter, so finances at home may have been tight and his mother may have died young. In any event, the 1870 census lists him as living with his

Hawkes grandparents in Kennebec ME, but he later came under the care of his maternal uncle, James F. Powers, rector at the Church of the Advent in Philadelphia. He was baptized on May 13, 1877, and attended the University of Pennsylvania and the Episcopal Divinity School in Philadelphia. Fr. Powers was called to Trinity Church in Pottsville in 1884. Hawkes was ordained deacon at Trinity in July 1885 and became an assistant to his uncle in charge of St. Paul’s chapel in Mechanicsville. He was ordained priest in July 1886 and continued to assist his uncle, marrying a local girl, Susannah Kaercher, at Trinity on April 11, 1888. During his time at Trinity the church established a vested choir of men and boys and moved it to choir stalls in front of the church following the dictates of the Oxford

Movement. Hawkes went from Pottsville to Corry in Erie County, but he was on the staff of St. Mary's Church in Philadelphia (presumably St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, a noted "High-Church" Episcopal parish) when Bishop Rulison recommended him to St. Luke's Vestry on May 1, 1893, following the death of Chandler Hare. Objection was raised to the Vestry by Debbie Norris Coleman Brock, possibly representing the "low-church" inclinations of the Coleman family, but the Vestry extended a call to Hawkes, which he accepted later in May. Hawkes came to Lebanon with two infant children and another son was born in Lebanon. He was described as "an indefatigable worker, of rare intellectual endowments, and possessing a peculiarly pleasing voice as a public speaker." His "charming personality, his kindness of disposition and his freedom from church bigotry" won him many friends in Lebanon, and "by his ability and perseverance [he] succeeded in building up the church in a remarkable manner," achieving the largest confirmations in parish history. Unfortunately, he could not have come to St. Luke's at a worse time. In the months after his arrival, Sue Ellen Coleman died and her son Robert lost much of his fortune and left Lebanon permanently for New York. With no warning the parish lost their commitment and unlimited resources that had driven its growth for decades. Suddenly Vestry was borrowing money just to meet monthly expenses. We don't know what else was going on. Did the opposition of Debbie Brock and other Coleman relatives continue? Did he clash with other powerful lay people? Did Hawkes or his family suffer from the heavily polluted air of Lebanon? In any event, Hawkes's tenure in Lebanon was a short one. On March 2, 1896, Hawkes resigned in a letter to Vestry stating that: "Although on some accounts I may regret to leave Lebanon, another field is now offered me which promises a greater measure of usefulness and greater harmony of actions,—and I feel sure that the step I am now taking will prove in the end the wisest and best for all concerned." The Vestry accepted his resignation on March 3, effective April 15, and he moved to the area of his birth, Dedham MA. Hawkes was later (1904) rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham MA and the Episcopal church in Sandwich MA. At Wareham his vigorous efforts revived the parish, which acquired a rectory and started a mission to the community. He died on May 12, 1913, at the age of 51 of cirrhosis of the liver. He was buried in the Charles Baber Cemetery at Trinity Church in Pottsville. His widow lived until 1943.



Music Notes: Service Music Written for St. Luke's Church

by Terry Heisey

It is not unusual for church musicians to write music for their parishes. Often one cannot find just the right hymn setting or anthem or service music, and one has to compose for an occasion. In St. Luke's long history such compositions must have been written and used, but none survived in the choir library into the last decades of the 20th century. Your current organist and choirmaster have written various hymn descants, psalm settings, service music, and choir anthems, and these have been used on occasion, but the four most extended and durable of the compositions written for St. Luke's are those that will be used in our celebrations of St. Luke's Day this year.

St. Luke's Festival Liturgy

This Rite II mass setting was "gratefully composed for St.

Luke's Parish, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, by William Ratchford, 1987." Ratchford came to Lebanon as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, serving at least through 1980-1983. At some point his connection with the Roman church was severed due to his homosexuality. He had been very active in ecumenical affairs in Lebanon during his time at St. Mary's and so had gotten to know Father Jerry Richards. He may have even known that Fr. Jerry served on the Diocese of Bethlehem's Dialogue on Human Sexuality and the Holy Life and discussed the theology of sexual orientation. In any event, the Richards family gave him refuge and a place to stay in the rectory as discussed transfer to the Episcopal Church. During this time St. Luke's organist Thelma Drum resigned and the church was employing a series of interim organists. Ratchford was an accomplished musician, but his specialty was not organ. Nevertheless, the St. Luke's Vestry approved a recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee on May 18, 1987, that he be paid as interim organist and accepted as prime candidate for organist and choirmaster. He was hired on June 15. On June 21 Michael Shoemaker, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg, who had been overseeing the St. Luke's choirs, resigned in order to pursue graduate studies at Westminster Choir College in Princeton NJ and to facilitate hiring of an organist/choirmaster. Ratchford was also applying for a clergy position at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London. He agreed to take the position as permanent Choirmaster and Organist at St. Luke's and begin taking organ lessons if he did not secure a post in London. Unfortunately, he did secure a post as verger at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and understandably left for London but not before composing the St. Luke's Festival Liturgy for the 130th anniversary of Lebanon Episcopalianism on St. Luke's Day 1987. Pat Walter was hired as choir director and Shawn Gingrich as organist. I met Bill Ratchford once during my tenure as organist at St. Luke's when he came to Lebanon for a visit. I also contacted him in 1999 when the choir was planning a singing tour of England, but by then he had become disillusioned with the Anglican Church's rejection of LGBTQ people in ministry and the church. The last I heard at that time was that he had by then left both St. Martin-in-the-Field, the Anglican Church, and Christianity in general.

St. Luke's Evening Service in F Minor and Preces and Responses in F#

After several years of short Eastertide series of Evensongs and concerts, the St. Luke's Festival Choir inaugurated its first full season of monthly Evensongs and concerts in 1997-1998 with the addition of Bill Claxton to the music staff. The culmination of the first year, an English anthem festival on June 28, 1998, featured the premier of a setting of the Evening Canticles (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis) by William Claxton, finished on June 6, 1998, and a setting of the Evening preces, responses, and prayers by Terry Heisey, church organist since 1991. The Preces and Responses set the text of Rite I of the American Episcopal Prayer Book to composed music; other published Preces and Responses use the text of the Prayer Book of the Church of England. These are extensively used by American Episcopal churches who sing Evensong but were officially approved for use in the Episcopal Church only recently. The Festival Choir has used both the St. Luke's Evening Service in F and the Preces & Responses in F# periodically at Evensongs since that time and will be used again for St. Luke's Evensong 2021.

What Thanks and Praise: An Anthem for St. Luke's Day

Ray Urwin D.M.A. (Yale) is currently Director of Music at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Corona del Mar CA. Before that he was Director of Music at St. John's Cathedral in Wilmington DE (1979-89) and St. Francis Episcopal Church, Palos Verdes Estates CA (1989-2014). His fraction anthem "My flesh is food indeed" is included in our Hymnal 1982 (S-169) and

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People:

William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale

October 6

William Tyndale was born about 1495 near the Welsh border. He received bachelors and masters degrees from Oxford and also studied

at Cambridge. Ordained about 1521, he spent his early ministry as a domestic chaplain and tutor in Gloucestershire and London.

Tyndale was a man with a single passion—to translate the Holy Scriptures into English. Lacking official sanction, he went to Germany in 1524. Strongly opposed to his work, King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, sought to destroy his work and put him to death. He was betrayed by a friend and was strangled and burned at the stake on October 6, 1536, in Brussels.

By the time of Tyndale's death, he had completed his translation of the New Testament and major parts of the Old Testament, particularly the Pentateuch. It is estimated that about eighty percent of Tyndale's work found its way into later translations, notably the Authorized Version of 1611 (King James).

Miles Coverdale was born in Yorkshire around 1488. He studied at Cambridge and was ordained in 1514 and soon thereafter joined the Augustinian Friars. Passionate about scriptural translation, he left the monastery in 1526 and eventually went to the Continent where the work of translation enjoyed strong support. He completed the first translation into English of the whole Bible in

1535, which was issued as "The Great Bible" in 1539. Archbishop Cranmer adopted Coverdale's translation of the Psalter for the Book of Common Prayer.

Between times of unrest and relative calm, Coverdale shuttled between England and the Continent. He served as a Lutheran pastor while in exile from 1543-1547. He became Bishop of Exeter in 1551 but was deprived of that office at the accession of Queen Mary due to his Protestant convictions. He again escaped to the Continent where he lived until the accession to the throne of Elizabeth I in 1559. He is remembered as an outstanding preacher, an uncommonly gifted linguist and translator, and a leader of the Puritan wing of the Church of England.

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Christian Formation



Godly Play Videos Are Again Available

Every Sunday we are currently adding two Godly Play videos for all our youngsters to watch. The *Core* stories provide a strong foundation for understanding the Bible and are important for children from age three and up. These include Creation, The Great Family (Abraham and Sarah), The Exodus and the Ten Best Ways to Live, and The Exile. For students who are older (third grade and up), a second story, called *Extension* or *Enrichment* stories, will help to explore more details about individual people or particular books of the Old Testament. Look for The Second Creation, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, and others. 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, October 10 at 9 AM.

Once again we will hold a ZOOM Feast for our Godly Play 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 will be contacted by email so they can reply and let us know if you can join us. **(You must reply by email 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, October 10, we will gather together on Zoom to pray, prepare, and feast together. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

We hope to see you for this month's feast.

Confirmation

the Sacrament of our Renewed Commitment to Christ

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.

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 Mtr. Mary will lead our teens (7th through 12th grades). These areas will be included in our studies: Baptism and Confirmation, Holy Eucharist and the Book of Common Prayer, Love God and Love



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.

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.

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>



(Continued from page 3 *'Music Notes'*)

has long been a favorite of the St. Luke's music staff, normally scheduled for use in the fall of each year. When I met Ray at the 2009 Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians in Los Angeles, I asked him if we could commission an anthem based on one of the texts for St. Luke's Day. He agreed to compose one for us and decided on a hymn text from the Hymnal focused on St. Luke with one additional stanza not included in the hymnal version of the poem. Further correspondence over the next year settled on using the tune Gonfalcon Royal, rather than a newly composed tune. Urwin emailed us the anthem on October 2, 2010, in time for use on St. Luke's Day. The anthem was written to include congregational participation, and we have used it in our St. Luke's Day celebrations as both an anthem and as a hymn in both morning and evening services since that date.

Note: Candle Sponsors Needed

Parish Office

There are openings to sponsor the Eucharist, Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel candles for the months of October, November and December. Please contact the Parish Office at 717.272.8251 or admin@stlukeslebanon.org for information.

Statewide Parish to Parish Trips

by Rob Box

St. Luke's is planning trips to other statewide parishes, dates and parishes to be announced in future publications (i.e., announcements, emails, and newsletters). Sharing time within other parishes will open eyes to new ideas, see and hear the needs of those within our own community and in the communities around us. These trips are meant to inspire, create friendships, and bring freshness into our parish lives as well as those visited. If you would like to be a part of this amazing opportunity, please contact the parish office at 717.272.8251 or email admin@stlukeslebanon.org and let us know.

St. Luke's Has a Little Free Library!

The Little Free Library was donated by Julie Wray Herman. (Julie is Pete Gebhard's cousin). Julie and her husband live in Texas and frequently come to Mt. Gretna to visit family. Julie is the author of several mystery novels.



To learn more about the Little Free Library visit this website <http://littelfreeibrary.org/>

We are looking for donations of children's books to stock the Little Free Library. You may drop them off in the Parish Office.



Columbus Day Or Indigenous Peoples' Day—Monday, October 11, 2021

by Parish Office

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue..." a poem by Jean Marzollo. These words are well known, taught, and are controversial. Many people have been taught that Columbus discovered the Americas on October 12, 1492, (Scott, 2017), Britannica (N/A) on the other hand stated that when Christopher Columbus landed on the small Caribbean island, modern day Bahamas, he was not the first to reach the Americas, it was most likely Leif Eriksson who held that honor. The very first Columbus Day celebration took place in 1792, exactly 300 years after his arrival. In 1937, 84 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law Columbus Day as a national holiday.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a counter celebration to Columbus Day, proposed by activists in 1977 and first celebrated in 1992 in Berkeley, California to protest celebrations for the quadricentennial anniversary of Columbus' landing. The indigenous people say they discovered Columbus after he sailed the ocean blue (Scott, 2017) and with his coming it began the era of European settlement and economic exploitation of the Americas (Britannica, N/A). Columbus' landing in the Americas was not a celebratory moment for many because it fails to enlighten the mind to the atrocities associated with his landing. Because of Columbus and his fellow explorers landing in the Americas, indigenous peoples were subjected to enslavement, murder, and degradation on a inhuman level.

Past and present atrocities continue to happen, it can change one life or many lives on the physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual level. If you celebrate Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day please take a moment to celebrate the lives lost, those affected then and now, and that we are all children of the Creator and deserve respect, kindness, and love no matter the origin of a people or the skin tone, for we are all brothers and sisters to one another.

Sources: <https://www.britannica.com/story/columbus-day-and-its-discontents> & <https://www.rit.edu/diversity/newsletter/october-2017/story/1492-columbus-sailed-ocean-blue-he-had-three-ships-and-left-spain>

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: Continuing Education

by Soon Slayman

We are told we live in the Information Age. We have access to infinite information but how do we use it? This has led me to perhaps an irreverent view as I reflect on how I experience St. Luke's.

Can St. Luke's be called a spiritual college for lay people without the entrance exam or the high tuition? By enrolling we can meet new friends, join the glee club, a fraternity, or culinary group but the heart of the college is the opportunity to learn and from that to work towards forming beliefs that will guide us. For me, attending a service is the highlight of the curriculum. Below are some of what impresses me as the service unfolds.

Following opening prayers, the service begins with the reading of lessons which come from only one book, the Bible, followed by a sermon usually delivered by Father David who is an impassioned speaker with enormous depth of knowledge and caring who provides new insights each week. Sometimes it is Mother Mary who has become a consummate storyteller, presenting the Bible in ways with which we all can identify. The Apostles Creed follows. To absorb this, I must read it rather than recite it by rote. Surrounding the lessons are moments to dig deep with prayer while focusing on our needs, the needs of those we know and those far away. It is a chance to put current events in perspective and apply compassion and mercy. Next the congregation comes together through the Peace, we share our gifts and prepare for communion as one body.

At some services there is beautiful music interwoven in support of the message - hymns sung by all, choral pieces, special instruments, or bells and always the rich sound from the organ. Other services are peacefully quiet. The site is dramatic and focused on the altar surrounded by beautiful stained-glass windows. The flicker of candles brings life and a sense that this could be happening at any moment in time.

Most services include Communion, the complexly symbolic sharing of bread and wine which has spiritually transformed into the body of Christ. (Sadly Covid 19 has interfered with the chance to feel we are part of the community at the Last Supper, but I know this will pass.) We are centered in saying the Lord's Prayer. Before receiving communion, I have always tried to imagine myself in that upstairs room or furtively arriving at a secret site in ancient Rome to solemnly celebrate when two or three are gathered together. The service ends with Father David directing us to go and carry the message of the day including loving our neighbors as ourselves and doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.

I write this naive and personal view in hopes it may prompt you to take a fresh look at what brings you to St. Luke's and what you



Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller

Power Packs

By Soon Slayman

On September 21st we gathered at the Power Packs warehouse to make and pack boxes for the first distribution of the Fall school year. Clearly Covid 19 has had a significant effect on the need of families in Lebanon county. The numbers of boxes to be packed has increased from as many as 150 last year to 261 and growing. To complete what we hope to accomplish we need more volunteers. Currently we have been asked to work every other week. There is reason to believe that this will change to every week. Five volunteers each week are enough to accomplish this. In addition Power Packs is looking to hire a warehouse manager who will deal with the lifting and supplying groceries, which we now sometimes do.

The job description includes arriving at the warehouse, in the Sunset complex off 7th St., on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and finishing no later than 11:30 AM. It involves standing and working at a waist level rolling track either making, packing or sealing boxes. The tasks are easy and repetitive and allow time to talk. Our goal is to have two teams plus extras to fill in to accomplish this. Currently we are close but not there. If you and/or your spouse or someone you know would be willing to help we would love to hear from you. Contact Katherine Hoopes, 717.279.7494, fiddlekat1932@comcast.net or Soon Slayman, 717.838.9612, soon.slayman@gmail.com.

Sadly Harding School has dropped out of the program for this year, which I believe is due to the staff being overwhelmed with other duties. Perhaps this suggests there are some volunteer opportunities for us to investigate at Harding.



Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM



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 LIST

- **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, 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 Sweat-



shirts (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.

ECW News

by Rose Brown & Laurie Daub

Women of St. Luke's you are cordially invited to our second in-house meeting on the **second Tuesday of the month, October 12th at 6:30 PM**. The theme will be "Holiday Bow Making" presented by our very own Susan Dreibelibis, floral designer from Laysers's Flowers in Myerstown. Wire and "practice" ribbon will be provided free of charge to all participants. For the bow making, it is suggested you bring along a pair of scissors, and if you want to make a "special" bow for your personal use, please bring at least three (3) yards of your favorite ribbon. The bows being made will be large and suitable for wreath adornment, however the technique being taught is suitable for any sized, multiple loop bow. Sign up is not required, we hope to see you there for a great evening of fellowship and communal learning.

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 roseb74@yahoo.com and let her know you are planning on being there.



St. Luke's Day Reception

by Eileen Sidelnick

ECW is organizing the St. Luke's Day Reception on **Sunday, October 17**. We are asking for donations of baked goods (cookies, brownies, bars, muffins), finger sandwiches, cheese, bologna, fruit and veggies. No hot food please. You can drop off your food items in the church kitchen on **Friday, October 15, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

We also need volunteers to put food on trays and transport it to the auditorium at 9:00 AM before the service; and volunteers to help clean up afterwards. If you would like to help or donate food, please contact Eileen Sidelnick at (717.926.4238 or at esidelnick@comcast.net). Thank you!

Bazaar News

by Rose Brown

A replacement for Wiley Parker to head Wiley's Café has been found! We still are in need of apprentices, contributors and organizer(s) though. 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 info@stlukeslebanon.org and someone will contact you with further information.

The Craft "Nooners" to Create Again!

by Laurie Daub



Last year's quarantine found many of us crafting to save our sanity. If you are one of these people—I am!; and you have crafts or handmade items that you would care to donate for the **Saturday, November 20th** bazaar, we will delightfully accept your donation! All contributions should be submitted by **Wednesday, November 17**. Please include a suggested price point with your donation. Questions can be directed to Laurie Daub at 717.413.1812 call or text.

The crafters will begin to meet in the **Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 20 at 11:00 AM** after **mid-week Eucharist at 10:00 AM**, if anyone would like to attend. We will meet weekly on Wednesday until the bazaar on **Saturday, November 20**. If you would like to bring a brown bag lunch, we will break to share a meal at each weekly session. As always, no experience is required, just a willingness to learn and help. All materials and projects are provided. I look forward to seeing old faces and new ones.

Continue to look to future publications—newsletters and weekly announcements for meetings and all things bazaar related.



In celebration of St. Luke's Day

St. Luke's Festival Choir

October 17, 2021

6 PM

Organ Concert

7PM

Canon Mark Laubach

Organist and Choirmaster

St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre PA



Mr. Barry & Mrs. Kara Wenger October 07
Mr. David Zwifka & Mr. Kenneth Suter October 13
Mr. Jacob & Mrs. Lisa Herzing October 14
Mr. Robert & Mrs. Laurie Daub October 23



To Our Parishioners

Youth

Kenny Box October 19
Sam Baker October 20
Alfred Nazeeri October 24
Kiana Ortiz October 24

Adults

Elizabeth Keller October 02
Joan Miller October 02
Linda Sandoe October 02
Priscilla (Pat) Curtier October 02
Phan Var October 03
Loretta Ziegler October 05
Austin Yocum October 06
Alexander Nazeeri October 08
Cheryl Green October 09
RoseMarie Urban October 09
Julie Keller October 10
Bernie Yohn October 13
Dillion D'Amour October 13
Alison Sheaf October 16
Anne Aguilar October 16
Michael Weaver October 17
Brian Hockley October 19
Pamela Smith October 22
Kathy Thrapp October 23
Nicole Hockley October 25
Wiley Parker October 26
Dolly Smith October 27
Kirk Lukens October 29
Charles Henry III October 30
Hailey Bowser October 30

Note from Parish Office: If you do not find the name of an individual listed above in the directory that just means they prefer to keep this information confidential. Out of respect for their wishes, St. Luke's will not divulge their information.

