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(Not the) Rector's Corner by guest writers *Mother Robyn Szoke-Coolidge and Father Bradley Mattson*



Dear Ones of St. Luke's,

It is with humble gratitude that I express my appreciation for the many ways you welcomed me into your community during this sabbatical supply time. Your gracious hospitality reveals one of your strongest charisms. While I realize there was a deep missing of Fr. David, your acceptance of change and your courage to continue to create new opportunities such as the You are Loved liturgy, the shared liturgy and picnic with Hope Church and all the sabbatical conversations strengthened community. It was a joy to work with two very gifted clergy; Mother Mary Kisner and Fr. Bradley Mattson and with your excellent administrative and music staff and leaders of St. Lukes.

As we welcome Fr. David's return, I want to specifically thank him and Steve for the invitation to be part of a very energetic and creative sabbatical team, including the vestry. The sabbatical conversations have resulted in positive generative ideas and goals for St. Lukes. "Together we create" should be your motto because the results of the conversations demonstrate a positive unified approach to growth and vitality.

It has been a blessing to serve you, and to witness your faithful journey on many levels. As a congregation, and as individuals and leaders, you have brought a multitude of blessings to me. Thank you and I will continue to hold you in prayer as our journey in faith celebrates what has been done and looks forward to what God has instore next.

Faithfully,
Robyn



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

With the sabbatical journey nearly complete, the time has come for me to say farewell – however - of all the things I can say about our time together, "farewell" simply can't be of them.

How can you say farewell to your closest neighbor?

Together we have celebrated Easter, held sensationally beautiful Evensong services, been together at the communion table, and welcomed the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with open arms. We have studied the Bible, in great depth, in weekly Bible studies. We enjoyed a wonderful worship service and picnic together, and we have lead the charge to pay off 7 digits...(and counting) worth of crippling medical debt for our Pennsylvania neighbors. In a culminating moment, I had the privilege of serving with you on the Sunday you welcomed with open arms all of God's beloved in an open and affirming way.

In all of this, our shared ministry has been a blessing to our neighbors, to ourselves, and I believe a model for the potential that awaits two diocesan systems who are discerning a path that is more together than apart.

The work of the church in this generation is important work, we will oversee the greatest transfer of generational wealth, authority, and organizational leadership over the next twenty years as in any period in the history of the Church – and the world for that matter. There is great promise, and an exciting frontier to explore. Every living generation will take part in the blessing of reimagining the future – this is a holy invitation we are meant to receive.

Scripture teaches us that the future is as bright as the promises of God. How true this is.

May God give us the grace to move forward, and may our great Episcopal Organization, have the grace to send us out to do the work God has given us to do.

Until then, I'll be on Mt. Hope and will remain, as ever, your faithful neighbor and co-laborer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God bless and keep you always.

In the way of Love,
Bradley+

Helping our Neighbors: Harding Elementary

by Steve Doster, Senior Warden



I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Michael Reager, Principal at Harding Elementary. The purpose of the meeting was to ask how St. Luke's can be in service to Harding students, families, and staff. To summarize Mr. Reager's response: volunteer to tutor students; donate backpacks as well as other personal care items; and bring back the Angel Tree. Please read on for more information about these opportunities to serve Harding Elementary and our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" service scheduled for 10:30AM on August 27, 2023.

Tutoring Volunteers:

First and foremost, Harding Elementary needs additional volunteers to tutor students one-on-one or with small groups. The subject matter is basic reading and math skills. St. Luke's parishioner Kathy Yohn has been volunteering at Harding in this capacity for several years. Kathy wrote about her tutoring experience at Harding in the July edition of *The Angelus*. If you would like to talk to Kathy about her experience, she can be reached at (717) 964-2259. Tutoring volunteers must undergo the standard criminal background checks and clearances that is required of all school-based volunteers. Harding will help you navigate that process. Once complete, you will be paired with a specific teacher and undergo some basic training and decide on a schedule that works for you. If you would like to sign-up to become a tutoring volunteer at Harding or would like to learn more, please visit the Harding Elementary Outreach page on our website <http://stlukeslebanon.org/harding-elementary/> and complete the online form, or scan the blue QR code below.

Donate Backpacks / Contribute to St. Luke's Harding School Fund:

Eighty-four percent of students at Harding Elementary live in poverty. As such, many students come to school in need of the basics like a backpack. As part of our "Blessing of the Backpacks" service scheduled for 10:30AM on August 27, 2023, we are asking you to consider bringing donations of new backpacks to this service.

The backpacks will receive a blessing at this service and then donated to Harding Elementary in time for the first day of school on August 28th. If you can donate a backpack to this effort, remember - kids are tough on backpacks – spending a little more on better quality will likely go a long way.

Additionally, Harding students need various emergency personal care items throughout the year that are administered by the school nurse. Unfortunately, the school's budget for such items is extremely limited. To help with this, St. Luke's is establishing a Harding School Fund that will be reserved for the purpose of helping the school nurse provide these items to students. St. Luke's will coordinate with the school nurse to purchase items as needed throughout the school year.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can either mail a check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S 6th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042 with "Harding School Fund" in the subject line, or contribute online via our PayPal account. [IMPORTANT NOTE – If paying via PayPal, please click on the optional "Write a Note" feature under the dollar amount and write "Harding School Fund" in the box to ensure this online donation is directed to the correct account.] Our PayPal account can be accessed via the red QR code below.

Angel Tree and Other Efforts:

St. Luke's will again partner with Harding Elementary School on the Angel Tree project – purchasing Christmas presents for Harding families in need. Additionally, St. Luke's is exploring the idea of hosting a teacher in-service luncheon for the faculty and administration of Harding Elementary. More information to come on these initiatives.



Our Warmest Thanks to
The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge
The Rev. Bradly Mattson
and
The Rev. Mary Kisner
for their inspirational preaching,
thoughtful leadership, and compassionate care
of our parish during our rector's sabbatical.

Hurdles to Housing Fundraiser and Five Loaves 5K

by Bryan Smith, LCCM Executive Director



Hello St. Luke's family!

It is August, so it is time for a push to raise funds to support our FRESH Start Homeless Shelter. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. If we can get 40 individuals/churches/business to raise \$500 each, we

can achieve this goal. Obviously, we want to blow that number out of the water. YOU can be a part of this. [Note: To contribute via St. Luke's fundraising page, scan the QR code below, or visit the [link](#) on our website under Outreach >Fresh Start.]



Do you like to run or walk? Well, you can help "raise some dough" for LCCM by participating in our first annual "Five Loaves 5k and Fun Walk." This run will be held on Saturday September 9th, starting at 8am in the beautiful South Hills Park! Make sure you bring your sneaker because there will be no loafing! To support the run with a donation, sponsorship, or to register to run/walk – go to www.lccm.us -> Events and Fundraisers -> Five Loaves 5K.

We know that we are asking a lot from our community, but our community is asking a lot from us. Together we can achieve much! DO its VISION: Investing in people. Improving lives.

Membership Records Update

by Lisa Laysner

We need your help! We are working to update our membership records and contact information.

Click [here](#) to access a short survey to update your information. If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact the Parish Office and one will be provided for you

You can also scan this code and complete the survey on your phone or other device.



Thank you!

Annual Church Picnic Thank You

by Brian and Sharon Weaver



So, this year was our "Welcome Back" to our second annual church picnic post COVID. If Brian and I were counting, it was our fortieth year for planning and preparing this picnic, which started in 1983. We helped the Bowers with the picnic the first year, when I was pregnant with Brian, our third son, who was born in August. After that year it was handed over to us. We have so many years of great memories. So for all of you who have asked us how long we have been doing this, that is our story, and we started at Coleman's Park in the earlier years.

We had a great day of weather, but our count was down from last year from 60 to only about 47, but we had fun. We need to again thank the people who were there to help us. A big thank-you to Bernie Yohn and Brian Lee for helping Brian pick up and deliver all the supplies to the park, helping to set up, cook and serve the food also. Thank you to Beth Yocum for making the coffee, iced tea, and mint lemonade. Also, a thank you to Bernie, Briand Lee, and Pam Weaner for helping us to clean everything up and deliver things back to the church.

We did not have a cake auction or cake walk this year, but we put out a jar for donations and collected \$147, which helped defray some of the cost. We had adult bingo, compliments of Kathy and Bernie Yohn, with DQ gift cards for prizes, while the kids enjoyed all their fun games and prizes compliments of Steve and Alyssa Doster. I also had guessing games for everyone, and we had six people win who were the closest to the total of all six jars which held 1,660 pieces of candy. Winners were Greg Tanico, Erin Bowser, Bryan Bowser, Cindy Keeseey, Meghan Sidelnick, and Kara Wenger. Lynn Heisey won a watermelon by getting closest to its weight of 12.32 pounds. I decided to do a Bible Trivia Quiz that fourteen people participated in, and the winner with all answers correct was Debby Tanico. She won an oversized beach towel.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and our date for next year is reserved for Sunday, June 9, 2024!

Christian Formation

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People

Florence Nightengale — August 10



Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820. She was trained as a nurse at Kaiserswerth (1851) and Paris and in 1853 became superintendent of a hospital for invalid women in London. In response to God's call and animated by a spirit of service, in 1854 she volunteered for duty during the Crimean War and recruited 38 nurses to join her. With them she organized the first modern nursing service in the British field hospitals of Scutari and Balaclava. By imposing strict discipline and high standards of sanitation she radically reduced the drastic death toll and rampant infection then typical in field hospitals.

She returned to England in 1856 and a fund of £ 50,000 was subscribed to enable her to form an institution for the training of nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital and at King's College Hospital. Her school at St. Thomas's Hospital became significant in helping to elevate nursing into a profession. She devoted many years to the question of army sanitary reform, to the improvement of nursing and to public health in India. Her main work, *Notes on Nursing*, 1859, went through many editions.

An Anglican, she remained committed to a personal mystical religion which sustained her through many years of poor health until her death in 1910. Until the end of her life, although her illness prevented her from leaving her home, she continued in frequent spiritual conversation with many prominent church leaders of the day, including the local parish priest who regularly brought Communion to her. By the time of her death on August 13, 1910, her reputation as a healer and holy person had assumed mythical proportions, and she is honored throughout the world as the founder of the modern profession of nursing.

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Christian Formation Focus

This summer we will be exploring one of the most important stories in the Bible - Moses and the Exodus.

Wednesday Healing Services
10 AM in Holy Trinity Chapel

Confirmation Class Forming

by Mother Mary Kisner



The Church School curriculum for our students in Middle School and High School will center around all they need to know and do to be confirmed in their faith in spring 2024. Activities will include studying the Bible, becoming familiar with the Book of Common Prayer, activities of service around the parish and the community at large, a pilgrimage to a cathedral (or two or three), and other activities.

Students who will be 11 years old by next spring (or shortly thereafter) are eligible for reception of this sacrament. The decision to be confirmed need not take place until about a month before Bishop Nichols visits - a date to be determined. However, students should be attending Church School and worship services in the meantime.

Classes will begin in September and dates and times will vary depending on who will be part of the classes. All students in this age group are invited to attend, whether or not they have already been confirmed. There will be some variation from past Confirmation offerings and all students will be able to participate in all the activities whether or not they will be confirmed in the spring.

Blessing for the Start of School

We will be having a blessing for the start of school on August 27 at the 10:30 service.

We invite all students, faculty, staff, administrators, bus drivers, crossing guards and anyone else helping in our schools will be included in our prayers. No matter what level of study you are involved with, come and receive a blessing to encourage you on your way.

Bring your backpacks and briefcases and we will be blessing you and them.

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>



Blessing
of
the
Backpacks

AT THE 10:30 AM SERVICE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

CHESTNUT STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday 3-5:30pm
611 Chestnut
Street,
Lebanon




Accepts FMNP,
cash and EBT



Don't forget to visit our Little Free Library, located just outside the lower-level door on 6th Street. Feel free to browse, take a book, or leave a book.

tai chi class



REGISTER NOW

This fall there will be two Tai Chi classes offered at St. Luke's— Level I and Level 2. Classes are taught by Laura Reazer, who has practiced and taught Tai Chi Sun Style for over 10 years.

Level one is for anyone new to Tai Chi, we will learn the basic moves in the Sun Style Tai Chi as modified by Dr Paul Lam. The class will be 6 weeks and run from 6-6:50PM.

Level 2 requires completion of level 1, and will pick up where level one left off. This class will also be 6 weeks, and will be from 7-7:50PM.

The dates for this class are Sept 12, 20, and 27, October 11, 18, and 25. *Please note, the first class will be held on Tuesday, September 12, the remaining classes will be held on a Wednesday evening.*

Cost for each 6 week class is \$50.00.

Any questions – or to register (**required**) please email Laura at lreazer@comcast.net or leave message at 717-272-3148.

There is a strict 10 student minimum for the class.

A Prayer after Sabbatical

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the return of your son David to us.

Grant him a smooth transition back into his role as leader of our parish family. Grant us, his flock, the will and wisdom to support him as he takes up the mantle of rector once more. Make his burden light and his path smooth as he leads us ever closer to you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Luke's to House the LGBT Center of Greater Reading in Lebanon— Heritage Room to be Relocated to Rectory

by Steve Doster, Senior Warden



At the July 2023 meeting, St. Luke's Vestry approved a resolution authorizing the use of its property and buildings to afford the LGBT Center of Greater Reading adequate space for free counseling and other supportive services to the LGBTQ+ community of Lebanon County. This will include a dedicated room for these efforts in the educational wing of the property.

As part of the resolution, Vestry agreed to upgrade a room on the second floor of the Parish Rectory to serve as the new location of the Heritage Room and repurpose the current location of the Heritage Room in service to the LGBTQ+ effort. This decision was made after careful deliberation and an acknowledgement by Vestry that the LGBTQ+ space must be in the main church building because of ADA compliance.

St. Luke's church archivist, Dr. Terry Heisey was consulted about this proposal prior to the Vestry meeting and agreed to the new location of the Heritage Room. Dr. Heisey will continue to be involved in this transition to ensure proper care of the archives as we relocate them to this new space.

Upgrades to the Rectory and the relocation of the archives is scheduled to take place in August. The target date for opening services to the LGBTQ+ community is September 1, 2023. St. Luke's will also be hosting a quarterly potluck dinner for the LGBTQ+ community and allies beginning on September 13, 2023 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM in the parish auditorium. The September 13 event will serve as the official opening celebration of the The LGBT Center of Greater Reading in Lebanon. More information on this event will be coming soon.

For more than a year, St. Luke's has been helping to lead a community coalition including SARCC, The Lebanon Community Health Council, the Chestnut Street Community Center, and others to establish supportive programming in a safe and affirming environment for Lebanon's LGBTQ+ Community.



Did you know that St. Luke's is partnering with Hope Episcopal Church to wipe out medical debt for residents of Pennsylvania?

Medical debt accounts for over half of all debt in collections in the US, and for-profit agencies often purchase these debts from hospitals and other medical providers for far less than the owed amount. They then attempt to collect the full debt from the patients and their families, making a tidy profit when they succeed.

Charitable organizations have begun the practice of purchasing the medical debt of individuals and forgiving that debt, rather than trying to collect on it. In 2022, the leadership of Hope Episcopal Church in Manheim proposed a partnership with St. Luke's for an ambitious goal: to wipe out a million dollars in medical debt. This program, called "Help, Healing, & Hope," met and surpassed that goal in May, abolishing a staggering \$1,219,515.27 amount of debt for 975 people in Pennsylvania. Amazingly, this was achieved with funds of around \$10,000—such is the nature of the medical debt market.

Medical expenses can destroy a family's financial stability very quickly. Those of us who volunteered at the HOPES/Fresh Start shelter when we hosted it at St. Luke's can remember meeting guests who had gotten sick or had an accident, lost their job because they were too ill to work, lost their health insurance when they lost their job, and wound up not being able to pay their rent or mortgage. It's a tragic—and all too common—narrative.

Because of the overwhelming success of the first phase of "Help, Healing, & Hope," we are now launching Phase II. We hope to do even more to help our neighbors regain their financial stability and hope for the future.

If you can, please make a donation today. You can donate through St. Luke's and we will forward your donation: Mail a check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S 6th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042 with "Med Debt II" in the subject line, or contribute online via our PayPal account. [IMPORTANT NOTE – If paying via PayPal, please click on the optional "Write a Note" feature under the dollar amount and write "Med Debt II" in the box to ensure this online donation is directed to the correct account.] For links with more information and a video about the project, visit our website and go to Outreach > [Help, Healing, and Hope](#).



Join Us to Celebrate!

The LGBT Center of Greater Reading is opening a satellite office at St. Luke's. Please join LGBTQ+ Community members and allies for a potluck dinner to celebrate the opening of the Lebanon location and learn more about the supportive programming for LGBTQ+ youth and adults. Please consider registering using the QR code to help us determine how many people might attend (registration is not required to attend). Also, please use the registration portal to sign up to bring a food item if you are able. We look forward to seeing you!

Scan to register
or visit <http://stlukeslebanon.org/lgbtq-lebanon/>



Happy Birthday to . . .

Youth

Ava Leshar	8/12
Penelope Gilbert	8/25

Adults

Judith Binkley	8/2
Barry Lyter Sr	8/4
Delbert Roth Jr	8/6
Edward Keller	8/6
William Nieman	8/7
Warren Wenger	8/8
Brianna Strauss	8/10
Jed Uhrich	8/14
Marian Dura	8/14
Brian Kessler	8/14
Scott Daubert	8/15
Kendra Dechert	8/18
Donald Stabilito	8/20
Abigail L. Weisman	8/25
Stanley Sandoe	8/26
Desiree Roman	8/26
Ella Nieman	8/26
Patricia Faiola	8/27
Nicholas Faiola	8/27
Soon Ballantine Slayman	8/30
Adrienne Daubert	8/31
Allison Taylor	8/31

by Eileen Sidelnick

Coffee Hour is being held on **SUNDAYS** in the **Fellowship Hall** from **9 AM to 10:30 AM**.

If you would like to be a coffee host, please contact Lisa in the Parish Office (717-272-8251), Eileen Sidelnick (717-926-4238), or Matt Haag (717-273-6249).

You can sign up here,
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baaa92ba4face9-coffee#/>

by scanning the code above, or on the sign up sheet by the parish office. If you need help making coffee, please contact Eileen or Matt and they would be happy to assist you. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary to...

Joseph & Sandi Mesics	7/05
Matthew & Elizabeth Baker	7/08
Ed & Pat Henry	7/11
Bud & Carole Katzmann	7/20
Kirk & Marilyn Galebach	7/22
Carlos & Sarah Centeno	7/24
Kyle & Heather Leshar	7/30

CSCC Update

by Laurie Funk



If someone had asked me back in June what is the most significant thing happening at Chestnut Street Community Center (CSCC) this summer, I would have said the installation of the elevator in the education building. Halfway through July my story has changed. The most important thing that has happened this summer has been our growing

awareness of food insecurity and the opportunities to do something about it.

When we renovated and replanted the courtyard as a community garden in 2022, we considered it a beautification project. It has evolved into something more. This spring, Penn State REACH and Rite Aid Healthy Futures returned as sponsors and provided an additional bench, and a trashcan to fit out a more attractive and welcoming space. It was through our interaction with Laurie Crawford who is the Penn State REACH project manager and community garden coordinator, and the engagement with the Healthy Food Access Action Team that two new and unexpected collaborative efforts have come to fruition.

Aside

The Healthy Food Access Action Team is comprised of leaders from WellSpan Health, Penn State REACH, Central PA Food Bank, Caring Cupboard, Lebanon County Christian Ministries and others who are concerned with increasing the availability and knowledge of healthy food options in Lebanon County.

The first new collaboration is with the retirement living community, Cornwall Manor. In 2021, Cornwall Manor and Rodale Institute (the organic farming organization), partnered to establish the 2-acre Trailside Organic Farm. The Trailside Organic Farm is adjacent to the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail on the Cornwall Manor Woods campus. Goals of this partnership include providing nutrient-dense produce to residents, creating a connection to local food and to serve as a model for continuing care communities. Now in its second year of operation, the harvest is abundant! When Trailside Organic Farm has vegetables that cannot be used by the Cornwall Manor residents, farm manager, Ian Frederick reaches out to CSCC. We pick up the donated vegetables and set them out in our courtyard. The produce is FREE and is often gone within a few hours. The objective is for the food to be consumed and not wasted! Remaining items are shared with local food pantries.

The second new collaboration was motivated by an identified shortcoming in the federally funded, state administered Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). Some background information: the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) was established by Congress in 1992 to provide fresh, nutritious and unprocessed, locally grown fruits and vegetables to Women Infants and Children (WIC) program participants, and to expand the awareness, use of, and

sales at farmers' markets. In 2001, the SFMNP program was added to provide the benefit to low-income seniors.

FMNP is supposed to work like this: WIC participants and eligible seniors are issued FMNP vouchers by administering agencies. The vouchers are used to buy eligible foods from farmers, farmers' markets or roadside stands that have been approved by the state agency to accept the vouchers. The farmers, farmers' markets or roadside stands then submit the vouchers to the bank or state agency for reimbursement. Note that FMNP was designed to benefit at-risk individuals AND assist the farmers. Just as the beneficiaries of the program must qualify so must the farmers. To qualify, the farmer must grow at least 50% of the produce within Pennsylvania and register with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Retailers who sell produce grown by someone else or purchased from a wholesale distributor cannot be FMNP authorized. The requirement to grow the produce disqualifies retailers who are not farmers even if they sell their produce at a farmers' market. This is why Horning's Produce at the Lebanon Farmers Market cannot accept FMNP. They are a produce retailer not a produce grower.

A well-documented shortcoming of the FMNP program is the low redemption rate. Vouchers are issued to individuals but are never processed by a farmer. When the vouchers are unredeemed federal dollars are left on the table. Across Pennsylvania, the redemption rate in 2022 varied significantly from county to county. The low was 7.8% and the high 62% for WIC participants. For seniors, the rates ranged from 52 to 84%. Here in Lebanon County, only 34% of the issued WIC vouchers and 65% of the senior vouchers were redeemed. Research has shown that transportation and familiarity with farm market location are contributing factors to non-redemption.

The monetary loss is significant. In 2022 when each voucher had a \$6 value, \$3.38 million in vouchers went unredeemed in Pennsylvania. In Lebanon County, that same year a little over \$20,000 was unredeemed. This year the stakes are higher because more funds have been allocated and each voucher has a \$10 value.

The problem is a disconnect in geographical location. Consider for example, Philadelphia, or even the City of Lebanon. It may not be surprising that there are few FMNP farmers who do business in Philadelphia, but it is surprising that there are no eligible and registered farmers within the 17042 zip code. The closest FMNP authorized market to downtown Lebanon is Risser Marvel Farm Market. It is in Annville, 10 miles away. Not a big deal IF you have a car.

This year in Pennsylvania WIC recipients receive 3 - \$10 FMNP vouchers and senior recipients receive 5 - \$10 SFMNP vouchers. In Lebanon FMNP is administered by Lebanon Family Health which has received 1000 sets of three \$10 vouchers (\$30,000) for its WIC participants and the Area Agency on Aging which has received 1400 sets of five \$10 vouchers (\$70,000) for qualifying seniors. That is a total of \$100,000 in food aid for people here in Lebanon. The challenge is: how to connect the people who receive the benefit with an authorized farmer. Our solution: bring the farmer to the people!

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ECW News



by Beth Yocum

Yes, we had “Christmas in July” and some St. Luke’s members picked up a baggie. But we need a lot more people helping out so we are continuing this project during the months of August, September, and October. ECW provides items for Christmas Stockings to be distributed to nursing homes in the Lebanon area right before Christmas. Our assignments...fill 130 stockings!

We are trying a new procedure on this project. During church services, a baggie will be found in the tub at the elevator entrance to the church. On that baggie here are the items that you must collect (paper on baggie telling you what you need).

1. Toothpaste – samples size
2. Lotion – sample size, preferably unscented
3. Deodorant – sample size, unisex
4. Chapstick

Return the completed baggie to the tub when you have found the items. We CANNOT take hotel/motel samples. These have been outlawed by the “powers in charge.” You can get more than one baggie. Take a couple of baggies and spread out during the next 3 months. We already have an ECW member taking care of toothbrushes and Kleenex so the four items listed above are what we need.

THANK YOU to all members who are helping with this project. Combined we can get this done!

REMEMBER...you can get more than one baggie!

No ECW meeting in August.



Last chance to purchase for the summer!

*Flan is a classic Spanish baked custard dessert with a caramel glaze. Served chilled or room temp

*\$15. for a 9"flan

*available Sunday, August 6—*pick up 9am to noon
Fellowship Hall

Flan making class with Olga Ortiz, instructor

Saturday, August 5, \$15 class fee

Church kitchen 10 AM

Class size limited to 8 participants, pre-registration necessary

- Each student will receive a free 9" flan, to be picked up Sunday, August 6, 9AM to 12 noon

*Flan orders and class registration must be prepaid and can be completed online at stlukesbazaar.org.

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With a partnership made possible by the interpersonal and financial support of Penn State REACH, Chestnut Street Community Center has come together with Landisdale Farms to bring a FMNP qualified market to the City of Lebanon. On Wednesdays from 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Landisdale Organic Farms sets up a market stand at Chestnut Street Community Center Community Center. Cash, credit, EBT and FMNP are accepted. The stand is fully stocked with seasonal fruits and vegetables, herbs, honey and eggs.

Our response to the problem is not a full stop solution but it is a way through this problem for some of the people who live in our area. By working with a variety of organizations, we are making it more likely that an increased number of FMNP vouchers are redeemed by Lebanon residents AND support a local farmer.

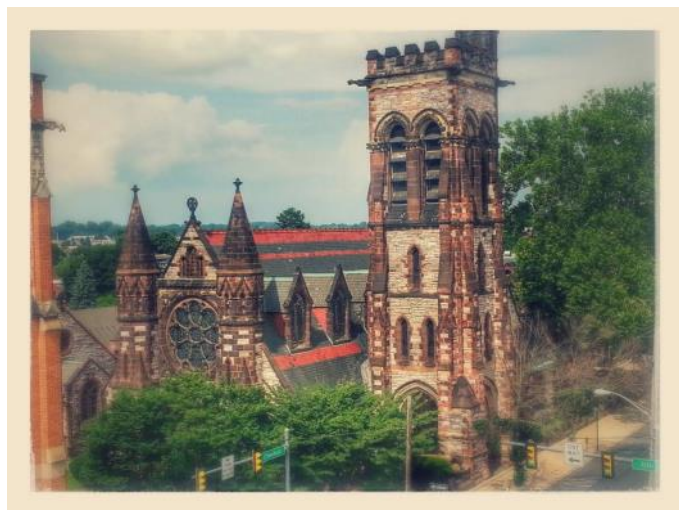
We are our doing what we can with what we have. The beautiful thing is that we are doing it together. This sort of progress doesn't happen without the foundation of relationships and a shared vision for something better for all of us, right here and right now.

The Church Bells, Part II

[CONTINUED FROM MARCH 2023]

by Terry Heisey

image by Randy Shies



When St. Luke's second Rector, Chandler Hare, succeeded in raising money for a bell for the new church tower in 1884, he immediately began to campaign for a full chime of bells capable of playing bell peals and hymns. Unfortunately, the parish did not respond to his pleas for support, and the dream of a carillon was deferred, but not forgotten.

In 1925 the nieces of George Ebert Kline notified St. Luke's that they wished to use funds from his estate for a memorial in the church. Fr. Philbrook tried to persuade them to fund a carillon for the tower at that time. He immediately secured a bid from the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore for a Chime of 11 bells with "Improved Electric Keyboard Action" of \$10,000. He also secured bids from the Meneely Bell Co. for 3 chimes of 10 bells of different weights costing \$12,000, \$14,000, and \$16,000. Alas for him, the heirs decided to fund the "Tongues of Fire" window in the South Transept instead of the carillon. As Philbrook wrote to Meneely on Sept. 15, 1926:

Much to my disappointment the heirs of the estate giving the memorial have decided, contrary to my wishes and expectation, to buy a large window instead of bells. This does not close the matter of the bells by any means, merely postpones the consideration for a while until we find some other source of financing the project. We have an ideal tower for bells, and bells we are going to have, some day!

Unfortunately, some day proved to be forty years off. It was not until 1965 that the Worrilow family funded the long-sought bells for the tower.

William Henry Worrilow was born on March 8, 1877, in Chester PA, the son of Charles Franklin and Elizabeth (Andrew) Worrilow. His parents were dedicated Episcopians. William left school at age 14 to take a job as a junior clerk but paying most of his salary to teachers to tutor him in mathematics and English. At the American Steel Casting Company in Chester from 1891-1903 he advanced from junior clerk to assistant district manager. He moved to Lebanon in 1907 for a job as sales manager, but when his company closed its Lebanon plant in 1911 he joined with friend and fellow company executive Thomas Quinn to establish a new

company, the Lebanon Steel Foundry. In this venture they received crucial support from Lebanon business leader Harry H. Light. Worrilow became president of the firm (an office he would hold for 52 years) and Quinn secretary-treasurer. The firm quickly prospered, establishing an international reputation for quality steel castings. Worrilow and Quinn built neighboring mansions on East High Street as the company continued to innovate and expand. The partnership endured under Quinn retired (and died soon after) in 1955 and Worrilow died on June 22, 1962.

Worrilow and Quinn also became family when Thomas Quinn married Harry Light's daughter Barbara in 1914 and William Worrilow married her sister Pauline in 1917. The Light family were active members of Zion Lutheran Church, and Quinn joined that church on his marriage. Worrilow had affiliated with St. Luke's on his move to Lebanon and soon became an active member there. He was a member of the exclusive club called St. Luke's Vestry from 1919 until he withdrew in 1935. He remained a parishioner through his life, and his funeral was held at St. Luke's, but his wife retained her membership at Zion Lutheran and took their children to church with her there as they grew up.

Still, the family chose to honor Worrilow's memory with a major donation to his church. The Foundry was still flourishing under the leadership of his nephew Thomas Quinn Jr. (president) and his son John (secretary; John would become mayor of Lebanon in 1965). And St. Luke's tower would finally get its voice. The Vestry minutes of Sept. 17, 1963, record an offer of a carillon (2 octaves, 16 bells, \$ 12-15,000), and the March 17, 1964, Vestry minutes specify the gift of a carillon costing \$14,000 to be given by the Worrilow family in memory of William Henry Worrilow. Since our tower contains only 8 bells (D-E-F-G-A-B-C-D) the cost of a 2-octave carillon may have exceeded estimates or there was insufficient space for it.

The bulletin for the service of dedication of the Worrilow Carillon and the Lineaweaver Lady Altar by Bishop Frederick Warnecke on May 30, 1965, notes that the 8-bell carillon was cast by the Taylor Foundry of Loughborough, England. In the English tradition each bell was given a name (as, for example, Big Ben at the Houses of Parliament). In our case the names are Peter, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, Bartholomew, Barbara (patroness of foundrymen), and Paul. The bells could be played from a small one-octave manual of keys mounted at the organ console or an automatic player using a player-piano-type mechanism located in the working sacristy. The bells were programmed (using a punched paper roll) to play a peal called "Three Leads from a Grandshire Triple."

In 1975 St. Luke's ordered two additional music rolls perforated to allow the carillon to play a selection of hymns and carols. When I arrived at St. Luke's the controller was activated only on Christmas Eve to play carols after the "Midnight Mass."

The last chapter in our story of the bells involves another St. Luke's benefactor, G. Edwin Dunlap. Ed had worked for the state Dept. of Revenue and as co-owner of Regency House Interiors and Real Estate while serving as organist at several churches over the years. He even substituted at St. Luke's before I was hired. After his retirement

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Tower Roast Help Requested



Tower Roast Coffee will be starting up again soon!
Can you help?

Approximately twice per month throughout the school year, the underside of St. Luke's bell tower becomes the neighborhood beverage stand as school is letting out.. Passersby are treated to free drinks (hot chocolate or lemonade, depending on the season), fellowship, and sometimes live music and tours of the church.

It's a great opportunity for community outreach. If you're interested in joining the Tower Roast team, please contact Rob Box via the parish office.

LCCM Seeks Farm Volunteers



LCCM is looking for volunteers to come to the Wittel Farm to help harvest crops that will be donated directly to the food bank. By lending a hand, we can ensure that nutritious, locally grown food reaches those who need it most.

Whether you have experience in farming or not, your help is invaluable. LCCM will provide all the necessary guidance and tools to make this a rewarding and educational experience for everyone involved. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow community members and make a positive impact together.

Please bring comfortable clothing, sunscreen, and a water bottle. LCCM will take care of the rest!

Let's come together as a community and sow the seeds of compassion and generosity. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. For more information, contact Dan at dant@lccm.us.

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Ed concentrated on his organ tuning business, in which Bill Claxton was later associated before acquiring the business from him. Ed's life partner, Paul Stohler, was a long-time member of St. Luke's. After Paul's untimely death in 2004, Ed made several major donations as memorials to Paul, including the Steinway piano in the nave, updated lighting in the nave, and the Moller organ in the Auditorium. In 2007 he paid for a new digital controller for the tower carillon. Elderhorst Bells of Palm PA installed a new computerized system that permits remote control of the bells and pre-programming of the carillon to chime the hours and quarter-hours with the Westminster Chimes sequence. The wireless remote control allows a person in the church to set the carillon in motion to (1) play the 1-minute bell peal we use every week at the opening of the service, (2) toll a bell up to 99 times for funerals, (3) play pre-programmed hymn(s), and (4) stop ringing. The organist can program in dozens of hymns to play as specified by the organist.

Schedule of Responsibilities

August 2023

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<i>August 6th</i>		
LECTOR	Beth Yocum	Kara Wenger
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Wiley Parker	David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE (1 for 8 AM)		Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE (2 for 10:30)		Samuel Bowser
		William W. Claxton
<i>August 13th</i>		
LECTOR	Diana Hynson	John Feather, Jr.
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Wiley Parker	Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE (1 for 8 AM)		David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE (2 for 10:30)		Bryan Bowser
		Samuel Bowser
<i>August 20th</i>		
LECTOR	Sue LeBaron-Tonini	Sidelnick Family
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Wiley Parker	Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE (1 for 8 AM)		David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE (2 for 10:30)		William W Claxton
<i>August 27th</i>		
LECTOR	Pam Weaner	Kathy Yohn
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Wiley Parker	David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE (1 for 8 AM)		Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE (2 for 10:30)		Bryan Bowser
		Samuel Bowser



Pauli Murray To Be Honored on US Quarter

The United States Mint has unveiled the design for its quarter honoring the Rev. Pauli Murray, the first Black woman to be ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church and a renowned activist for racial and gender rights. The quarter will be one of five new designs that will be issued in 2024 as part of the U.S. Mint's American Women Quarters program, which celebrates the contributions of women to American history.