

## THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LEBANON, PA

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# Rector's Corner: "Let Your Light Shine"

by Father David Zwifka



In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Light is one of the most key themes of the bible. It is like a thread that starts with man's journey in the creation and closes out the story in Revelation. In the first few verses of Genesis, the very first thing God does is to bring forth physical light.

"The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness" (Gen. 1:2-4).

In the last few verses of the bible, John explains that after God's kingdom is made complete and a new heaven and earth are revelaed, that "they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light" (Rev. 22:5). The physical lights that God created in cosmos we know—sun, moon, and stars—are no longer necessary because we will have the Light with us, and God's glory will be all we need to see.

Jesus told us, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:14, 16). We've each read or heard that verse a couple hundred times, and typically what I've heard said is that it's about how we're meant to live good and holy lives and be examples of God's life in the world. That's certainly true.

What does that really mean and require of us? There are a few insights about light that helped me to see an even deeper meaning to that verse in Matthew. It's not earthshattering, but rather reminders that should enhance our understanding of the type of light we are meant to be.

Light illumines. I know, that's a "duh" statement. Another way of putting it is that light reveals: it shines, makes clear or plain. It implies an uncovering of something that was there but hadn't been seen or understood before.

God consistently uses the theme of light and darkness as an analogy for our need to separate ourselves from the "world." Peter tells us, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Pet. 2:9). John states this even more clearly: "God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all" (I John 1:5). What we realize is that darkness is not a thing in and of itself—it is the absence of light. Even a tiny light helps overcome total darkness.

Like the moon, the light we reflect comes totally from another source. Again, this isn't some amazing insight or "new truth." It's easy for us to hear a statement like "you are the light of the world, so let your light shine" and forget that it's not actually about us or our light. There's no ambiguity here. Jesus tells us straightforwardly, "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). So when our light shines, it is really Jesus we show to the world.

It's no wonder then, that light becomes a key image during Advent and Christmas. Cultures the world over, especially in the northern hemisphere use symbols of light to brighten the deep darkness of winter – and so it is that we use that light to declare our faith in the coming of Christ among us.

In the days ahead you will hear many admonitions to "Let Your Light Shine!" Take them to heart. But before lighting a candle or a string of lights think for a moment – there is no light brighter than the one that shines in your heart because that light is none other than the Christ you carry within.

Still walking with you as a companion on The Way,

David +



## UPDATE – "Help, Healing, & Hope" Medical Debt Forgiveness – Phase 2. Special Evensong scheduled for March 10, 2024 by Steven Doster, Senior Warden

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, Hope Church in Manheim partnered with St. Luke's Church in 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.

Because of the overwhelming success of the first phase of "Help, Healing, & Hope," Hope Church and St. Luke's launched Phase II with the goal of expanding this effort throughout the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central PA. As such, both Dioceses plan on conducting an Advent appeal to add to this effort. Just imagine...if each of the 118 parishes in these two dioceses contributed just \$500, we could forgive close to \$6 million in crushing medical debt.

To learn more about this effort, please visit: <a href="https://stlukeslebanon.org/help-healing-and-hope/">https://stlukeslebanon.org/help-healing-and-hope/</a>

You can still donate to this effort through St. Luke's via PayPal - clink on the "Donate" button and write "Med Debt II" in the notes section or mail a physical check to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 22 S 6th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042 with "med debt II" in the subject line. All collected funds will go directly to forgiving medical debt. Phase II of "Help, Healing & Hope" will officially close on January 31, 2024.

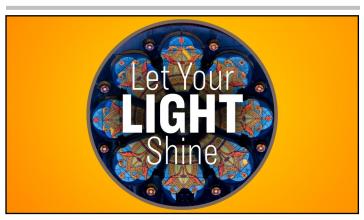
Please join us on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 4:00PM at St. Luke's Lebanon where Bishop Audrey Scanlan (Diocese of Central PA) and Bishop Kevin Nichols (Diocese of Bethlehem) will jointly welcome parishioners throughout the two Dioceses to a special Evensong to celebrate the conclusion and impact of this effort. Following Evensong, St. Luke's welcomes you to stay for a Lenten soup supper in the church auditorium. To ensure adequate seating, please register for the dinner at: <a href="https://forms.gle/48yf8bwehVhb3ULg9">https://forms.gle/48yf8bwehVhb3ULg9</a>

Scan here for Help, Healing, and Hope information:



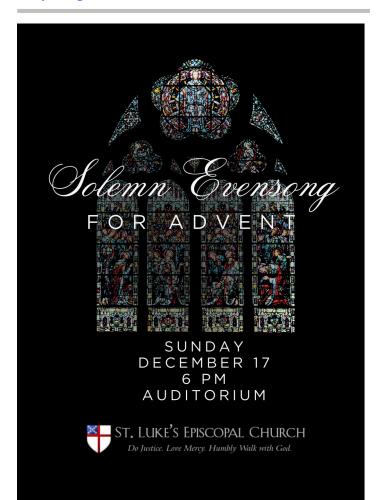
Scan here for Lenten Soup Supper registration:





Please make special note that on **SUNDAY**, **DECEMBER 3**, there will be only one Sunday service at **10 AM** as we gather to celebrate the beginning of our long-awaited capital campaign *Let Your Light Shine!* 

Beginning on that date, you can follow the progress of our campaign at <a href="https://www.givingsites.com/">https://www.givingsites.com/</a> letyourlightshine/





# SAVE THE DATE: 12th Night at St. Luke's January 6, 2024

Please save the date and join us for a special 12th Night celebration on January 6, 2024 at St. Luke's. The evening will include a church fundraising dinner (**Heat the Church with Halupki**) hosted by the Doster Family and the ECW as well as a special **Holi-Daze: 12th Night Concert** in the Nave followed by a reception in the auditorium.

A *halupki* is a Ukrainian dish made with beef, pork, and rice encased in cabbage and drizzled with a thin, sweet tomato sauce. This dinner will feature both a dine-in buffet option in the church auditorium from 5PM to 6:45PM as well as a take-out option from 4 to 6 PM for pick-up at the church. The dine-in buffet will include *halupki*, bread, dessert and beverages for \$10 per person. The take-out option will include 4 *halupki* (ready-to-eat or frozen) for \$15.

To register for the dine-in buffet, or to place your take-out order, please visit <a href="www.stlukesbazaar.org/halupki-dinner">www.stlukesbazaar.org/halupki-dinner</a> or call the parish office at (717) 272-8251.



Plan to join us for the greening of the church! We will need plenty of volunteers to decorate the Nave for our Christmas services the following week. *If decorating is a bit too much, please come anyway to enjoy the Christmas music and fellowship.* 



### **Coffee Volunteer Hosts Needed**

by Eileen Sidelnick

Volunteers are needed to host our 8:00 and 10:30 coffee hours. Please sign up by contacting Lisa in the church office, online, or on the bulletin board next to the office. If you have questions or need help, please contact Eileen Sidelnick (717-926-4238) or Matt Haag (717-273-6249).

#### INTRODUCTION TO HYMN SINGING



# **Introduction to Hymn Singing:** A Parish Invitation

by Jason Yannuzzi, Choirmaster

Hymn singing seems like such a regular and familiar part of our sung worship together. Many of us have our favorite hymns and can often sing them without needing to use the hymnal. Some tunes have been with us for our entire lives and we remember singing them as children. Maybe there are ten or twenty hymns tunes that we know and like and can sing confidently on Sundays. We all know that not-so- comfortable feeling when a hymn tune is not familiar or we are singing it for the first time. Do you ever wish that you could read the notation in the hymnal or understand it better to help you sing more confidently?

During Advent, the Music Department invites you to an education workshop, "Introduction to Hymn Singing". The workshop is designed to teach some basic concepts of music in an effort to help us understand how to read hymns and to sing them more confidently.

Specific music concepts that will be addressed include notation (what the notes and rests on the page are and what they are telling us to do), rhythm (how the words are tailored into the music and the beat), and pitch intervals (when the notes tell us to go up or down, how far up or down do we go?).

Several tools will be used to teach the concepts. First, each week we will study several of the hymns that we are planning to use in the following Sunday liturgy. These particular hymns have been chosen because they are familiar to the Parish and because they have specific characteristics to help students

learning these concepts. Next, we have composed a Mass setting (*Kyrie Eleison*, *Sanctus*, *Agnus Dei*) that will be used at each Sung Eucharist in Advent. Specific musical characteristics have been purposefully written into these pieces so that students can learn the concepts through them.

Finally, a suite of Evening Canticles (*Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis*) have been composed that again, demonstrate specific musical ideas. We will study the Canticles in the workshop and then they will be featured in the Advent III Evensong (December 17). The participants of the workshop will be invited to sit alongside members of the Festival Choir and offer the music that night.

The workshop will occur on four consecutive Tuesday evenings starting on November 28 from 5:30-6:45 in the Choir Room. There is no cost, materials are provided, and signup is live now either by calling the Parish office or by singing up through the website.

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church:



# An Active and Integral Part of the Lebanon Community













Holiday Bazaar: November 18

# ADVENT / CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Events marked with (\*) tentatively will be streamed live on our YouTube channel.

DECEMBER 3, 2023 -FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT

- Kick-off Celebrations for the Capital Campaign "Let Your Light Shine"
- One Worship Service this weekend primary focus Capital Campaign theme
- SATURDAY 5 PM Vigil Eucharist (for those who cannot attend the special service on Sunday)
- SUNDAY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST Church\*
- FORMAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN "KICK-OFF" LUNCHEON FOLLOWS SERVICE Auditorium
- TUESDAY 5:30 PM Hymn Singing Workshop

#### DECEMBER 10, 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT

(regular weekend schedule resumes)

- SATURDAY 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
- SATURDAY 7 PM One Accord Christmas Caroling
- SUNDAY 8 AM Rite I (Recited)
- Fellowship (Auditorium)
- SUNDAY 10:30 AM Rite (Choral)\*
- Fellowship (Auditorium)
- SUNDAY 3:00 PM Lebanon County Choral Society Concert (Church) (*Tickets available at www.LCCSmusic.org*)
- TUESDAY 5:30 PM Hymn Singing Workshop

### DECEMBER 17, 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT

- SATURDAY 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
- SUNDAY 8 AM Rite I (Recited)
- Fellowship (Auditorium)
- SUNDAY 10:30 AM Rite (Choral)\*
- Fellowship (Auditorium)
- SUNDAY immediately following 10:30 AM worship Greening of the Church
- SUNDAY 6 PM Special Evensong (Auditorium)
- TUESDAY 5:30 PM Hymn Singing Workshop

### DECEMBER 24, 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT

- SATURDAY 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
- SUNDAY 9 AM Rite II (simple hymns only)\*

### DECEMBER 24, 2023 - CHRISTMAS EVE

- FAMILY SERVICE 5 PM
- FESTIVAL EUCHARIST 7 PM (Choral)\*
- SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS 11 PM (Choral)\*
- Recital/Concert precedes for 30 minutes.

DECEMBER 25, 2023 - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS DURING THE DAY – 10 AM\*

### DECEMBER 31, 2023 – SUNDAY in CHRISTMASTIDE

- SATURDAY No 5 PM Vigil Service schedule this weekend
- SUNDAY 8 AM Rite I (recited)
- SUNDAY 10:30 AM Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols\*





St. Luke's has finalized an exciting 23-24 Evensong & concert series. This year includes monthly Evensong services along with special concerts, several of which are in conjunction with special church dinners. See the remaining series below; brochures are also available at church. Your financial support helps us to sustain our effort to preserve this traditional service of prayer and meditation and make important contributions to musical arts in Lebanon County. To become a patron/sponsor of any or all of the series, please contact us at admin@stlukeslebanon.org.

### **Evensongs remaining in the 2023-24 season:**

**December 17** at 6 PM - Solemn Evensong for Advent (Held in the auditorium.)

**January 14** at 6 PM - Solemn Choral Evensong for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

**February 11** at 6 PM - Solemn Choral Evensong for Transfiguration Sunday

March 10 at 4 PM (note the special time) - Lenten Evensong: A joint service with Hope Episcopal Church. The bishops of the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania will be participating. (Reception to follow.)

**April 14** at 6 PM - Choral Evensong for the Third Sunday of Easter

**May 12** at 6 PM - Choral Evensong for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

**June 2** at 6 PM - Corpus Christi: Choral Evensong with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### Concerts remaining in the 2023-24 season:

**December 9** at 6 PM - One A-Chord Holiday Singalong

**December 10** at 3 PM - Lebanon County Choral Society Concert. *Tickets required for this event; please visit www.LCCSmusic.org for details.* 

**January 6** at 7 PM - Holi-Daze: 12th Night Concert - Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus (Reception to follow in the auditorium.)

**February 10** at 7 PM - Mardi Gras at St. Luke's: Dixieland Jazz by Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band (King Cake reception to follow in the auditorium.)

**April 14** at 7 PM - Jazz Quartet: The Jacob McGovern Quartet (Jacob McGovern, Michael Dobson, Adam Young, and Aaron Rudderow).

**June 1** at 7 PM - Spring Concert: Central PA Womyn's Chorus (Reception to follow in the auditorium.)

### **Christian Formation**

by Mother Mary Kisner

## Real People

Lillian Hunt Thrasher

December 19



Lillian Hunt Trasher was born in 1887 in Brunswick, Georgia. As a young woman she worked at an orphanage in North Carolina, not knowing at the time that her life's work would be devoted to caring for abandoned children.

In 1909, while engaged to a man she loved deeply, she heard the testimony of a missionary from India, and she was aware at that moment that she could not be married. God had called her to service as a missionary. Not knowing where she would go, she opened her Bible and read Acts 7:34: "I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee to Egypt."

In 1910, she arrived in Alexandria, Egypt, with her sister Jenny, and they found their way to the village of Asyut near the Nile. Shortly after arriving, Lillian was called to the bedside of a dying mother whose malnourished daughter was also near death. Though ordered by the mission directors to return the child to the village, Lillian refused to abandon her to poverty and certain death. In 1911 she rented a small house and some furniture and nursed the child back to health.

As she took in additional children, she had to rely on charity, though she eventually received aid from the newly formed Assemblies of God in the United States. In 1916 she was able to purchase additional land, the buildings for which were built from bricks which Lillian and the older children made themselves. In 1919 she was ordered out of the country by the British government in the midst of political turmoil, and when she returned, she took in widows and the blind in addition to children. Despite the Nazi invasion of Egypt and the subsequent violence during World War II, she kept her orphanage running. When she died in 1961, she had become known as the "Mother of the Nile" and had cared for nearly 25,000 Egyptian children. Her orphanage remains open today.

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## **Family Advent Preparations:**

Some are simple, some are more involved - all are meant to help us slow down, take a breath, and ponder what the coming of Jesus means for each of us.

Here is one creative way to help prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas.

From *Passionate Penny Pincher* - a reverse Advent Calendar. Each day you set aside the item on the list, and at the end of Advent you will have a box full of non-perishable items to donate to the local food pantry. It's a way of giving to people who truly need help with groceries. Try to pick canned good that have tab-tops, or include a can opener.

You can take your gift to the Food Pantry yourself, or bring it to St. Luke's and we will make sure it gets to them. We will have other ideas for you to take home for the First Week of Advent, Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal

December 2 - peanut butter

December 3 - stuffing mix

December 4 - boxed potatoes

December 5 - macaroni and cheese

December 6 - canned fruit

December 7 - canned tomatoes

December 8 - canned tuna

December 9 - dessert mix

December 10 - jar of applesauce

December 11 - canned sweet potatoes

December 12 - cranberry sauce

December 13 - canned beans

December 14 - box of crackers

December 15 - package of rice

December 16 - package of oatmeal

December 17 - package pasta

December 18 - spaghetti sauce

December 19 - chicken noodle soup

December 20 - tomato soup

December 21 - can corn

December 22 - can mixed vegetables

December 23 - can carrots

December 24 - can green beans

### **Planning Ahead**

Our Sunday Church School session for late winter/early spring will begin again in February. See the weekly announcements online and in our bulletin for later details.

Vacation Bible School - planning for this year's offering will begin in January. We will choose a theme and begin assembling everything we need to present a week of learning and fun for our own children and children in our neighborhood. Interested in helping? Contact Mother Mary by email (youth@stlukeslebanon.org) or leave a message through the church office.

### **Christian Formation, cont.**

### **Confirmation Class**

Our four students are busy studying and working toward the day of their Confirmation.

This past month you might have seen them at our Holiday Bazaar. They helped with set up (along with a local Boy Scout troop), and were on hand all day to help serve the many people who came to enjoy our lunch of soup, sandwiches, and other goodies. Well Done, Catherine, Adrian, Colin, and Alex - and Yahir and Kiki, too. Many thanks!



Annual Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 17 at our 10:30 am service Our children are busy preparing a Christmas Pageant for Sunday, December 17. There will be the usual cast of angels and shepherds, Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. There will also be some busy little animals, too. Come and listen to their story, and experience it through their eyes.

Christmas Eve Family Service - 5 pm will again feature the children helping to tell the story and set up our Christmas creche at the altar. All are welcome to come and begin their celebration of Christ's birth at this joyous celebration of story and carols.



# St. Luke's Organists and Choirmasters, Part IV

by Terry Heisey

5. ORGANIST Sept. 1880-Nov. 1883 AND CHOIRMASTER Sept. 1880-June 1888:

SIMEON TOBY LINEAWEAVER. MD (1829-1899)

Simeon was born in Lebanon, the son of Dr. George and Sarah Toby Lineaweaver. In 1862 he graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and married Mary Olivia Allena Harbaugh, daughter of Dr. Henry Harbaugh, then pastor of St, John's Reformed Church in Lebanon and later distinguished professor of theology at Mercersburg Seminary. Simeon practiced medicine in Millersburg PA and Hagerstown MD before moving back to Lebanon about the time he began his tenure at St. Luke's. As well as serving as a beloved physician, he had, according to his obituary, "a thorough knowledge of music and possessed a fine tenor voice, which was compared to the great Mario" [Giovanni Matteo De Candia (1810-83), the most celebrated tenor of his era]. He also gave private music lessons.

Lineaweaver became Choirmaster just as the new church building was nearing completion. Through the end of 1880 he conducted the choir and an orchestra, which was used until the Roosevelt pipe organ was installed, then he served as organist and choirmaster. The choir quickly became an essential ministry of the parish; scattered references in the Parish Newsletter indicate that the choir practiced 10 or more times each month. Dr. Lineaweaver did not remain both organist and choirmaster for long. As one familiar with the space, I venture an opinion that the architecture of the church defeated the attempt at the combined position, as it would again and again in subsequent years. With the organ in place at the time, an organist seated at console would not have been visible to any singer in the choir stalls. Of course, the division could have been for any number of reasons. In any event, George S. Bowman was appointed organist on Nov. 25, 1883, while Lineaweaver remained choirmaster until June 1888.

All sources indicate that the choir consisted of men and women until the formal institution of the Men and Boys Choir in 1888, but the May 1882 issue of the Parish Newsletter reports that 444 eggs were distributed on Easter to the Sunday School children, students at the Day [parochial] School, "and also the choir boys." At Christmas 1884 400 scholars in the Day School and Sunday School and in the choir were given sweets and fruit. The children at the Day School received some instruction in music and sang the service on special occasions, so some of the boys may have sung in the regular parish choir before the Choir of Men and Boys was founded under George Bowman, who had taken special training for this, following Lineaweaver's resignation.

Lineaweaver may have continued to sing in the choir after his resignation; the Lebanon Daily News (LDN) lists a Mr. Lineaweaver as one of soloists at the Easter service in 1889. He certainly continued to flourish in his medical practice. In his obituary the LDN said he had a "genial, affable disposition, was kind and helpful to those about him, delighted in encouraging young men, and possessed a gracious, courtly manner, which marked him as a gentleman of theold school, now fast passing away." His son Thomas later served on Vestry from 1900 until his death in 1933 and as Rector's Warden from 1907 to 1920. His descendants gave generously of their time and wealth to the church for decades.



# **ECW News** by Laurie Daub

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### No December meeting

\*sign up for Christmas cookie donations for the Saturday, December 9 holiday social. See ECW members during coffee hours to sign up

Sunday, January 14, 2024 9 AM meeting, Fellowship Hall



**Toasty Fingers for Tower Roast Guests** by Laurie Daub

There will be an informal get together of any interested persons Sunday morning, Dec 10, 9 AM during coffee hour in the auditorium, to assemble 200 candy bar/gloves gifts to be distributed at the Friday, Dec 15th Tower Roast. (see photo above)



The ECW wish to invite parishioners and guests to a holiday social, **Saturday evening, December 9,** immediately following the 5PM mass. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies and coffee, prior to the holiday choral entertainment by the singing group "One A Chord" at 7 PM in the auditorium. Bring a friend, and join us to share the hospitality of St. Luke's this advent season!

## **Looking Ahead:**



**January:** Annual soup sale, January 27, 28. Information for ordering will be announced at a later date.

Look for old and new soup favorites, breads, cookies and CARAMELS!

**February:** Individual King Cake sale in conjunction with a church pancake supper and Dixieland band Mardi Gras celebration.

**Also in February:** Annual Easter candy sale! New flavor this year - TEABERRY, as well as those favorites, Peanut butter, coconut cream, butter cream, and salted caramel!

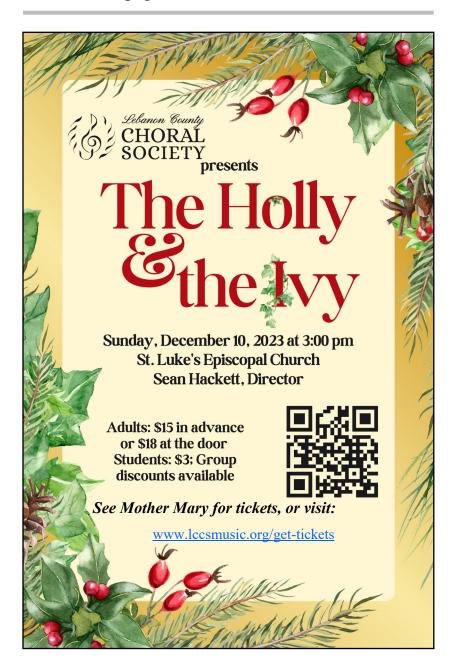
## **Bazaar Raffle Basket Winners**

by Beth Yocum

1. Money Tree - Susie Auman; Robesonia Redware - Tom Carmeny; 3. Leinbach Blanket - Jane Yocum; 4. Holiday Cheer - Sherry Troain; 5. Spruce Up Your Kitchen - Joe Stephens; 6. Bird Feeder/House - Joe Raiger; 7. Crochet Afghan - Jessica; 8. Hess Toy Trucks - Cindy Hower; 9. Dine OUT or IN - Sherry Troain; 10. Puzzles - Renee Degler; 11. Chocolates Galore - Annette Leiby; 12. Brickerville Stores - Maria Dissinger; 13. Crafts for Girls and Boys - Amy Lott; 14. Sweater - Amy Lott; 15. Rub a Dub Tub - Mary Guzman; 16. Wrap It all Up! - Jackie Carrera



For the full Advent and Christmas service schedule, see pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.





# Happy Birthday to ...

### Youth

Dominick Cook	12/23
Olivia Sidelnick	12/30
Gabriel Weaver	12/31

Adults	
Robert Nemcheck	12/1
Rodney Kalbach	12/1
Rosemary Dowhower	12/4
Lisa Layser	12/6
Matt Haag	12/8
James Keller	12/9
Connor Box	12/9
David Zwifka	12/11
Brent Sullivan	12/11
Carlos Centeno	12/11
Dan Massad	12/13
Steve Harris	12/13
Alycia Koerner	12/14
Elizabeth Baker	12/15
Michael Bross	12/15
Shirley Baum	12/16
Catherine Spayd	12/16
Daniel Harpel	12/18
Jeremy Weaver	12/18
Jennifer Houser	12/20
David Curtier Jr	12/21
Jaylianne Ortiz-Lillo	12/21
Barry Wenger	12/23
Carol McDonald	12/26
Lauralee Gebhard	12/27
Wendy Kalbach	12/30
Kyle Lesher	12/31

# Happy Anniversary to...

Diana Hynson & Carmen Gaud	12/10
Sean & Jennifer Hackett	12/18
Zina & Bryan Rittle	12/19
Bryan & Jennifer Houser	12/28

## **Bible Study**

10 AM Thursdays in our ZOOM room at https://zoom.us/j/190727051

Find the readings for each Sunday on the homepage of our website under "This Week at St. Luke's," "Online Bible Study."

http://stlukeslebanon.org/

## December 2023

3-Dec	ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM	
LECTOR	John Shott	
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Ryan Schies	
TORCH/ACOLYTE	David Dowhower, William W. Claxton	
10-Dec	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Pam Weaner	Katherine Hoopes
CRUCIFER (10:30)		David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Wiley Parker	Ryan Schies, Bryan Bowser
17-Dec		
LECTOR	Diana Hynson	Emily Guilliams
CRUCIFER (10:30)		Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Wiley Parker	Ryan Schies, David Dowhower
24-Dec	9:00 AM	
LECTOR	Beth Yocum	
CRUCIFER	David Dowhower	
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Ryan Schies, Wiley Parker	
31-Dec	8:00 AM	10:30 AM Service of Lessons & Carols
LECTOR	Scott Eggert	
CRUCIFER (10:30)		CRUCIFER David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Bryan Bowser	TORCH/ACOLYTE William W. Claxton, Ryan Schies
		Lesson I Olivia Sidelnick
		Lesson II Kathy Yohn
		Lesson III Colin Sidelnick
		Lesson IV David Dowhower
Have a Most Joyus & Blessed Merry Christmas to you &		Lesson V Alex Sidelnick
		Lesson VI Emily Guilliams
your families! Do	avid Dowhower	Lesson VII Bernie Yohn
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		Lesson IX Presider

Christmas Eve 5:00 Family Service	
CRUCIFER/CB/LECTOR	Wiley Parker
TORCH/ACOLYTE/CB	Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Samuel Bowser
7:00 PM	
LECTOR	Sue Lebaron-Tonini
CRUCIFER	Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE	David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE	William W. Claxton
11:00 PM	
LECTOR	Rob Box
CRUCIFER	William W. Claxton
TORCH/ACOLYTE	David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Ryan Schies
THURIFER	Hailey Ditzler
VERGER	Bryan Bowser
Dec. 25 Christmas Day - 10:00 AM	
LECTOR	John Shott
CRUCIFER	NEED A VOLUNTEER
TORCH/ACOLYTE	NEED A VOLUNTEER
TORCH/ACOLYTE	NEED A VOLUNTEER



Members of St. Luke's Church that are residents at Cornwall Manor are invited to a special monthly fellowship opportunity hosted by parishioners of St. Luke's at the Manor. This opportunity is part of our VISION 20/20 effort to gather members of the parish in small groups in

areas throughout our county-wide parish.

Manor residents are encouraged to invite friends and family to join them for a time of fellowship sharing refreshment and conversation. The event will be held on the second Tuesday of every month; the next one will be on December 12. Anyone interested in helping with this effort is encouraged to contact the parish office at (717) 272-8251 or by email at admin@stlukeslebanon.org.