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Rector's Corner: A Season of Epiphanies

by Father David Zwifka

*Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
(BCP, 318)*



By now, I am sure most of you have discovered that I love to teach. My love of teaching does not derive directly from my love of people. Please don't misunderstand me – I love people – deeply. But my love of teaching is sustained by brief singular moments in the exercise of that love. Those moments are what some call “Aha!” moments.” Others call them lightbulb moments. Still others call them moments of insight. From a teacher's viewpoint, these are those moments when a student's face suddenly changes – when their eyes fill with light, their furrowed brow relaxes and expands, their shoulders and thrown back, they fill their lungs with air. The teacher sees it all in an instant – they understand – they get it. There has been, well, an epiphany – a sudden and profound comprehension, a sense of clarity or enlightenment – a discovery where something is understood in a new and illuminating way.

In just a few days, we will enter that season – the Season of Epiphanies – the time when in the Church we seek these same kinds of moments for ourselves about the nature of the Word made Flesh – this Jesus whom we seek to follow. It is a season of revelations, of personal insights, a time to ponder with Mary, his mother, what all this means in our hearts.

We call ourselves disciples – that means we are students – students of the Master Teacher, Jesus. What does Jesus have in store for us this season? What insights will the Spirit give us as we journey through this Season of Epiphanies? What new revelations will you have along The Way? We never know when those moments will come along when the Teacher will say just the right thing when suddenly it “all comes together” and we see things like we never saw them before.

That's the wonder of our faith. God never stops revealing God's self to us. Because knowledge of God is inexhaustible there is always more of the mystery to experience, to apprehend, to know. Even though we say and do the same things over and over again, just like we recite lessons at school, there is that moment when in the recitation the words take on new meaning, what seemed familiar suddenly seems new, like we've never seen it before.

Remember when our lighting system was installed several months ago? Simply refocusing light onto surfaces that have been there for over a hundred years revealed things most of us has never really “seen.” Passersby noticed a glow from the great rose window that had really always been there but now had new prominence – and new meaning. In the weeks ahead look for these opportunities to see old things in new ways. Look for how your faith – something that may have been with you for a very long time can take on a new vision. Look for the call of Jesus to journey deeper into the mind and heart of God – a journey that never really ends until that day when we see the very face of God reflected in our own.

With you as a pilgrim on The Way, I remain faithfully,

David +

Stewardship: Epiphany and Hospitality Epiphany: A Catalyst for Transformation.

by Father David Zwifka, Rector



Like that first Epiphany of the Magi, our own epiphanies often describe as a sudden realization of a profound reality. It is the moment when our own individual journeys take an unexpected turn, revealing a deeper truth about the interconnectedness of many aspects of life. Spiritual epiphanies encourage us to embrace a broader understanding of our role in the world and inspire a sense of responsibility towards the well-being of the world and its diverse inhabitants.

Whether through personal introspection, meditation, or common worship, we experience epiphanies that broaden our perspective beyond the confines of our immediate surroundings. This expanded awareness becomes a catalyst for transformative action, compelling us to act as stewards of the Earth and its resources.

Hospitality: A Guiding Principle. The concept of hospitality, deeply embedded in our tradition, serves as a guiding principle for our ethical conduct and communal responsibility. Rooted in the belief that welcoming others is a sacred duty, hospitality encourages us to open our hearts and homes to strangers, fostering a sense of unity and shared humanity.

Jesus's teaching often emphasizes the importance of treating others with loving-kindness and compassion, echoing the fundamental tenet of hospitality. This extends beyond the confines of our religious communities, encouraging believers to extend a welcoming hand to individuals of different faiths, backgrounds, and cultures. In this way, religious stewardship takes on a broader dimension, emphasizing the responsible care of the global community.

Epiphany and Hospitality: Together in Action. The constructive interaction between epiphany and hospitality becomes particularly evident in the actions of religious stewards. Individuals who have experienced profound epiphanies are often driven to express their newfound understanding through acts of kindness, environmental stewardship, and social justice advocacy.

Acts of hospitality, both on a personal and communal level, embody religious stewardship. We can see offering shelter to the homeless, feeding the hungry, and caring for the sick not only seen as virtuous deeds but also as sacred obligations arising from a deep-seated understanding of our human interconnectedness.

Epiphanies also often lead individuals to reconsider their relationship with the environment. The Earth, in this context, is viewed not merely as a resource to be exploited but as a sacred reality that requires careful tending. Environmental stewardship becomes an integral part of our religious practice, with believers actively engaging in conservation efforts, sustainable living, and the promotion of eco-friendly policies.

Stewardship, propelled by the transformative power of epiphany and the guiding principle of hospitality, emerges as a dynamic force for positive change. As we experience profound realizations about our place in the world, we are compelled to extend a hand of welcome and care to the entire human family and the planet we share.

The coming season of Epiphany becomes an opportunity for us to consider our vital role in fostering a global ethos of responsible and compassionate stewardship. Through these principles believers can transcend the boundaries and work with others to create a world where the interconnection rather than division is acknowledged, celebrated, and protected for generations to come.

Let Your Light Shine Capital Campaign Update

by Rob Box, Treasurer



With \$530,000 pledged to date, our campaign is closing in on the \$610,000 goal. If you have not already pledged we need you!

As a reminder, the parish has chosen to focus this campaign on creating greater access to and utilization of our facilities for our parishioners and the community we serve. These projects will better enable us to answer Christ's charge to love and welcome our neighbor now and into the next generation.

For our Christmas services we saw 276 people come through our doors; St Luke's is a vital congregation. This campaign is our opportunity to leave our mark on the church properties to continue and grow our tradition of being a community resource and place of spiritual growth.

If you are among those who have yet to return your pledge card, please complete your card and return it. With any questions or to speak about your pledge, please contact Wiley Parker or Beth Yocum.

Projects:

- New Chestnut Street vestibule
- Kitchenette in Auditorium
- Updated bathrooms including companion care
- Upgrade kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- Repair masonry wall



Special Evensong Scheduled to Celebrate the “Help, Healing, and Hope” Campaign —and Last Chance to Contribute

by Stephen Doster, Senior Warden

In 2022, we launched a project in partnership with Hope Episcopal Church, Manheim, to purchase medical debt for residents of Pennsylvania. Due to the nature of medical debt sales, we are able to forgive debt for pennies on the dollar.

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

You can still donate to this effort through St. Luke’s via PayPal - click 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: <https://forms.gle/48yf8bwehVhb3ULg9>

Scan here for Help, Healing, and Hope information:



Scan here for Lenten Soup Supper registration:



TWELFTH NIGHT: SATURDAY, JANUARY 6



Please join us for the “Heat the Church with Halupki” fundraising dinner hosted by the Doster Family and the ECW.

A halupki is a Ukrainian dish made with beef, pork, and rice encased in cabbage and drizzled with a thin, sweet tomato sauce. 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.

DINE-IN: 5–6:45 PM
IN THE AUDITORIUM

TAKE-OUT: 4–6 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

To register for the dine-in buffet or to place your take-out order, please visit www.stlukesbazaar.org/ and select “halupki dinner,” scan the code below, or call the parish office at (717) 272-8251.

The “Heat the Church with Halupki Dinner” will benefit St. Luke’s 2024 heat fund. The cost of natural gas has more than doubled in the past 15 months and so must our heat fund. The installation of the new furnace helped to control cost, but even with this more efficient system - our heat bill for 2024 is expected to be around \$18,000.



STAY FOR THE “HOLI-DAZE” CONCERT
BY THE HARRISBURG GAY MEN’S CHORUS AT 7 PM

www.stlukesbazaar.com
717-272-8251
22 S. 6th Street, Lebanon

Bring On The Holi-Daze
a concert by the Harrisburg Gay Men’s Chorus

Part of the 12th Night Celebration
Saturday, January 6, at 7:00 PM
(after the “Heat the Church with Halupki” dinner)

reception to follow in the Auditorium

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
22 S. 6th Street, Lebanon, PA

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Coffee Hosts Needed

by Eileen Sidelnick



Did you know that Coffee Hour is often referred to as the eighth sacrament in The Episcopal Church?

The parish's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. The deadline for reports from parish committees, commissions and organizations is January 9th. All persons responsible for such reports should start their preparation as soon as possible. You will have received more information on this important task from Father Zwifka. Everyone should mark their calendars for this important meeting. As always, a festive lunch will be served upon conclusion of the meeting. FYI – **there will be only one service on Sunday, January 21st at 9:30 AM** as part of the Annual Meeting. **There will be no Saturday Vigil Eucharist on January 20th.**

At this meeting, we will elect members to the St. Luke's Vestry. Vestry service is an essential element of our parish life. The vestry is one of the key elements of church governance and has responsibility for the mission and ministry of our parish community. Without a diversity of gifts and talents among the members of vestry, the parish is less able to extend the full power of Christian hospitality to others. We value a diversity of voices and the introduction of innovative ideas as we open ourselves to the community.

Qualifications are simple: be an active member of the parish (baptized, regular worship attendance, regular support of the parish), and at least eighteen (18) years of age. After the election is ratified at the Annual Meeting, a new member orientation will be held with Father Zwifka. You can obtain a nomination form for someone that you think would be a valued member (or yourself) in the "Members Only" section of our parish website or by calling the parish office. If you are interested in serving the Church in this important ministry and have questions, please contact Father Zwifka at your earliest convenience.

Also, you will find information about various working groups associated with the vestry's work on our website on the "Vestry" page. Participating on one of these groups (e.g., Outreach, Christian Formation, Finance, Parish Properties) is an effective way to test your own calling to see whether this kind of service is part of your response to Jesus's call to serve and love one another.

While this is a tongue-in-cheek way of talking about this time of refreshment and fellowship, Coffee Hour is important to Episcopalians. We value this time together after worship and before returning to our secular lives. It's a pause to reconnect, to catch up, and to recall that our fellow parishioners are also our friends. It's also a great opportunity to welcome visitors to our church.

However, in order to have this special gathering every week, we need Coffee Hour hosts. Have you thought about hosting a Coffee Hour but are not sure just what is involved or what your responsibilities would be?

We have two Coffee Hours most Sundays: after the 8:00 service and after the 10:30 service. You may volunteer for whichever service you regularly attend. Coffee Host duties include making coffee and hot water for tea; setting out cups, stirrers, cream, sugar, plates, and napkins; providing simple finger foods (for example, pastries, cookies, crackers, fruit); and cleaning up (after the second coffee hour only). A Keurig coffee machine is also available for other coffee/drink options.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, you can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAAA92BA4FACE9-coffee#/>, call the church office (717-272-8251), or sign up on the Parish Office bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Eileen Sidelnick or Matt Haag (contact info available through the parish office); they will be happy to help you!

Don't feel ready to host? We also need donations of paper plates and napkins and food items that can be frozen and pulled out when needed if there is no host available.

Thank you for helping to make St. Luke's a warm and welcoming place!

Wednesday Healing Services
10 AM in Holy Trinity Chapel



Episcopal Church Women

ECW News

by Laurie Daub

Upcoming Meeting:

Sunday, January 14, 9 AM, Fellowship Hall



Saturday, January 27 (2 PM to 6 PM)
Sunday, January 28 (9 AM to 12 PM)
Order now for pickup—\$10 per quart!

Soups available include:

Clam Chowder - Wiley Parker; Chicken and Rice - Olga Ortiz; Stuffed Pepper soup - Kathy and Gary Redinger; Vegetable Barley - Lisa Laysar; Broccoli and Cheddar - Laurie Daub; Vegetarian Chili - Ken Suter; Chicken Vegetable Noodle - Romeo and Gloria Petronelli; Mushroom Barley - Beth Yocum; Tomato Bisque - Beth Yocum; Ham and Bean Soup- Bill Claxton; Homestyle Chili - Diana Hynson; Carrot - Father Zwifka

Ingredients are listed on the bazaar website.

There will be 20 qts available of each soup, except for the mushroom barley, of which there will be 10 qts.

Also available for preorders:

- Bread soup bowls 4" diameter, home-baked white yeast bread, \$2.00 each
- Cheesy herbed breadsticks, 3 for \$2.00
- 1 lb loaves of cornbread (20 available), \$4.00 each
- Greg Tannico's 4" black and white cookies, \$2.00 each
- ½ lb. bags of caramels (30 available) \$5.00 each

Order at <https://www.stlukesbazaar.org/> or contact the parish office.

Time to update the church directory!

Did you move, change your phone number or email?

Did your adult children move out of your house?

To keep our records up to date we need you to inform us of any changes. Please email or call the Parish Office with any updates to your household information.

Looking Ahead:



St. Luke's annual Easter candy sale is coming up! New flavor this year - TEABERRY, as well as those old favorites: peanut butter, coconut cream, butter cream, and salted caramel!

Volunteers are needed during Lent to help make the eggs-- More info and sign-up to follow.



Please save the date and join us for a special Mardi Gras celebration on February 10, 2024, at St. Luke's.

The evening will include a church fundraising pancake supper (including sausage) for just \$10 hosted by the ECW at 5 PM, followed by a special 5-piece Dixieland Jazz concert by Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band at 7 PM in the Nave.

The evening will conclude with a King Cake reception in the auditorium following the concert. There is no cost for the concert or the reception.

The name "King Cake" comes from the Biblical story of the three kings who bring gifts to Baby Jesus. A blend of coffee cake and cinnamon roll, king cake is usually iced in yellow, green and purple – the colors of Mardi Gras -- and is frequently packed with fruit fillings and decadent cream cheeses. Hidden within these season sweets also lie a special surprise: a plastic King Cake baby. King Cake is first served on King's Day and lasts through the eve of Mardi Gras to celebrate the coming of the three kings.

To register for the pancake supper, please visit <https://www.stlukesbazaar.org/> or call Lisa at the parish office at 717-272-8251.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available to be picked up in the Cloister.

If you don't see your name and would like envelopes, please contact Lisa at 717-272-8251.

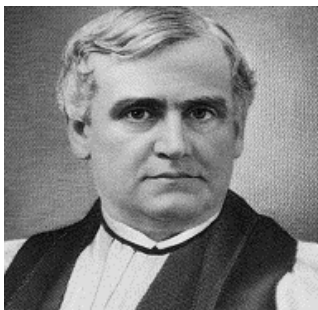
Christian Formation

by Mother Mary Kisner

Real People

Phillips Brooks

January 23



Writing about Phillips Brooks in 1930, William Lawrence, who as a young man had known him, began, “Phillips Brooks was a leader of youth His was the spirit of adventure, in thought, life, and faith.” To many who know him only as the author of “O little town of Bethlehem,” this part of Brooks’ life and influence is

little known.

Born in Boston in 1835, Phillips Brooks began his ministry in Philadelphia. His impressive personality and his eloquence immediately attracted attention. After ten years in Philadelphia, he returned to Boston as rector of Trinity Church, which was destroyed in the Boston fire three years later. It is a tribute to Brooks’ preaching, character, and leadership that in four years of worshiping in temporary and bare surroundings, the congregation grew and flourished. The new Trinity Church was a daring architectural enterprise for its day, with its altar placed in the center of the chancel, “a symbol of unity; God and man and all God’s creation,” and was a symbol of Brooks’ vision—a fitting setting for the greatest preacher of the century.

This reputation has never been challenged. His sermons have passages that still grasp the reader, though they do not convey the warmth and vitality which so impressed his hearers. James Bryce wrote, “There was no sign of art about his preaching, no touch of self-consciousness. He spoke to his audience as a man might speak to his friend, pouring forth with swift, yet quiet and seldom impassioned earnestness, the thoughts of his singularly pure and lofty spirit.”

Brooks ministered with tenderness, understanding, and warm friendliness. He inspired men to enter the ministry, and taught many of them the art of preaching. He was conservative and orthodox in his theology; but his generosity of heart led him to be regarded as the leader of the liberal circles of the Church.

In 1891, he was elected Bishop of Massachusetts. The force of his personality and preaching, together with his deep devotion and loyalty, provided the spiritual leadership needed for the time. His constant concern was to turn his hearers’ thoughts to the revelations of God. “Whatever happens,” he wrote, “always remember the mysterious richness of human nature and the nearness of God to each one of us.”

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Planning Ahead



Church School begins again on **Sunday, February 4**. We will start at 9 am with a prayer service in Trinity Chapel downstairs, and continue with our usual lessons in our classrooms.

For our younger children (age 4 through grade 3), we will present Godly Play lessons that center on the various aspects of our worship services. This will help them to understand what they see and hear when they attend our Holy Eucharist with their families. With this kind of background they will be prepared to receive our Lord in Holy Communion in a loving and prayerful way.

Our older students (grades 4 through 8) will learn stories from the life of Jesus after his resurrection. This series is called “Knowing Jesus in a New Way.”

On Sunday, March 17, Mother Mary will lead a class for all the students together. During that class students will help her to put all the pieces together - the church year, Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and the stories we hear in church - so that they are all united to form the basis for who we are as God’s people, living and worshipping as one.

Thank You!

To everyone who donated to the “Reverse Advent Calendar” ingathering of food. Your offerings will be taken to the LCCM Food Pantry soon, and we will report on that in our weekly announcements.

Epiphany Hymns

by Terry Heisey, Music Director



We know that the word “epiphany” means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” God used a star to manifest Jesus to the Gentiles in the persons of the Wise Men. God used a heavenly voice to manifest Jesus to the Jews of his day at his baptism. Now God uses us to manifest Jesus through acts of godliness and words of witness. Every year the scripture lessons of the middle Sundays after

Epiphany use accounts of Jesus’ calling his disciples to call us as disciples, and we use hymns to preach the same message. Two of these hymns are well-known to us.

“Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult” was written by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) for St. Andrew’s Day in her *Hymns for Public Worship* (London, 1852). Mrs. Alexander is well- represented in our Hymnal with hymns including “Once in Royal David’s City,” “There Is a Green Hill Far Away,” “He Is Risen,” and “All Things Bright and Beautiful.” She was already an establish poet with strong ties to the Oxford Movement in the Church of England when she married William Alexander, later Bishop of Derry and Archbishop of Armagh in the Church of Ireland, in 1850. Many of her hymns were written for children, but their spiritual depth has always appealed to Christians of all ages. “Jesus Calls Us” entered Episcopal hymnody in 1892 but was paired with different tunes in the Hymnal 1982: ST. ANDREW (hymn 549) written for the text by David Hurd, presently professor at Union Theological Seminary and Music Director at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City; and RESTORATION (hymn 550), an early American tune for published in *The Southern Harmony* (1835) compiled by William Walker.

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” is taken from a long poem entitled “The Brewing of Soma” (1872) by great American writer John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892). Whittier was a Quaker, and ironically the stanzas of the hymn are a prayer for God to forgive Christians for what he saw as the excesses of both ritualistic (i.e. Episcopalian) and overly emotional (evangelical) worship. The text was first used as a hymn by W. Garrett Horder in *Worship Song* (London, 1884). The Hymnal 1982 pairs the text with two tunes: REST (hymn 652) composed by British Congregationalist Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927) and used with the text from at least 1887; and REPTON (hymn 653), a tune taken from Sir Hubert Parry’s oratorio *Judith* (1888) by his friend Gilbert Stocks, director of music at the Repton School in Derbyshire, around 1917 and published with the Whittier text in Novello’s *Parish Choir Book* of June 1924.



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 January 9. 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.

Did you know?



LCCM

Over 15,000 people in Lebanon County live in poverty, including nearly one in six children.

Learn more about the needs of our neighbors and what we can do to help at www.LCCM.org

To my fellow parishioners,

On behalf of myself and the Lebanon County Choral Society, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your hospitality in hosting our December concert, “The Holly and the Ivy.”

I could not have been more proud of my church on that day. Father David, Mother Mary (who served us as both a singer in the chorus and as an ambassador to St. Luke’s), Terry Heisey, Jason Yannuzzi, Lisa Layser, Matt Haag, Francis Kisner, Steve Doster, Rose Brown, and so many others worked selflessly to make the on-site rehearsals and the performance come together seamlessly.

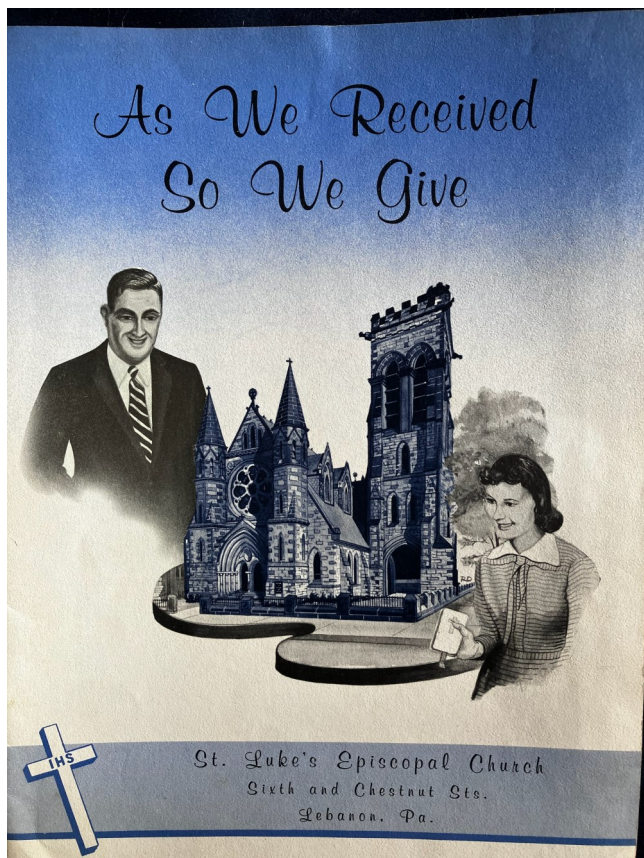
It was a truly moving experience to bring this choir to my own church, and many members of the audience and of the ensemble mentioned to me how beautiful and welcoming St. Luke’s was.

Plans are underway to bring the Lebanon County Choral Society’s Youth Day Camp back to St. Luke’s in August, so the partnership between two of my favorite organizations goes on.

With many thanks,
Sean Hackett
Artistic Director,
Lebanon County Choral Society

A History of St. Luke's Capital Campaigns, Part I

by Terry Heisey, Music Director



St. Luke's did not have its first Capital Campaign until over 100 years into its parish life. For decades the parish relied on various Coleman heirs to meet its capital needs. Before his death William Coleman (1826-1861) made liberal donations for the construction of St. Luke's first building, and when these were insufficient his Presbyterian aunt Harriet Dawson Coleman and cousin George Dawson Coleman wrote checks to cover the debt. William's son Robert Habersham Coleman built the present church building and Trinity Chapel on West Cumberland St., while his mother Sue Ellen underwrote the parochial school, orphanage, and hospital. Margaret Coleman Freeman Buckingham and Isabel Coleman Freeman built the parish house in 1902. Margaret, Isabel, and cousin Deborah Norris Coleman Brock paid for a new organ in 1914. The Men's Club under John Penn Brock built the final wing of the parish house in 1915.

As the Coleman heirs died off or moved away through the difficult years of the Great Depression and World War II the parish maintained expansive ministries but avoided capital expenditures. As long-term Vestryman Robert Peets later admitted: "perhaps the vestries in the past must shoulder the blame for not having a maintenance program." "[I]n the past it had been the policy of the vestry to try to live within its budget and only do such things as were deemed necessary. This resulted in patching here and there, always trying to keep the property in shape but never getting to the root of the trouble." Yet, the Baby Boom put new strains on the aging facilities. In 1957 the Sunday School somehow made room for 26 classes with a total average attendance of 185. Enter a young, energetic rector following the

retirement of Rodney Brace. Lloyd Teeter immediately breathed new life into every area of the parish. New committees studied needed changes to the physical plant, and work began on repair projects despite monthly financial deficits. An architect (Lovelace and Spillman) was hired in Dec. 1958, and Kirby Smith Associates began its long association with St. Luke's as fundraising consultant in 1959.

The result was the parish's first official Capital Campaign launched with a Kick-Off Dinner at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on April 18, 1960. The initial effort resulted in 302 pledges totaling \$115,000. Construction contracts were immediately signed for a total of \$138,384. The Campaign brochure lists the following needs for the 1880 church: 1.Clean stone and woodwork. 2.Recondition all floors. 3.Refinish pews, remove partitions. 4.Relocate font and remove pedestal. 5.Reconstruct altar platform, refinish altar and reredos, relocate reredos. 6.Improve lighting, rewire building. 7.Modernize and centralize heating plant. 8.Repair roof and exterior stonework (completed). 9.Repair stained glass (completed). 10.Modernize sacristy. 11.Provide closets for choir and altar vestments. The brochure lists the following needs for the parish house: 1.Construction of fellowship hall adequate to our needs [this was to be done by roofing over the parking lot]. 2.Provide more church school rooms. 3.Provide improved restroom facilities. 4.Improved kitchen facilities. 5.Redecorate interior of building. 6.Make building more functional for full parish program. 7.Elimination of safety hazards in conformity to state laws. Some of these concerns sound familiar in 2023! With the fellowship hall built over the parking lot, the plan was to turn the present Fellowship Hall into class rooms and the Auditorium into classrooms, restrooms, and a visual aid room.

Worship services were moved to Trinity Chapel from June to Dec. 1960 as the nave was gutted and modernized. Sunday School classes were held at the former Fourth Street Presbyterian Church from Sept. 1960 to Sept. 1961. In the end, the planned changes were accomplished in the 1880 church, and the Parish House was transformed: the gym floor was raised to create our current Fellowship Hall and a stairway was built at the eastern end of the Hall, a passage way was built between the Auditorium and new class rooms above the kitchen and Hall, a new kitchen was installed, new restrooms were built downstairs, and the stage was removed from the Auditorium and the old basement gym facilities closed off. The addition to the building and upstairs restrooms were deferred. At the end of 3 years the Campaign had collected \$121,334 but ended with a debt of \$154,000, and plans were announced for a new Campaign to pay off the debt.



Solemn Choral Evensong
FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN EPIPHANY

with St. Luke's Festival Choir

SUNDAY
JANUARY 14, 2024
6 PM



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Happy Birthday to . . .

Youth:

Nicolas Weaver	1/2
Eden Centeno	1/10

Adults:

James Bowers Jr.	1/1
John Shott	1/2
Zina Rittle	1/2
Sarah Centeno	1/3
Trudy Nasta	1/4
Cortney Koerner	1/4
Scott Eggert	1/5
Lisa Kristovensky	1/5
Susanne Kilmoyer	1/6
Catherine Roth	1/7
Irene Van Tassel	1/11
John Heffner	1/13
Shane Moyer	1/13
Robert Rechter	1/14
Helen Bowers	1/15
Seth Brock	1/15
Antonio Aguilar	1/15
Ilena Faiola	1/16
Debra Houtz	1/20
Zachary Keffer	1/20
Florence Asbury	1/26
Eliza Fuhman	1/27
Adrienne Sullivan	1/28
Pamela Colban	1/30
Robert Tonini	1/31

Happy Anniversary to...

Donald & Sandra Stabilito	1/10
James & JoLynn Gates	1/14
John & Heidi Tylwalk	1/18
Brian & Nicole Hockley	1/28



Congratulations and many thanks to St. Luke's Choirmaster Jason Yannuzzi for premiering his original works at the December 17 Advent Evensong.

There are many more exciting and meaningful music events planned for the new year. Please visit <https://stlukeslebanon.org/evensongs-concerts/> for the full schedule.

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."

<https://stlukeslebanon.org/>



Advent at St. Luke's



Christmas at St. Luke's

Schedule of Responsibilities

January 2024

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<i>7-Jan</i>		
LECTOR	Dan Massad	Katherine Hoopes
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE		David Dowhower
<i>14-Jan</i>		
LECTOR	Diana Hynson	Kathy Yohn
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	Ryan Schies
TORCH/ACOLYTE		David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE		William W. Claxton
<i>21-Jan</i>	Annual Meeting 9:30 AM	
LECTOR	Wiley Parker	
CRUCIFER	William W. Claxton	
TORCH/ACOLYTE	Ryan Schies	
TORCH/ACOLYTE	David Dowhower	
EVENSONG		
THURIFER	Bryan Bowser	
CRUCIFER		
TORCH BEARER		
TORCH BEARER		
<i>28-Jan</i>		
LECTOR	Pam Weaner	Kara Wenger
CRUCIFER	Wiley Parker	David Dowhower
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Bryan Bowser
TORCH/ACOLYTE		Samuel Bowser
		Ryan Schies

Altar Flowers and Candles

by Lisa Laysner, Parish Administrator



The altar flowers and candles that beautify our worship every Sunday are given to the glory of God by St. Luke's parishioners. You may give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones on a Sunday of your choice, with an acknowledgment printed in the weekly announcements. (Flower donation is unavailable during the season of Lent, and Palm Sunday.) To give all parishioners the opportunity to choose dates that are meaningful for them, multiple acknowledgments may appear in the bulletins on any given Sunday.

Each year there is a new sign-up sheet to sponsor flowers and candles. Your name will not automatically be carried over to the next year, you must contact the Parish Office every year to be added to the list.

To sign up for altar flowers or candles please contact Lisa at the Parish Office, 717.272.8251 or admin@stlukeslebanon.org. The suggested donation for flowers is \$35 per Sunday and candles is \$20 for one month.