



AUGUST 2012

Light in the Shadows

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16



The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter celebrating his final Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's Church. (photo courtesy Rudy Winston)

St. Luke's Parish And Friends Bid Farewell To Paul Brannock-Wanter

On Sunday, July 1, St. Luke's sanctuary was filled with worshippers and guests who had come to participate in the final Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter would lead as our Rector and celebrant and to hear his last sermon. It was a spirit-filled gathering, both bittersweet and uplifting as we worshipped, prayed and joyfully sang some of Paul's favorite hymns. During the service, there was a special *"Rite and Prayer for a Departing Rector"* at which time Paul officially stated he was ending his tenure at St. Luke's and asked to be forgiven of any past mistakes or hurts and that he be released from his spiritual responsibilities to the St. Luke's community of faith—ending with a recitation of a "Prayer of Leaving"

At the conclusion of the worship service all were invited to come forward to the altar to lay hands on Paul and send him off with God's blessings.

The "Farewell Celebration" began immediately following the service with a sumptuous buffet in Willard Hall and extending under a large tent set up on the back lawn of the church. Once fed, the fun began as John Hoover, master of ceremonies, invited all to gather back inside. The choir

serenaded Paul with a "Farewell Ditty" to the music of *"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"* (one of Paul's all-time favorite Christmas hymns), but with words written by church musician, Martha Stretton, spoofing Paul's struggle with ten years of wintery Vermont weather. Ian Montgomery on banjo and Jane Davis on guitar led everyone in a song called, *"I'll Fly Away."* Then the gift-giving began with Jane Davis presenting Paul with a beautiful crazy-quilt stole (created by herself, Adelaide Johnson and Linda Bazin) as a gift from the entire parish with everyone's signature on the back of the stole. Other gifts included, a framed watercolor by Don Hofer, the "Farewell Ditty" attractively framed; an album of church school children's art; an 18-month Calendar, created by Marti Assenza, of photos of St. Luke's events during Paul's ministry here; and another painting of the rear of St. Luke's. Kathryn Wright, presented Paul with a monetary cash gift from the parish. (As reported in the June LITS, Paul will also be receiving his salary and benefits through September.) The day was a wonderful time of sharing, joy, love and sorrow as we said our good-byes and gave Paul our blessings. (See page 5 for more photos.)

From the Senior Warden



A Loving Family

St. Luke's is blessed with such a generous and loving church family. So many people gave so much of their time and effort to make certain that Father Paul enjoyed a wonderful send-off. There were donations of food and effort for his farewell celebration, and donations of money

to speed his trip. There were folks designing and quilting the beautiful stole we presented to him, and singing the hymn specially composed for the event. Some spent days helping him to pack up his belongings (2000 books and a houseful of his beloved antiques), and a small army loaded the trucks (yes, he needed two trucks!), fed the moving crew, watched his dog, Winnie, and drove the trucks down to Kentucky. We have wished him Godspeed and, now that the process is over, we look to what the future will bring our beloved church.

At the July Vestry meeting, we voted to call an Interim Priest in the fall, someone who has training and experience in the transition process as we search for a new Rector. (Father Sanford has asked that he not be considered for this post, because Diocesan rules would require that he and his wife, Bonnie, leave the parish once a new Rector has actually been called.) The Interim Priest will work closely with the Discernment Committee that will be formed in the fall, and will stay with us for approximately 18 months while we search for our ideal candidate. (Do you have thoughts on the qualities and skills that we should be seeking in a new priest? Prayerfully consider if you might join in the work of the committee, and let the Holy Spirit guide you. If not, share your thoughts with me or another member of the Vestry.)

We are a family of God's soldiers, doing the work of Christ as we labor with love and support one another during this period of transition. I am proud to be one of those soldiers and I salute all of you as you share in the hard work that we must do in the days to come.

Blessings and God's Peace,
Kathryn

July Vestry Meeting Highlights

Besides agreeing to seek three bids on the necessary engineering repairs to storm damage and continuing to work on securing a stone for the plaque for the Memorial Garden, members at the Vestry meeting on Sunday, July 15 were preoccupied with the next steps in the church's search for a new rector. We agreed that we needed more information about the specific required steps in the process, concise details of the pastoral options available and their attending services and costs, and the assets and limitations of the parish in terms of attractive resources and remuneration capabilities. We also recognized the immediate need to have more parishioners involved in the self-examination and search process through the Self-Study and Discernment committees, each of which – for a church of St. Luke's size and income – should have two Vestry members and five non-Vestry members.

To that end the Senior Warden was authorized to pursue with the Diocese the path to secure for St. Luke's a trained interim minister to start on October 1 or as soon thereafter as can be arranged. Kathryn Wright will also request more information from the Diocese on a wide variety of information regarding the salary scale and specific duties for full- and part-time ministers so we can see what our church should provide for its parishioners and what it can afford.

The Vestry is also working on a prayer that it will say regularly at meetings for guidance and one, either the same or different, that would be said at all church services to unite us all in this most important quest.

Vestry members were urged to spread the word quickly about the **August 4 Supper** and the **September 29 Tag Sale**. They and their friends and acquaintances were encouraged to offer to Bill Hoyt items or services for the August Silent Auction and to call Andrew Pennell or John DesLauriers with items for the Fall Tag Sale. Both are essential outreach and fundraising events.

The next Vestry meeting will be on **Tuesday August 14**. Members will contribute to a dinner at 6:00 p.m., with study at 6:30 p.m. of a timely book entitled *Calling Clergy*. The meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m., and all are parishioners are welcome to attend.

—*Lillian Willis, Recording Secretary/Clerk*

SEPTEMBER LITS Deadline:

 **AUGUST 24th**

Send articles, announcements,
photos, etc. to:

Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd., Andover, VT 05143
email: panjoe@vermontel.net

"Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year
...it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul."

—*Author Unknown*

Be Sure You Come to St. Luke's 74th August Supper on August 4th

Bring on the Guests for a Magnificent August Supper!



Did you ever wonder how the August Supper comes together? Gracefully, with careful planning and lots of promises. Anita Wright called folks and got commitments. Black River Produce is donating some of the veggies. Bright and early (7:30 a.m.) the morning of August 4, the men arrive, eat a fortifying breakfast, and then set up all the chairs and tables under the tent raised by the men from the American Legion. The ladies, under Alexandra Scarlett's direction, arrive at 9:00 a.m. to chop the fruit and the makings of broccoli salad, to wrap silverware and ready the tables. Meat carvers arrive around 10:00 a.m. and carve two of the three meat offerings—turkeys and hams. Lisai's slices the roast beefs. In parishioners' kitchens, pasta salads, jellied molds, cold soups, baked beans, decadent desserts, and much more are being created for delivery at 4:00 p.m. for the grand staging of the banquet table. Bonnie Watters is the run around person and Kathryn Wright directs the operation from kitchen to table with salad and dessert captains performing their tasks. The supper is served buffet style on the beautiful back lawn at St. Luke's Church, where the tables are decked with colorful tablecloths and lovely floral center pieces created by Marcia Clinton and Eileen Widger. Norman and Ruth Harrison carefully collect reservations and sell tickets to arriving guests at 4:30 for the first seating; bussing jobs ready for the 5:45 and 7 seatings.

The St. Luke's Annual August Supper has long been a popular event in Chester and the surrounding communities, having earned a reputation for excellent food enjoyed in an atmosphere of warm hospitality and fellowship. There are several out-of-state families who come back year after year to experience this fun and relaxing evening. The First Universalist Parish reserves a table each year without fail. Most importantly do come to the supper and invite relatives, neighbors and friends. Call the **Harrisons** if you haven't already at **875-2784** for your seat(s). All proceeds from the supper benefit St. Luke's.



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ANNUAL SUPPER

Saturday, August 4th

By Reservation Call: 875-2784

Seatings at 4:30, 5:45 & 7 pm

Adults: \$12; Children 6-10, \$6









MAIN ST. CHESTER, VT

Church Lawn (Rain or Shine)

www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org

St. Luke's Silent Auction of Special Talents & Services

It is the time of the year when we elicit your talents to raise money for St. Luke's. What special talent do you have that people attending the August Supper on August 4th would put a value on? Gardening, cooking, photography lessons, special parties for your kids, quilting lessons and many more talents that are hidden in our parish community can all be included in the silent auction. Please contact **Bill Hoyt** at **824-5055** or Bhoyham1@myfairpoint.net prior to **August 2** to put something in the auction. And...when you go to the August Supper, remember that this is all for the good of the church, and bid generously on the items.

Vestry Rule of Life

**“St. Luke’s is an intentional
Christian Community deepening faith
and broadening love.”**

As an intentional Christian community...

- We will “come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the Kingdom of God.” (1979 BCP)
- We will seek God’s plan for our lives through a daily reading of the Bible and a time in listening prayer.
- We will develop awareness of the gifts God has given us for ministry.
- We will ask God to direct us to those who need Him.

to deepen our faith...

- We will worship weekly in *and* pray regularly for the community of faith.
- We will participate regularly in a small group for Christian sharing, study and prayer.
- We will return to the Lord through St. Luke’s and other organizations a definite share of the resources the Lord has made available to us, 10% being recognized as the traditional goal to strive for.
- We will equip ourselves for and exercise faithfully the particular ministries to which God calls us within the fellowship of this church and the world.

to broaden our love...

- We will let God speak through our words and actions in love and charity.
- We will pray daily for those in need and for those who do not yet know God.
- We will invite and introduce others to the community of faith.
- We will present Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, in such ways that persons may be led to believe in Him as Savior and follow him as Lord in the fellowship of the church.

About The Rule of Life

Each monthly Vestry Meeting begins with prayer, followed by the attendees reading this “Rule of Life.” Originally adopted by the Vestry in October 1994, it was recently revised in November 2011 to reflect St. Luke’s new statement of purpose. A suggestion was made at a recent meeting to print this document in the next LITS as it is a worthy discipline to strive for, not only for vestry members, but the whole community of faith at St. Luke’s.

Mission Accomplished

On Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19, a very dedicated group of St. Luke’s parishioners and friends helped with Paul’s move to Kentucky. Many helping hands and bodies carried boxes of books, china and treasures down the stairs and to the truck where Paul’s beautiful antiques were carefully packed. By 2:00 p.m. the truck, provided by Sanford, was full but there were more items to pack. So a couple of us drove Paul to White River Jct. and rented a second, 17-ft. U-Haul and on Thursday the mission was accomplished.

A very warm and heartfelt “thank you” to all who helped in ANY WAY with Paul’s move. What a dedicated and hard-working crew. We especially want to thank Patrick Wilson and his friends, Tyler and Ben who worked tirelessly and saved many old men’s and women’s backs. It was both a joyful and sad occasion. We had a nice lunch of sandwiches, chips, cookies and fruit in the shade of the trees in the driveway.

Sarah and Russ Gagnon drove the second truck, with Sanford, Paul and Winnie in the first. It proved to be a 22 hour trip, but thankfully they made it safely.

We pray for all good things for Paul, Christina and Joseph as they start their new lives together in Paris, KY.

—*Adelaide Johnson*

Paul’s New Address

Some folks have requested Paul’s new home address so here it is:

Paul Brannock-Wanter
215 Houston Avenue
Paris, KY 40361



Church Parking And Our Neighbors

The folks who run the store next door to St. Luke’s have asked that we not park in the three or four places directly in front of the store so those spaces might be available for their customers. They draw on the folks passing through town and feel that if convenient parking isn’t available people won’t stop in. They want to be good neighbors to us and I assured them that we do also. Most of the people who stop there are parking “short term”, while our cars will be there for an hour or two at least. I told them that we would attempt to honor their request. So please park in front of St. Luke’s (to the right of the church walkway) or in the lot behind the store so that we might be good neighbors.

—*Sanford+*

A Joyful Farewell !

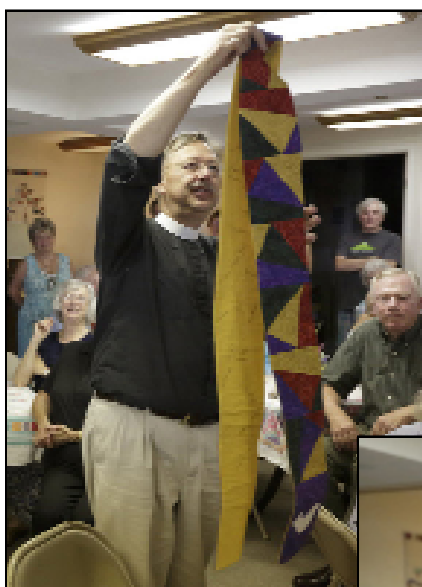
More links to photos and a sermon video are posted on the church website:
www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org – “Fellowship” page or by clicking on the photo of Paul, “Rector Retires.”



Laying On of Hands



Paul's Final Sermon



Crazy-Quilt
Stole



↑ Don Hofer
Watercolor of
St. Luke's



**All “Farewell”
photos are courtesy
of Rudy Winston**



⇒ Ian & Jane
lead singing,
of “I’ll Fly
Away”



The Outreach Corner

PINS Collection for School Backpacks Needed By Aug. 19th

The **PINS (Partners in Service)** committee is planning on filling "back-to-school" backpacks for when schools reopen in late August. Throughout the year we have so far been able to purchase from thrift shops 39 backpacks for kids from kindergarten to high school. We need help from St. Luke's parishioners to fill these backpacks with school items and deliver them to Springfield Family Services by mid-August. The backpacks will go to foster children or children of families in crisis.

There is a bin at the rear of the church for donations of: 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, 8"x10" spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, erasers, rulers, 9"x12" plastic folders with pockets, highlighters, construction paper, and glue sticks. The collection will continue until **Sunday, August 19th**.

Starting off the school year with a new (well, almost new) backpack fully stocked with school supplies is a plus for kids who rarely ever have anything new and will have a positive effect on their learning experience.

Watch for upcoming sales on school items and keep in mind that the beauty of PINS lies in its ability to convey a message of love, empathy and caring to vulnerable children who are experiencing feelings of loss, fear, isolation and grief. A child's realization that someone in their community cares for them makes an enormous difference to individual well-being. —*Marcia Clinton*

Operation Christmas Child Needs & More...

Thank you to Jill Dowd for the donation to ship the OCC boxes. Thank you to everyone who has been saving covers, shoe boxes and yogurt type lids. We can always use more. We especially need tuna fish type cans.

The OCC Craft Workshop was a success. A special thank you to Jill Dowd, Pat Fromberger, Bonnie White, Marcia Clinton, and Berdie Mabe for helping make file folder games. We completed 14 file folder games and several play set pieces. Please watch LITS for when the next workshop is to be held (sometime in September.)

We are still asking for donations of pencils and pencil sharpeners and they are on sale right now at the big department stores. We will need over 2000 pencils if we do 200 boxes so any number you can donate to us would be very much appreciated! We could also use lots of any kind of paper, DUAL POWER calculators, erasers, crayons, and of course lots of pencils. Thank you for helping these disadvantaged children go to school!

KAS (Knit-A-Square) Cares

We can always use help in knitting or crocheting 8 inch squares to send to Africa to keep kids warm! It is 34 degrees F in South Africa today. We have sent 3 knit sweaters, 2 knit hats, 36 knit squares and 4 T-shirts to South Africa this week. Please help us send more! You can knit or crochet in any pattern as long as the squares are 8 inches. I have fast and easy patterns to knit or crochet vests if anyone is interested.

Americans For African Adoptions

This week, we are sending 13 wooden puzzles, 1 big box of 64 crayons, 30 cloth diaper wipes, 2 cloth diapers, 2 diaper liners, 3 diaper wraps, and 1 pair of rubber pants to Africa to be used in the orphanages there. This month we have collected 24 pairs of jeans to send to Africa with a local pastor. Please check your closets for jeans of any size from children to adult without holes.

Lastly, please remember our soldiers this week and every week. Thank you! — *Cindy*

St. Luke's Annual Fall Tag Sale

This year's fall **Tag Sale** will be held on Saturday, **September 22nd**. That day may seem far off but it's never too early to begin thinking about what you might donate and to start gathering items. **John DesLauriers** and **Andrew Pennell** will once again head up this fundraising event for St. Luke's. It's a good way to reduce your burden from all those items you "thought" you needed. Over the years we have sold just about everything you find around your house—tools, lawn mowers, refrigerators, bicycles, wood chippers, lamps, chairs, tables, and, yes, the kitchen sink. If it's clean and works we will welcome the donation with the exception of books, clothes and 8 track tapes. Mark the date on your calendars and start putting aside items. Please call **John (875-3490)** if you have questions or want to volunteer your help.



Wish List

When viewing the church website (www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org) how many of you look at the photo links when referenced? If you were to go to the current Fellowship page, you will see a link to photo archives on Flickr which contains a new “set” called **“Paul’s Farewell.”** The August LITS newsletter feature front page article is all about the “Farewell Celebration”. When available it will be linked as well.

I am seeking to upgrade to a “Pro” Flickr account on Yahoo for our church to store and share more photos for public viewing similar to my own personal Pro account. St. Luke’s presently has a free basic account with limited features. With an ever increasing volume of event photos from several of our talented members, there is a need for more capacity and expanded access. When you view our current albums, or “sets” as they are called, you only see three subjects presented. (Paul’s Farewell, Reidt Ordination, and Maple Fest). If you click on “archives” you can see we have just 200 photos dating back to 2009. The next time I add photos, some will automatically be deleted. Please take a few minutes to compare these two different accounts: www.flickr.com/photos/stlukeschester and www.flickr.com/photos/ourchester Also, you can get a more technical summary and comparison here: <http://www.flickr.com/help/limits/#28>

With a Pro account we have unlimited storage capacity. All albums and images remain. So from then on people can easily view them by collections, sets, tags, archives, viewing statistics and more. The cost is a meager \$25 annually. My wish is for the church to upgrade and take ownership with a Pro account, like so many other great institutions on Flickr (Library of Congress and Smithsonian are two I personally like. Ian Montgomery is another Pro account). Please contact me if you are interested in underwriting our ever unfolding story, especially at this exciting time in our church history. Thank you! —*Low Watters*

Guidance comes from a faithful God. This prayer of the psalmist can be ours:

“Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.” —Psalm 143:8

St. Luke’s Financial Information

	<u>June 2012</u>	<u>Jan.-June 2012</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Plate/Pledge Income	\$ 8,881.00	\$ 60,090.60	\$ 111,100.00	54.09%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 406.11	\$ 8,891.13	\$ 21,864.00	40.67%
Restricted Income	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,655.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,462.11	\$ 70,636.73	\$ 132,964.00	53.12%
Operating Expense	\$ 11,770.17	\$ 65,972.50	\$ 145,811.44	45.25%
Restricted Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 849.75		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,770.17	\$ 66,822.25	\$ 145,811.44	45.83%

As you can see above, our expenses for June were almost \$2,500 more than income when the restricted income is removed. While we are still on target for the year, please keep in mind that we need to try to make up the deficit by year end so the investment accounts will not have to be used. We also urge everyone to keep up their pledges over the summer months since the expenses do not go on holiday or decrease. Thank you!

—*The Financial Committee*



Meetings & Events

WEEKLY

• **Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Holy Eucharist:**

7:30AM Intercessory Prayer

8:30AM Holy Eucharist in Willard Hall.

• **St. Luke’s Choir Rehearsal:**

The choir is taking their summer hiatus and will resume rehearsals in September.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• **St. Luke’s 74th August Supper:**

Saturday, **August 4th**, seatings at **4:30, 5:45, & 7:00PM**. Read the article on page 3 for all the details and do plan to come!

• **The United in Prayer Group:**

Monday, **August 13th, 6:30PM**, in Willard Hall. All are welcome to attend. For prayer requests or any questions, email Sara Gagnon at pinkpsyche@live.com.

• **St. Luke’s Vestry Meeting:**

Wednesday, **August 14th, 6:00PM** light supper; **6:30PM** Book Study; **7:00PM** regular meeting agenda in Willard Hall. Focus will be on Transition & Rector Search process.

LOOKING AHEAD

• **St. Luke’s Fall Tag Sale:**

Saturday, **September 22nd, 8:00AM-3:00PM**, on the side lawn at St. Luke’s Church. It’s not too soon to start gathering items to donate. (See article on page 6).



United in Prayer Group

The United in Prayer group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at St. Luke’s at 6:30 p.m. This month the meeting falls on **August 13**. All are welcome to attend. For prayer requests or any questions, email Sara Gagnon at pinkpsyche@live.com

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

3 Bob Bazin	18 Thomas DesLauriers
3 Kara Watters Lake	18 Susannah Pennell
6 Lillian Willis	25 Beverly Dunbar
9 Kyle Gagnon	26 John Hoover
10 Hayden Noyes	26 David Willis, Jr.
12 Bill Hoyt	27 Amos Worth
13 Morgan Willis	28 Kathleen Willis
16 Emily Guerra	29 Kelly Watters
17 Lillian deGiacomo	

Anniversaries:

6 Chapin & Joan Darling
8 David & Marjorie Carey

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✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Aug. 5 PENTECOST X (Proper 13)

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Aug. 12 PENTECOST XI (Proper 14)

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Aug. 19 PENTECOST XII (Proper 15)

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Aug. 26 PENTECOST XIII (Proper 16)

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. in Willard Hall.

Child Care: 10:00 a.m. Service

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