



JULY 2010

# 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*

## St. Luke's Good & Faithful Servants Are Honored

On Sunday, June 6, St. Luke's Church held its annual **Recognition Sunday & Parish Picnic**, taking time to express gratitude and appreciation to members of the parish who serve in the various ministries and to enjoy a picnic on the back lawn following the service.

For the past several years a special award has been given to a member(s) who goes above and beyond the call of duty, giving of their time and talents to help carry out God's work at St. Luke's. This award has been designated by the Vestry as *"The Good & Faithful Servant Award"* and this year it went to the mother-daughter team of **Cindy and Ciana Roundy-Winston**. If you read Bonnie Watter's profile about Cindy and Ciana in the June issue of LITS you will know why they are so deserving of this honor. "Outreach" is their passion, focusing on the special ministries of *Operation Christmas Child* and support of our soldiers overseas through Notes to Soldiers, Soldier Angels and Adopt A Platoon. If that were not enough they are also busy thinking up fund raising projects to help the budget deficit at St. Luke's. They serve as acolytes and unselfishly give of their time and energy, eager to help with any church event



be it the Pancake Supper, special receptions, August Supper or Christmas Tea & Sale—always with smiles on their faces and always with loving and humble hearts. Congratulations Cindy & Ciana and our most grateful thanks! The photo above that beautifully captures the joy of that special moment was taken by Cindy's husband, Rudy. (See more photos of that day on page 4.)

## Memory and Communion

*"This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19*



For nigh unto two thousand years the heart of Christianity and Christian worship has been found in the Eucharist/Communion. This has been so whether it was done simply or with greater elaboration; whether frequently, at least weekly, or at longer intervals. This has been so whether done in the open air, in a hovel, or in a massive cathedral; whether with many gathered or with a few.

Eucharistic worship has been the constant alongside baptism for Christians at all times in the long and often tortuous history of the church. It has always sustained

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the saints of God. Theologians have devised all sorts of explanations for what occurs, what happens, at this gathering together by Christians for the breaking of the bread. Equally these explanations have been fought over, both figuratively, and, regrettably all too often, in actuality.

At its heart, and most simply put the Eucharist is a unique encounter with Jesus Christ; not the Jesus of history only, nor the Jesus solely of two thousand years ago. It is always communion with the risen and living Jesus now; whenever now is. It does not preclude encountering Jesus

Christ along the road, in whatever situation or locale we find ourselves. It does help to ensure that we do recognize this Jesus in all places and

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*—H. Paul Brannock-Wanter*

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### From the Senior Warden

This month's column is a bit of a hodge-podge of things financial. St. Luke's is blessed to have a knowledgeable and hard-working **Finance Committee**, made up of Sally Hoover, Fr. Sanford Johnson, Peter Rosen-garten, and Kathryn Wright. Among other things, this committee is responsible for drafting the budget each year and for producing policies as needed to guide our use of St. Luke's financial resources. They also provide consultation to the Vestry throughout the year as issues arise.



Sally Hoover is also, as you probably know, our Church Treasurer, assisted by Norm Harrison. These are demanding jobs, requiring much attention to detail and a fair amount of computer wrangling, at least on Sally's part. We are grateful for their willingness to give so generously of their time and expertise to St. Luke's.

St. Luke's has several "Restricted Funds" on its books. These funds contain monies designated for specific uses. For example, we have a *Handicapped Access* fund, a *Memorial Garden* fund, a *Camp Scholarship* fund, an *Organ Maintenance* fund, and several others. At its last meeting on June 16, the Vestry added another fund to this list, to hold donations for replacing the chairs in Willard Hall. Suggested by a parishioner who made the initial contribution, this fund will be used to provide more comfortable seating than the metal chairs we currently have.

Vestry discussions often necessarily focus on money. There is an inherent tension arising from all the various requests, requirements, and wishes for how our money should be spent. This year's deficit budget heightens these tensions. (See related article in this issue of LITS.)

As a general rule, the Restricted Funds are not funded unless people wish to make a directed donation to them\*. For example, if one wanted to make a donation to the Memorial Garden fund, he or she would need to let Norm know of this intention and this money would go directly to that fund. Likewise, when a memorial garden expenditure is made, the money comes directly from that fund. Likewise, donations to the "Chairs" fund, the Organ Maintenance

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events of life, to live out this Eucharistic encounter, this communion, in all encounters; that they too become communions with Christ Jesus.

In a dismembered and dismembering world, Christians have always been called to re-member. In the Eucharistic remembering the past becomes present, the present past, and all things are moving into the future of God. In this Christian remembering, in the Eucharist, all things and all persons including ourselves are found together in the transforming forgiveness and love of Christ Jesus; the living and the dead, the wronged and those who have done the wrong, and all the other categories of human division that we have created in this world. They are being transcended and eventually resolved in a unity beyond our making, but not beyond or without our participation. Thanks be to God. — Lest we forget.

*In God's Peace & Love,*

*Paul*



## Rector Away In July

Our Rector will be taking a much needed vacation during the month of July. During his absence, Fr. Sanford R. Johnson, Priest Associate, will be the celebrant at all Sunday services through August 1. In the event of an emergency you may contact Fr. Sanford at 603-876-4433 or the Senior Warden, Martha Stretton at 875-3145. Preachers during the month will be Fr. Sanford, The Rev. Donna Reidt, Deacon and The Rev. Ian Montgomery.

fund, etc. are entirely at the discretion of individual donors and money accrues only as people make contributions to the account. As these are not part of our operating expenses, they do not become a part of the budget process.

If you haven't done so lately, you might consider expressing your gratitude to the folks mentioned at the beginning of this column. Their work is certainly appreciated by the Vestry, and we are grateful to have such depth of knowledge available to us.

—*Martha Stretton*

\* One exception, for example, is the Camp Scholarship fund, which is a budget line item. At the end of the year, any unused funds from that account are rolled into the Restricted Fund bearing that name.

## Our Budget Challenge

At the beginning of the year we stepped out in faith and approved a budget with a deficit of about \$21,000.00 trusting that, as the year progressed, God would meet our needs – not our wants – but our needs as we serve as His people here in the Chester area. At mid-year we can say that the good news financially is that our income has met and even exceeded our expenses slightly. As you will see from the treasurer's report, we are currently in the black. And a number of people in the parish are working on fund-raising projects to help us meet our needs for the remainder of the year.

But we must share with the whole parish that we do still have a financial challenge of an \$18,000.00 deficit which may force the Vestry to make some very hard decisions and choices before year's end. So we ask that everyone prayerfully consider what they might offer to assist St. Luke's continuance as a vibrant presence and witness.

The Vestry is not making any decisions at this moment, but wants the parish to be aware of the situation.

—*The Vestry & Finance Committee*

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church Income/Expense Statement

	<u>May</u>	<u>Jan.-May</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Pledge &amp; Income</b>	\$ 9,466.00	\$45,984.70	\$100,519.00	45.75%
<b>All Other Income</b>	\$ 1,723.24	\$ 11,517.16	\$ 23,875.00	48.24%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$11,189.24	\$57,501.86	\$124,394.00	46.23%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$10,027.12	\$54,934.06	\$144,691.64	37.97%

Thank you all for responding to the message that pledge and plate income was down slightly in April. It is up for May and everyone is doing well keeping up their pledges. We are slowly chipping away at the deficit but have quite a ways to go to eliminate it. Don't forget that to maintain the budget with a deficit, average monthly income needs to be \$10,366 per month. To have no deficit at year end the monthly income has to average \$12,058. Please be sure to read the article from the **Vestry & Finance Committee** on "Our Budget Challenge" (printed above.) —*Sally Hoover, Treasurer*



### A Christian Symbol: Cross on the rock

The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord. The cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, "He alone is my rock and my salvation ..." (Psalm 62:2, NIV).

## In Memoriam



### Peter F. Pill

**March 13, 1935 - May 24, 2010**

In his homily at the Memorial Service held for Peter Pill at St. Luke's Church on June 8, The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter noted that Peter was a big man, not only in stature but in his faith and the way he lived his life. He unapologetically lived out his Christian faith, in his words and in his actions. Peter was an embodiment of what it means to be a Christian.

Peter was also known for his wry sense of humor, as everyone who ever met him can attest to. He had a way of pulling you into his stories and so capturing your attention that it wasn't until he was well into the tale that you realized he was pulling your leg. He had many talents and interests including music, quilting, rug hooking (he loved telling people he was the only male hooker in Vermont), restoring and rebuilding furniture and restoring leather and silverwork to name a few. He had a huge heart for dogs in need of rescuing. He was an exceptional, hands-on father to his three sons and daughter, as attested to in the heartfelt tribute written by his son Bruce and printed on the memorial service bulletin.

One of the activities Peter especially enjoyed at St. Luke's was sharing his expertise and humor at our version of the Antique's Road Show at the Saturday Night Suppers held in Willard Hall. In this March 2006 photo of Peter he is shown examining a 1930's advertising fan and humorously asking, "Is it a fan to cool off with in church or a weapon to fight off cluster flies?"

We will miss Peter—his soft-spoken voice, his deep faith, his generosity, his wry sense of humor. He has enriched our lives and we are grateful for his presence among us. Thank you, Lord, for the life of Peter Pill.

—*Pat Fromberger*



## Congratulations and Best Wishes To GMUHS June Graduates!

Three young members of St. Luke's graduated from Green Mountain Union High School on June 18, 2010. We extend our congratulations and best wishes as they begin this next journey in their lives. May God guide and protect them.

### Harrison Chase

Harrison is the son of Bruce and Heather Chase of Chester. He will be attending Lewis and Clark College in Portland Oregon and likely study political science.



### Betsy Stretton

Betsy is the daughter of Alan & Martha Stretton of Chester. She will be attending Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH, in the Honors program, with a business major in hospitality management.



### Lindsey Walton

Lindsey is the daughter of Randy & Julie Walton of Chester. She leaves in August to attend the College of Charleston in South Carolina in their pre-med program.

"God uses every small act of love for larger purposes."

## Called to Be a Church

At the June Vestry/Parish book study on "*Called To Be A Church*" we began to look at interpreting Act 1:1-14 as scripture and how to engage Acts 1 for today's church. Many of the points in this chapter are relevant to St. Luke's as we seek God's direction for us. Here are a few highlights as food for thought and to encourage more parishioners to join this monthly discussion.

- Remembering the church's story (Acts) reminds us of who we are and whose we are: it reminds us of our purpose by telling of the formative events and experiences in our history.
- Breaking bread together and breaking open the bread of life, Scripture, were both crucial elements of Jesus' extended preparation of his apostles.
- Jesus gives the responsibility for the work of restoring God's Kingdom and carrying on his great ministry, back to the people (us)... "you will be my witnesses."
- The church does not have a mission—it **is the mission**. Mission belongs to the whole church. Those of us who are baptized Christians are all missionaries, set down here to be witnesses to God's love and God's dream for a broken and bruised creation.
- To become a Christian is to "join up," to be a part of the long line of witnesses, members of Christ's body on earth, bearing witness to a love and power that moves the planets and heals hearts. This mission, this purpose, belongs to us all...but we also are reminded that the mission is not our own: it is God's mission, which began before us and will continue after us.
- **A time of waiting:** We don't go (on this mission) when we are ready—or think we are; we go when God sends us. That is, we don't go in our strength alone; we go in the strength of the Lord. We must await the coming of the Spirit, who will empower us to fulfill our calling to be the church.

At the next **Vestry/Parish Book Study** on **August 18, 6:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall, we will read and discuss Chapter 4 (Acts 2:1-20). Please come to join us, even if you haven't begun reading "*Called To Be A Church*", you are welcome to sit in on a discussion.

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## Parishioner News...

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• **George L. Brownell II** of Londonderry, VT died on June 5, 2010 at the age of 92. He and his wife Barbara (who predeceased him in 2007) were long time members of St. Luke's Church. They were also certified EMT's and members of the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Bromley Mountain Ski Patrol in their younger years. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their family and friends.

• Congratulations to **Chris and Kat Meyer** (and daughter, **Zoe**) of Andover, VT. Kat gave birth to a 7 lb. 6 oz. baby girl, **Evelyn Hope Meyer**, on Thursday, June 17 at Springfield Hospital. If you wish to send best wishes, their address is 108 Gates Rd., Andover, VT 05143.

## More Recognition Sunday and Parish Picnic Photos...



Adelaide Johnson (center) thanks two of St. Luke's altar guild members, Marcia Leader and Susan Purinton, for their devoted service this past year.



Kathryn Wright gives small tokens of appreciation to our two child care teens, Marjorie DesLauriers and Mary Anderson.



Grillmasters John DesLauriers & Lew Watters didn't let a little rain stop them from grilling hot dog's & hamburgers for the parish picnic.

## Remembering



### Marija Diener Cunningham

January 19, 1927 - June 1, 2010

**M**arija Cunningham, the beloved wife of Dr. Charles Cunningham, died at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH on June 1, 2010 following a very brief illness. The suddenness and unexpectedness of her death stunned us all at St. Luke's.

When I picture Marija I think of her healthy glow and her warm smile that seemed to reflect her enthusiasm and love for life. When she led the flower arranging workshop on May 22 at St. Luke's, she got so excited about sharing the very intricate and beautiful designs of the flowers, that she passed out magnifying glasses so everyone could see the perfection of the blossoms. (The above photo was taken that day and you will note the magnifiers in her right hand.) Her joy was contagious! So it was a shock to everyone when she became ill and died just ten days later.

Marija and Charles are fairly new members of St. Luke's but not new to the Episcopal Church. They quickly became involved in all aspects of the community life and were a delight to all who got to know them. Marija and Charles, married for 54 years, had been looking forward to moving to the Woodlands at Harvest Hill, a retirement community in Lebanon, NH.

A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on June 26 to honor and give thanks for Marija's life. Please keep Charles and the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of a beautiful wife, mother, and woman.

Note: Read the B. Watters' profile about the Cunninghams in the March 2009 LITS at [www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org](http://www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org)



## The Outreach Corner



### How You Can Help With Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We are so grateful for all of the donations we have received in both materials to make games and toys, monetary donations and items to go into the shoeboxes! A special thanks to Marcia Clinton, Adelaide Johnson, Donna Reidt, Jill Dowd, Jean Hancock, Jane Davis, and Bonnie Johnson.

**For the month of July**, we are collecting reusable plastic drinking cups, water bottles, McDonald toys, toothpaste, combs and toothbrushes. Any of these items you can donate will be appreciated. As always, donations of new items are welcome at any time!

Please check the list of items that we could use to make toys and games at the back of the church. These cost nothing and can be made into very coveted games and toys for children who have nothing!

Looking ahead we are planning an *Operation Christmas Child* project day sometime in the fall when we will get together to decorate boxes and make things to put inside them. You don't need any special talents to help us out. If you can color, cut and/or glue, we can use your help! Please watch LITS for more information on this project day! Thank you!

—Cindy & Ciana Roundy-Winston

### Back To School Collection for PINS

Thank you to everyone who donated items for foster kids going to camp this past June. PINS (Partners in Service) is one of the organizations that St. Luke's supports through its Outreach Program. We work closely with the Vermont Department for Children and Families agency. Its mission is to bring together faith communities with human service agencies. They promote the resiliency and success of children and youth who have been victims of abuse and neglect, ranging in age from infants to young adults.

Last summer the PINS committee asked the congregation for back-to-school items to give in backpacks for kids from kindergarten to seniors in high school. We filled over 25 backpacks and gave them to the Department of Human Services in Springfield.

To make this collection a success, we will need: 3 ring binders with lined paper, 3-ring 9x12" plastic folder with pockets, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, 8"x10" spiral notebooks, and backpacks of all sizes. The need is great and every kid returning to school likes to have new supplies, especially these kids

who don't often get new things.

Robbie Wierzbicki, our liaison person for PINS, has requested some hygiene kits to have in the office that can be given to kids as they go into foster care. With our funds we will make up 20 kits for boys, girls, teenage girls and teenage boys. There will be a container for all the back-to-school items at the rear of the church and the collection will go on until August 15th. —Marcia Clinton

### Vermont Foodbank

The Vermont Foodbank has a new distribution warehouse in Brattleboro to complement the one in Barre. They are in need of volunteers to sort and pack donated food items. A loyal core of volunteers from St. Luke's Church have gone to Barre in past years which required a long drive. But now that a warehouse is closer in Brattleboro, perhaps more people will be interested in volunteering. If so, please call Marcia Clinton at 875-3531.



### Praying With Icons

During May and June St. Luke's Church held an Adult forum on Prayer, Sunday mornings between the two worship services.

Organized by our Deacon, Rev. Donna Reidt these sessions were designed to explore the meaning and

forms of prayer and to have an opportunity to experience several ways of praying: Centering Prayer, Praying with Icons, and Lectio Divina as well as others. On Trinity Sunday, May 30, we were fortunate to have gifted iconographer, **Zachary Roesemann**, from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Brattleboro do a presentation about icons—their history, how they are created and their use in prayer. Zach brought two beautiful examples of his own icons, one appropriately representing the Trinity. The following week **Meg Maloney**, also from St. Michael's did a session on Centering Prayer. The forum generated enough interest that a follow up is in the works for this fall.



## 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Luke's AUGUST SUPPER

Saturday,  
August 7th

on the beautiful back  
lawn at St. Luke's

Seatings at: 4:30, 5:45  
& 7:00 p.m.

(by reservation 875-2784)

Tickets: Adults \$12.00;

Children: 6-10 \$6.00

### Fun & Fellowship

Anyone new at St. Luke's just might wonder why putting on a big outdoor church supper on a hot summer night could be fun, especially since it could rain. And it has, which is why the big tent is the centerpiece for celebrating food and fellowship. Just ask a St. Luke's old timer or question one of the children. Chances are the adults would tell you that it brings everyone together for one of the greatest days of the St. Luke's calendar, providing an opportunity for teamwork, outreach, and pure fun. The children would tell you it is fun bussing or serving desserts and drinks to the guests, some of whom even offer tips. Too, it makes the younger ones feel good.

**So what do we serve under that big tent?** Ham, roast beef, turkey, potato salad, broccoli salad, coleslaw, jellied salads, cold soups, tossed green salad, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta salads, rolls, beverages and the best fancy desserts from our famous cooks' kitchens. Food abounds aplenty.

**St. Luke's Annual August Supper** on the Lawn is a cherished occasion in which so many anticipate with joy. And all the cooks, servers, setup crew, carvers, etc., will tell you it provides joy both ways. Our guests are always well pleased. There are families who attend year after year from distances away from Chester. The event provides funds to give back to St. Luke's for its ministries. What a day! If you plan to be out of town, let us know. We will miss you, but we will accept a donation towards the paper goods and meats. Everyone else, please send in your survey (enclosed with this newsletter or if you are an online reader click on "August Supper survey" and print yourself a copy to fill out) and plan to have fun!!! If we don't hear from you, you'll get a call from the team—Kathryn Wright, Alexandra Scarlett or me. —*Bonnie Watters*



### Meetings & Events

#### WEEKLY

• **Monday Lunch/Discussion Group:**

The Monday Discussion Group will not meet during July while the Rector is on vacation. We will resume in August. Stay tuned.

• **Wednesday Morning Prayer Group:**

7:30AM Intercessory Prayer in Willard Hall.

• **St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:**

The Choir is taking a hiatus during the summer months of July and August. Rehearsals will resume in September.

#### LESS THAN WEEKLY

• **Adult Evening Bible Study:**

Bible Study will not meet during the months of July and August. We will resume in September.

• **St. Luke's Vestry/Book Study:**

There is no Book Study in July. We will resume on Wednesday, **August 18th** in Willard Hall. 5:30PM, light supper; 6:00-7:00PM book study, "Called to be Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day." Please read Chapter 4 for the next session. Parishioners are welcomed encouraged to attend.

• **St. Luke's 72nd August Supper:**

Saturday, August 7th on the back lawn at St. Luke's Church. Seatings at 4:30PM, 5:45PM & 7:00PM. Reservations are recommended: call Norm & Ruth Harrison at 875-2784. Cost: \$12.00 adults; \$6.00 children 6-10 yrs. See article at left for more details.

#### AUGUST LITS DEADLINE:

👉 **JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Send articles, photos, announcements, etc.

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# JULY CELEBRATIONS



## Birthdays:

2 Pat Ballou	17 Ciana Roundy-Winston
2 Marc DesLauriers	17 Margaret Yahemiak
4 Nate Gagnon	18 Jean Hancock
6 Rachel Guerra	22 John DesLauriers
8 Zoe Meyer	24 Annemarie Sexton
8 Kathryn Wright	28 Martha Cowles
10 Howard Henry	28 Ann Summers
14 Adelaide Johnson	

## Anniversaries:

10 John & Sally Hoover
14 Alan & Deb Brown
14 Paul & Christina Brannock-Wanter
20 Russ & Sara Gagnon
28 Chris & Kat Meyer

"Love one another as  
I have loved you."



## Mark Your Calendars

St. Luke's 72 August Supper  
Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> (see details inside)



# ✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

**July 4 PENTECOST VI** (Proper 9)  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II – ONE SERVICE

**July 11 PENTECOST VII** (Proper 10)  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**July 18 PENTECOST VIII** (Proper 11)  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**July 25 PENTECOST IX** (Proper 12)  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Aug. 1 PENTECOST X** (Proper 13)  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II – ONE SERVICE

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. in Willard Hall. Child Care: 10:00 a.m. Service

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The Rev. H. Paul Brannock-Wanter, Rector  
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The Rev. Donna Reidt, Deacon

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