



Light in the Shadows

FEBRUARY 2010

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



2008 Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting: February 7

St. Luke's **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, **February 7**, following the 10:00 a.m. service in Willard Hall. Worship services are being held in Willard Hall from now until Palm Sunday to save on the cost of heating during the winter, so there will be a brief time allotted to reconfigure the setup for the potluck luncheon prior to the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting is one of the rare opportunities we have for a majority of our faith community to come together, enjoy fellowship over a meal, and to express our gratitude for the shared blessings of this past year. The agenda includes approving reports (which if possible parishioners should read prior to the meeting). **Annual Report Booklets** can be picked up at church on Sunday, January 31. Other business conducted will be the election of Vestry members, delegates/alternates to the Diocesan Convention, Deanery Representatives (see the *Nominating Committee Report* on pages 3-4) and presentation of St. Luke's 2010 Budget. Small group discussion this year will focus on our challenge and work with "*Changing the Conversation*" at St. Luke's—asking the questions: How far have we come in considering the purpose of the church developed last year? Are we doing the will of God? All parishioners are urged to make it a priority to attend and participate in the Annual Parish Meeting.

One final reminder to those who are planning to attend to please bring a lunch/brunch item for the potluck meal.

LENT

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant to your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

—Collect for Fifth Sunday in Lent

I do not like housecleaning. I've always found it to be at best an odious if necessary task. I have only met a few, a very few, individuals who do genuinely like to clean house. I'm not among them. Trying to put my feelings regarding housekeeping in a humorous light, I used to be fond of saying, "I create the disorder, therefore I keep the order. God created the dust, God can take care of the dust; but he doesn't." For much of my adult life I was very assiduous about keeping order; a place for everything and everything in its place.



"Lent offers us the time and grace to set our lives in order and to gather up the dust and cobwebs, the dirt that enshrouds our hearts and minds.

When we have gathered up all the dust and dirt we need to give it to God."

—H. Paul Brannock-Wanter

Granted, occasionally some friends and acquaintances uttered the word obsessive but I myself much preferred neat and tidy. On the other hand, the dust just accumulated until some special occasion necessitated a thorough and sometimes frenzied dusting and vacuuming. No, God did not take care of the dust!

Of course, all this action or inaction preceded having a parent in residence with Alzheimer's Disease and then marriage and a young child. Orderly surroundings presently seem a distant memory, as do my efforts to achieve the same. Now, cleaning both as to order and dust is done when a certain

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It is an interesting feeling to be 1000 miles away from St. Luke's, be getting emails about all that is going on in Chester when you are enjoying the wonder of the ocean outside your door. I am very fortunate to be trying a retirement experiment to see if I would like to spend winters in the

Bahamas. I have been very fortunate to read some spiritual books while I have been here and one of them talks about the "patterns of organic energy" that we see all around us. This has been something that I notice almost all the time as I look around me.

I am taking this opportunity to write while I am away because it will be my last Senior Warden letter. This has been a real privilege over the past 3 years and I look forward to being apart of all the exciting things going on at St. Luke's as we continue "*Changing the Conversation.*"

—*Marcia Leader*

Introducing Donna Reidt

Dear People of St. Luke's,

I can hardly begin to express my joy at learning that I will be journeying with you for the next several months. I'd like to take the opportunity of the newsletter to briefly introduce myself.

As some of you may have heard I am transitional deacon, having been ordained on the 19th of December. I attended seminary at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, receiving a Masters in Divinity in 2008.

My husband Jim and I moved from the city of Lowell, Massachusetts in the early 80's in order to find a healthy and safer environment to raise our children; Sharon, Jennifer, and Joseph. We currently live in Westminster with two of our children, our dog Naboo and Roo our cat.

During the week I am employed by a bank in Brattleboro where I have worked in a variety of positions both in operations and in retail.

There are a variety of things that engage me in my spare time. In the warmer weather I enjoy camping and gardening. The winter months find me indoors reading, knitting, crocheting or weaving.

I look forward in the coming months to building and nurturing relationships with each of you as we continue our journey of faith.

Blessings,
Donna

LENT

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level of tolerance is reached, and truly, my tolerance has been greatly extended! In any event, such ongoing order as I once prized was illusionary at best. The disorder of the world is merely symptomatic. The real focal point of dust and disorder lies within us. Some call it sin.

Lent, which begins **February 17**, is at its roots about spring cleaning and preparation, the cleaning and preparation that precedes a special occasion. For those very few disciplined individuals, those saints, who keep their houses (their lives) in order day by day Lent holds no allure. For most of us, however, it offers an opportunity to thoroughly examine our lives, to reflect on where the clutter lies and to lay aside the weight and sin that clings so closely.

Lent offers us the time and grace to set our lives in order and to gather up the dust and cobwebs, the dirt that enshrouds our hearts and minds. When we have gathered up all the dust and dirt we need to give it to God. I was right after all! God does take care of the dust! God took care of the dust, even we ourselves who are but dust, for all time. That is what we celebrate at Easter. It is why we keep Lent; that we may once more entrust ourselves to God's love and mercy, that we may yet again seek forgiveness and be made new onto the Feast of Christ's Resurrection.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

—*Psalm 51:10*

In Christ's love,

Pam

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Income/Expense Statement

	<u>December</u>	<u>Jan.-Dec.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Pledge & Income	\$ 8,461.00	\$100,436.12	\$101,450.00	99.00%
All Other Income	\$ 6,567.29	\$37,352.31	\$ 34,030.00	109.76%
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,028.29	\$137,788.43	\$135,480.00	101.70%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,843.86	\$138,958.45	\$129,985.92	106.90%

This is the final report for 2009. The more detailed Balance Sheet and Income Statement for 2009 as well as the 2010 Budget will be in the Annual Report. Hopefully you will have a chance to review them before the Annual Parish Meeting and let me know any questions you might have.

—*Sally Hoover, Treasurer*

Music Notes

from Martha Stretton



• Musings

Confession: when I hear the phrase “sacred music” there is an ever-so-slight cringe at the thought of dusty hymnals, ponderous organ registrations, and dour facial expressions. These images are quickly superseded by equally painful recollections of the earnest attempts to modernize church music in the 1970’s, which would be a topic for another column. How about you?

“Sacred” is commonly understood to denote that which is set aside, sanctified, holy, distinct from the everyday. How does music attain this designation? Is it a function of the sounds of the melodies, harmonies, and rhythms—the literal physical attributes of the music? Surely the text has something to do with it as well—the images evoked, the doctrines proclaimed, the exhortations extended.

Pushing the issue further, consider what exactly the sacred is set aside FOR. If it is set aside so that it can be adored for its own being, that is idolatry. If it is set aside so that it can serve us, that is presumption. If it is set aside so that it can turn us toward God, then it is indeed sacred.

Those of us in the choir at St. Luke’s strive to make our musical offering as lovely as it can be, but our calling is to do so in order that we might all be moved more completely into communion with God. Whether we are singing Bach or gospel, a cappella or accompanied, with bells, or flutes, or violins, alone or joining with the congregation, we are continually challenged to remember why we are singing. It is a living act of recollection, of returning again and again to our reason for being here.

• News

Choir has resumed evening rehearsals as of Thursday, January 14, 2010, preceded by a half hour of “Centering Prayer” at 6:15 p.m.. Rehearsals conclude at 8:15 p.m. with the reading of Compline.

MelodyChimes Rehearsals will resume on **Sunday, February 14** after the coffee hour. We will begin working on music for Lent and Easter.

New members are always welcome in both groups.

Christian Symbol: The Yoke

The yoke is a burden of hardship and toil, as well as of subservience. But Jesus said the “yoke” of serving him is “easy” and that he provides rest for the weary (Matthew 11:28-30). The yoke also symbolizes human allegiance, as in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV).



2010 Nominating Committee Report

This year there are three members of the 2009 Vestry whose terms will end at St. Luke’s Annual Parish Meeting that will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

Jean Hancock, who has served two consecutive 3-year terms, will be going off the Vestry. **Marcia Leader** will seek a second 3-year term. **Alexandra Scarlett**, who filled the 1-year term vacated by Nat Seeley in 2009, does not wish to re-up. In addition to electing new members to the Vestry the Parish will elect three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention. This year’s Nominating Committee members consisted of Bonnie and Lew Watters and John DesLauriers from the congregation and Jean Hancock and Marcia Leader from the Vestry. They will be presenting the following slate of nominees* at the Annual Parish Meeting:

2010 Vestry Nominations

Jane Davis – 3-year term (NEW)

Bill Hoyt – 3-year term (NEW)

Kathryn Wright – 3-year term (NEW)

Marcia Leader – second 3-year term

2010 Diocesan Convention Delegates (3)

1. **Pat Saul** (from the congregation)

2. **Mike Saul** (from the Vestry)

3. to be nominated at the meeting

2010 Alternates to Convention (3)

1. **Martha Stretton**

2. to be nominated at the meeting

3. to be nominated at the meeting

2010 Deanery Representatives

Currently serving

Pat Saul – term ends in 2012

Mike Saul – term ends in 2012

Short biographies of the three new Vestry nominees can be found on page 4. *It should be noted that parish members may also make nominations from the floor for any of the above positions.

Prayer Circle

We are trying to revamp the Prayer Circle list and procedure to get it back into action when needed.

If you are interested in being a part of the important work of praying in an emergency situation for those among our Congregation, or others near and dear to us, please call Joyce Tiemann at 875-3079, email me at: joycevt0@sover.net or speak to me at Church.

Thank you for your willingness to carry through prayer Our Lord’s love and compassion to those in need.

—Joyce Tiemann

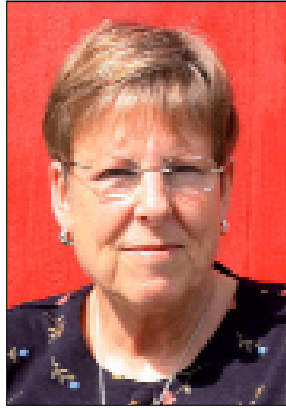
Meet the New Vestry Nominees

Kathryn Wright

Born and raised out West, I'm now retired from a career in business, finance and human resources. I'm divorced, I live two blocks from my three grandchildren, and I'm blessed with ample time to enjoy them.

I consider the invitation to sit on St. Luke's Vestry an honor, but also a huge responsibility that made me gulp when I was asked. I currently teach our Sunday School classes at St. Luke's, and I serve on the Finance Committee, where I put my training to good use. I have vestry experience because, before joining St. Luke's, I served on the vestry at both Immanuel in Bellows Falls and St. John's in Walpole, NH.

I hope that, with God's help, I will be an asset to St. Luke's Vestry. —**Kathryn Wright**



Jane Davis

I am a retired nurse living in Chester, Vermont. I have attended St. Luke's church since I moved to Vermont in July of 2001 with my partner, Jean Hancock. I joined the choir in September of that year and have been a member since then. I served as youth leader of the *Journey to Adulthood* program for two years, volunteered with the Homework Club, worked on the Christmas Tea, August Supper, the Murder Mystery Play, and the Seder Dinner. Through my connection with St. Luke's, I became involved with CHABHA, Children Affected by HIV/AIDS. I traveled to Africa in 2005 and 2007 to support CHABHA's work in Rwanda and South Africa, volunteered in the office, and served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer and Chair.



Before moving to Vermont, I lived in the Washington, DC area. I taught at Saint Patrick's Episcopal Day School, owned and operated a children's bookstore, nursed at Georgetown University Hospital and The National Cathedral School and Saint Alban's School. I belonged to Westmoreland Congregational Church for 25 years where I served as a Sunday school teacher, Youth Group Leader, Outreach Committee member, and was on the Board of the Westmoreland Children's Day Care Center. I was married and raised two sons, Clint and Tim. After my husband died, I decided to fulfill a life-long dream of moving to Vermont and have never looked back. I love living here and love being a member of St. Luke's Church. It would consider it an honor to serve on the Vestry. —**Jane Davis**



Bill Hoyt

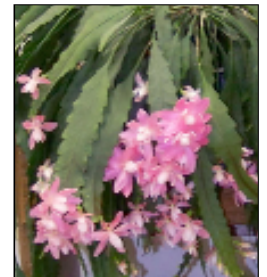
I was born and brought up in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. After a four year spin at Exeter, I went To Yale, graduating in 1962. After some travel in Europe I joined the Navy going to OCS in Newport before weapons school in Albuquerque, NM and then deploying on the USS Forrestal, and later the USS Independence in the Far

East. Upon my release in 1966, I went into the paper industry, a career that lasted forty years living in Rumford, ME, New York, Richmond, VA, and finally Boston for the past twenty-five years. Along the way I met and married my wife, Julie, adopted twin girls, and produced a daughter and a son. In 1970 we built a funky house in Weston Island and spent a lot of time there as weekenders. In 2005 we cut all the ties to the North Shore of Boston and made the plunge to Vermont, and have never looked back. While here I have gotten involved with Bennington Habitat for Humanity, the Wilder Library board, the cemetery board in Weston, and now St. Luke's.

Finding St. Luke's was very fortuitous. I always was able to find a congenial Episcopal Church wherever I lived and tune out most of the Episcopal politics, which I find very detrimental. Hopefully I bring a different perspective to St. Luke's but I enter this position with no preconceived notions. —**Bill Hoyt**

Mystery Cactus Hunt

At St. Luke's Christmas Tea & Sale in 2008, Joe Grannis and I had a plant table and successfully sold lots of baby plants. Joe brought in a dozen small starts (blooming, though) of a beautiful blossom-on-leaf Easter Cactus. Alas, the huge mother cactus is gone now, and neither Joe nor I have one of the little plants. If you bought one, and it has survived, each of us would love a cutting. —**Kathryn Wright**



Remind me, God, to open myself to Your happiness each day, each moment. Help me not to let life's pressures and frustrations cloud my vision of Your unending joy. *Amen*

Greetings to Our St. Luke's Family from the Jewetts...

Ann and Grey Jewett started attending St. Luke's several summers ago when they came to Vermont to volunteer for the Vermont State Parks Service and as we got to know them they have shared their fascinating life with many of us. After leaving on their next venture in September 2009, Grey and Ann wrote this letter to their St. Luke's friends.

Ann and I have been living in our recreational vehicle for eleven years, since March 1999. That is when we sold our home in Pensacola, Florida and bought our first RV. Our motor home is forty feet in length and has two units called "slide-outs" which expand the interior for more comfort. The RV is a 2004, "Alfa SeeYa Gold" and it is powered by a 400 HP diesel engine.

Our RV is beneficial with respect to keeping in touch with family. They spread from coast to coast and border to border. However, the main focus of our widespread travels is to volunteer for the National and State Parks systems. Our volunteering began at the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Florida, where we worked at Forts Barrancas and Pickens. In addition we have worked at Bonneville Lock & Dam on the Columbia River, east of Portland, Oregon, for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. State Parks include Wilgus State Park, Camp Plymouth and Little River here in Vermont and Kartchner Caverns State Park near Benson Arizona.

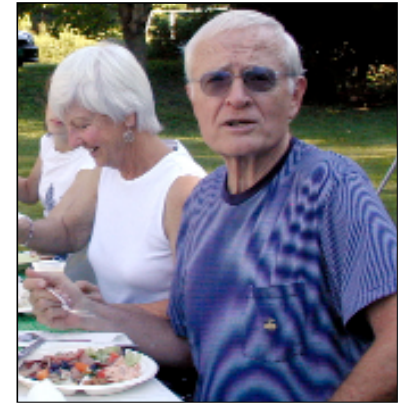
For the period of December 2009 through April 2010 we will be at Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior, Arizona and then we will return to Bonneville Lock & Dam for the spring/summer, 2010. We have been employed by the concessionaire at Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park, and at Lake Powell, Arizona/Utah we have volunteered for the Trash Tracker Program on the Lake. During the five days of this trip we live on a house boat with friends, traveling to remote canyons and beaches on a trash barge. We have seen many remote slot canyons and beaches, the Natural Bridge, the canyon through which the Mormons pulled wagons and steps carved in the stone over which miners and their mules moved. This program is operated under the auspices of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, National Park Service.

Our volunteer work consumes the better part of every year, with brief times for visiting friends and family and spending our holidays together. At many parks our volunteer time requires only two to three days a week, leaving time for local travel and visiting. We have traveled to all fifty states, up the Alaska Highway and to all Canadian maritime Provinces. Hawaii, of course, was by a different mode of travel. We return to many places we love but only every other year; you might see us in 2011!

The work we do varies somewhat from place to place. At National Parks we work in visitor centers greeting visitors, answering questions and working in the retail shops. At State Parks our tasks are more physical in nature such as

grounds keeping, operating transportation equipment and leading tours. Our best experience has been the many new friends we have made and many revisited. We belong to a mail forwarding service to receive mail at different locations every couple of weeks. Our address book is quite lengthy and our lap top broadband a necessity. Oh, and we have the blessing of being accompanied by our two sweet Siamese cats, Duffy and Maggie.

If you are interested in this life style, check it out by reading related literature, visiting motor home/camper displays and shows and going online. Look at many venues before deciding; at least you will enjoy the hunt. We are blessed to have you all as our friends. Christus Mansionem Benedicat. —**Ann & Grey**



Gray and Ann Jewett at the 2007 August Supper at St. Luke's Church

Stewardship Campaign Report

As a result of St. Luke's 2009 Stewardship drive, forty six pledges were returned. Of these, forty one contained pledges, five did not. Fourteen pledges were increased and ten decreased. There were four new pledges and four who pledged last year are no longer here. The total pledged for 2010 is \$92,019 which is a decrease from the \$94,450 pledged in 2009.

The members of the Stewardship Committee have been meeting on a monthly basis during the latter half of 2009. We are attempting to highlight the different ways one can be a Good Steward to Christ and how these acts are already being implemented by members of the St. Luke's community.

Something we all know but need to remember is that stewardship is an ongoing practice. It takes many forms besides financial contributions such as driving someone to an appointment, taking food to a sick person, serving on a community board and many, many more activities.

To highlight these activities which many, if not all of us carry out (and think nothing about), the Committee is preparing a display board which they will hang in the Undercroft (Willard Hall). —**Peter Rosengarten**

The Outreach Corner



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you very much to everyone who donated shoe boxes, soap, toiletries, stuffed animals and wash cloths as well as monetary donations for the *Operation Christmas Child* shoebox project! With your help, we were able to decorate, fill and send off 185 shoe boxes!!! This was way more than we ever dreamed possible! Ciana has a goal of 300 boxes for this year and we have already begun to decorate boxes and collect supplies. If you have any kind of stuffed animals/dolls or anything that you think a child would love, please let us know! Thank you!

—Cindy & Ciana Roundy-Winston

Letters to Our Soldiers

Cindy received this note from a soldier reminding us how important it is to keep our notes coming.

"Studies show there is a direct correlation in recovery for traumatic events to how well a soldier 'feels cared for', your boxes and cards demonstrate that we are cared for." Chaplain John

Note cards are always available in Willard Hall so at the "Coffee Hour" following the Sunday service, please take a few minutes to let our servicemen and women know you care.

Devastation in Haiti

The devastation caused by the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12 has touched everyone worldwide as efforts to get help and much needed supplies and medical aid to this tiny nation dominate the news media. The Episcopal Church has had a long presence in Haiti and through Episcopal Relief & Development is asking for our assistance. Information was sent to all Vermont Episcopal Churches via the Diocese of Vermont that offers a way for individuals to send donations for Haitian Relief. Please continue to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers and if you are able, send a monetary donation to ERD. Make checks payable to: Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. You can find links (under Outreach) on our website: www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or directly visit the ERD site: to www.er-d.org for up-to-date information on how you can help.

— St. Luke's Outreach Committee

Worship Committee Notes

St. Luke's Worship Committee met on Sunday, January 10 and reviewed the past Advent and Christmas season and made plans for the upcoming Lenten season. Those in attendance were: Jean Hancock, Martha Stretton, Joyce Tiemann, Sally Hoover, The Rev. Sanford Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter, & John Hoover.

REVIEW OF THE LAST QUARTER

- **Christmas Services:** A question was raised about possibly combining the two Christmas Eve services: the number attending the early service was 108 and the late service was 15. These numbers were about same as the previous year. No decision was reached but the discussion tended toward keeping both services. Christmas Day Service was well attended with approx. 25 persons.
- **The All Saints Day Evensong Service** was a wonderful service with good attendance.
- Kudos were given to Bonnie Johnson and Jennifer Schreiter for organizing the MelodyChimes.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- There will be no Parish Breakfasts on the 1st Sundays of February and March.
- Services from **January 17 to Palm Sunday, March 28** to be held in Willard Hall. Ideas were discussed as to configuration of seating in Willard Hall. Starting Sunday, January 17th, the Rector plans on giving instruction about a part of the Eucharist prior to the quiet time at the beginning of the Sunday services.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 2:** Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday Feb. 17:** Ash Wednesday. 2 services: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes/Holy Eucharist.

HOLY WEEK:

- **Sunday March 28: Palm Sunday:** 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. to be held in Sanctuary; Passion reading; no sermon; reading of the Exhortation. **Passover Seder:** (time to be determined).
- **Monday, March 29 through Wednesday, March 31:** Holy Eucharist, 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday,** Holy Eucharist, Rite II to include foot washing and stripping of the altar.
- **Friday, April 2: Good Friday.** 12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross; 6:30 p.m. – Liturgy of Good Friday.
- **Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday;** 7:30 p.m. Great Vigil to be followed by 1st Eucharist of Easter with reception afterward in Willard Hall.
- **Sunday, April 4, Festival Eucharist of Easter Day.** One service at 10:00 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt & Reception.
- **Easter Week:** Tuesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 8 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist.

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Grill Master, John says, "Come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!"

Always a family hit and a great opportunity to introduce friends to St. Luke's the pre-Lenten celebration begins at **5:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, February 16** in **Willard Hall**. Grill master John DesLauriers will be flipping Bonnie Watters' favorite *Joy of Cooking* pancake batter; Ruth and

Norm Harrison will supply the delicious sausage, and everyone else is invited to bring canned or fresh fruit to build the complementary fruit salad. Margie and Alison DesLauriers will be helping with the setup for the meal. A basket will be on the table to collect free willing offerings for Haiti relief. Put the event on your calendar and plan to eat and be merry.

—Bonnie Watters

Worship Notes con.'t...

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- **Sound system:** goal of sound system is that everyone be heard. Committee urged all whospeak/read, etc. during a service use the microphone. Suggestion made that the cordless microphone be used by everyone giving an announcement.
- **Rite I** use on **1st Sundays:** Starting **Feb. 7** and thereafter, we will resume using **Rite II** on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- **Deacon:** Rector has been approached by the Bishop about placing a transitional deacon at St. Luke's. **Donna Reidt** will be starting shortly as a Deacon at St. Luke's.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Rector proposed having Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. Would require volunteer laity to lead. After the meeting concerns were raised about the location of the Stations: the sanctuary would require heating and space is very limited in Willard Hall. Final decision to be made at later date.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, **April 11** at **9:15 a.m.** One item for discussion is continuation of the Parish Breakfasts on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Save Dates for Chester Ecumenical Lenten Services 2010

The **Chester Ministerium** is finalizing the plans for this year's Lenten Ecumenical series and wishes to extend a warm invitation to everyone in Chester and the surrounding communities to participate in worship and fellowship this Lent. Please circle the dates of **February 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24th** on your calendars so you won't miss this uplifting worship opportunity.

We do know that the first Lenten Ecumenical Service will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.** at *Renewed Life in Jesus*, Rt. 103 in Chester. This year's theme is: "*Moved by the Spirit*" and our **Rector The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter** will be preaching on this evening. So please plan to come and support him!

We expect the final details will be available soon so check the Sunday Bulletin and your local newspapers.

Kindness in words creates confidence,
Kindness unthinking creates profound-
ness, Kindness in giving creates LOVE.

—Lao-Tse

FEBRUARY

Meetings & Events

WEEKLY

• Monday Lunch/Discussion Group:

Meets 12:00PM-1:00PM in Willard Hall. Brown bag lunch and book study discussion with the Rector on topics of spirituality and faith. Please come join us!

• Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Holy Eucharist:

7:00AM Intercessory Prayer

8:00AM Holy Eucharist in Willard Hall.

• St. Luke's Choir Rehearsals:

Thursday evenings (6:15PM. for centering prayer) and 6:45PM-8:15PM for singing in Willard Hall. Sunday morning 'warm-ups' will continue at 9:15 a.m. We welcome new members!

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• Adult Evening Bible Study:

There will be no Bible Study sessions during the month of February, due to scheduling conflicts. We will resume meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings on March 2nd & 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Willard Hall. Save these dates on your calendar.

• The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple (Candlemas):

Tuesday February 2 at 6:30PM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in Willard Hall.

• Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:

Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30PM in Willard Hall. Donations of fresh or canned fruit are needed. (See article at the top of this page for details.)

• St. Luke's Vestry Meeting:

Tuesday, February 23rd in Willard Hall. 5:30PM, light supper; 6:00-7:00PM book study, "*Changing the Conversation*" (we will be discussing Chapter 9.) The Vestry meeting follows the book study. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

• Lenten Ecumenical Services:

Wednesdays, February 24th, March 3, 10, 17 & 24th at 7:00PM. **The Rev. Paul Brannock-Wanter** will preach on February 24 at *Renewed Life in Jesus* in Chester. The theme is "Moved by the Spirit." Following the service there will be a time for refreshments and fellowship. We urge you to come and bring a friend to this series.



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 Pat Fromberger | 12 Leigh Dakin |
| 6 Harold (Red) Johnson | 17 Marjorie DesLauriers |
| 10 Mary Anderson | 20 Altanai Roundy-Winston |
| 10 Field Willis | 23 Fred Fielder |

Anniversaries:

- 12 Brad & Bev Dunbar



MARCH LITS
DEADLINE:

 **FEB. 26th**

Send articles, photos,
announcements, etc. to:

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Special February Dates:

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 7
- Transfiguration of the Lord, Feb. 14
- St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14
- Presidents' Day, Feb. 15
- Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is Handicapped Accessible

✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

- Feb. 7 EPIPHANY V – One Service**
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Potluck & Annual Meeting following service.
- Feb. 14 LAST EPIPHANY**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
MelodyChimes Rehearsal after Coffee Hour
- Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**
8:00 AM Imposition of Ashes/Penitential Order/Eucharist
6:30 PM Imposition of Ashes/Penitential Order/Eucharist
- Feb. 21 LENT I**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Feb. 28 LENT II**
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Mar. 7 LENT III – One Service**
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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